



Walton-on-Thames St Mary's and St John's



Prayer, Services and Events: June 2018

Welcome and celebrations!

Celebrations abound in the Blair household as two of our children have got married in the last five weeks. It has been such a joy to celebrate both weddings with family and friends and see our children and their spouses so happy. The Royal wedding on 19th May, was a wider celebration for the whole country and the preacher's theme was the fire of love. Holy fire was topical with Pentecost Sunday the following day. The power of God's love is not just for a wedding day, it is for every day and can see us through anything. With the sun shining on them, the sadness's and losses of their lives may have been far away, but Harry and Meghan, like us, know how complex families and life can be. God's love is not a one-day wonder, it is on offer every day to bring us comfort, joy and healing.

The church is not an institution so much as a gathering of people who have found the reality of God's power and love in their lives. We, of all people, should not keep this message to ourselves! It is true that the church is the only "club" that exists for the benefit of non-members! When did we last invite someone in? For those of us who have come recently to our church, I wonder what things you found welcoming? And for those who feel like you belong already, how could you make newcomers feel welcome? We would love to be the most welcoming church in Surrey and to really feel like one big family. We are hoping that every person who attends any of our services, will sign up to do the Everybody Welcome course with a choice of sessions starting in the week beginning 4th June. Please see publicity for details and to sign up, please email office@waltonparish.org.uk. Thus we will all take our next steps towards welcome and belonging!



A big day of celebration for our church will be Sunday 1st July when we are having a big Barbecue lunch, at 1pm at St Mary's hall, to celebrate the arrival and ordination of Alex Oehring, the new curate, his wife, Katy and their three children, and also the priesting of our current curate, Caroline Merrick on July 30th at the Cathedral. There are limited tickets for the Barbecue, on sale now for £5. The letter from Alex and Katy across the page will help us to get to know the family a bit. We are very excited about them joining us.



Some quick reminders: The Servant Course – there are still spaces on the 8th and 9th June, contact the office to register; the Guardians of Ancora Holiday Club is taking early bird bookings for helpers' children and could you continue to pray for an increase in giving in our church.

We hope you enjoy this season of welcome and celebrations!

Jonny and Cathy

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8th & 9th June

Closing date Friday 1st June

The course runs Friday 7.00-9.30 pm & Saturday 9.00 am-3.30 pm

Places are limited

Check the website for more information and to read some testimonies from people who have done it!

Contact

cathy@waltonparish.org.uk or Sally via office@waltonparish.org.uk

Register using the online form on the website.

Introducing The Oehring Family

To all at St. Mary's and St. John's,

We are really looking forward to joining you in Walton-on-Thames in July as Alex comes to serve as curate for the next few years.

By way of introduction: We are Alex and Katy Oehring (pronounced ERR-RING – no one usually gets it right). We have 3 daughters Charlotte (6), Rosanna (3) and Iona (1) and a cocker spaniel called Archie (8). We are just coming to the end of 2 years at Theological College in Durham (Cranmer Hall) and preparing ourselves for the move south.

Since we've been married (8 yrs) we've lived in 7 houses up and down the UK, from Forres to Farnborough (St. Peter's is our sending church), and lots of places in between. Alex served as a Captain in the Royal Engineers for 10 years prior to training for ordination, hence our many moves. As such, Katy's career as a primary school teacher has been made more interesting and varied by the moves, career change, babies and Alex's two deployments to Afghanistan.

As a family we are excited to be joining the church family, especially at such a time, with the launch of the new vision. We really enjoy getting to meet new people in and out of church so please come and say hello. So you can know a little about us here are some short intros:

Alex (37yrs): A vicar's son, born in Dorset, raised in Kent (mainly) went to Hull University before joining the Metropolitan Police and working as a PC in Brixton for 2 years. I went to Sandhurst in 2005 and left the Army in 2016. I'm an AFC Bournemouth fan (so very happy these days), I enjoy football, running, gym, squash and reading (in an ideal world). The majority of this time though is spent with our children, rather than my idealistic hobbies. As a family we love getting out to the beach or countryside and having fun with our dog Archie.

I was raised as a Christian and grew up in the church, although my faith has been impacted by my Army experiences. As a Christian in the Army it was a privilege to share the Christian faith and to see others discover the joys of a faith in Christ.

Katy: Yorkshire born and Yorkshire bred. Until I met Alex I did not really understand the south, this will be my first time living within the M25!! I also studied at Hull University. Prior to marrying Alex I worked as a drug support counsellor in East Lincolnshire and a Youth Development Worker in North Lincolnshire. When I married Alex it soon became clear that I would need a flexible career so I did my PGCE at Hertfordshire University. When I'm not sleep-deprived or dealing with angry toddlers, I enjoy socialising, running and reading. I'm really looking forward to meeting new people and getting to know you. I became a Christian in my late 20s so understand all the questions that new people have when coming to church. So if you are new please feel free to ask someone who probably had the same questions you do to.

The Oehring Sisters: They are little nervous about moving, especially Charlotte who is moving for the 5th time aged 6. When they are not depriving us of sleep they like playing outside, playing Mummies and Babies and swimming. We are looking forward to meeting you all, you will probably notice Rosanna fairly early on, rather than sitting quietly and sweetly in church she prefers to run around and get out to Sunday School asap.

Please pray:

- That as a family we settle quickly. Particularly for Charlotte as she starts a new school and leaves behind some good friends.
- For Rosanna as she starts a new pre-school.
- For Iona that Walton is a great place for her to grow.
- For Katy as she moves and looks to make new friends again.
- For Alex as he seeks to settle into this new role.
- For all of us as we discern what it means for us as a family to serve God and his church; that this curacy will make clear his plans for our future and Alex's ministry.

We can't wait to meet you.

**Yours in Christ,
Alex, Katy, Charlotte, Rosanna and Iona**

Key Information

Clergy:

Vicars: Rev Cathy & Rev Jonny Blair (off duty Friday) 01932 917736

Curate: Rev Caroline Merrick (available Tue, Thu & Fri) 07419 827739

Church Wardens:

Dawn May

Sally Eckes

Youth Minister: Mandy Watts (off duty Thursday)

Licensed Lay Ministers:

John Muggleton

Tessa & John Badcock

Pastoral Assistants:

Winnie Evans

Roger Hunt

Margaret Valentine

Wendy Fitch

Linda Muggleton

Alan White

For enquiries of a pastoral nature, please contact via the Vicars.

A full list of Parish Officers and organisations is on our website.

Information about Weddings and Baptisms can also be found on our website.

Parish Office (open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 09:30-12:30)

St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2QS

Telephone 01932 224238 Email office@waltonparish.org.uk

St John's Church, 1 The Furrows, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 3JQ

Services

Everybody Welcome	-The Power of Welcome	
Sun 3 June	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service All Age 11am Reflective Service with Communion	Welcome 1 God's heart for welcome <i>2 Cor 5:18-19</i> <i>Luke 15:1-2, 11-32</i>
	St John's 9am Said Communion 10.30am Morning Praise with Baptism	
<i>Wed 6 June</i>	St John's <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
Sun 10 June	St Mary's 8am BCP Communion 9.15am Lively Service with Communion 11am Reflective Service with Communion	Welcome 2 Welcome means action <i>Gal 3:26-28;</i> <i>Matt 25:31-46</i>
	St John's 10.30am Morning Praise for All	
<i>Thurs 14 June</i>	St Mary's <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
Sun 17 June	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service 11am Reflective Service with Communion <i>7pm Evening Praise</i>	Welcome 3 Welcome without favouritism <i>James 2:1-13</i> <i>Mark 9:33-37</i>
	St John's 10.30am Morning Praise	
<i>Wed 20 June</i>	St John's <i>10am Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Thurs 21 June</i>	Walton Community Centre <i>11am Morning Prayer</i>	
Sun 24 June	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service 11am Reflective Service with Communion & Baptism 3pm Baptism	Welcome 4 Everybody belongs <i>Acts 10: 1-24</i> <i>Matt 28:16-20</i>
	St John's 10.30am Morning Praise	
<i>Thurs 28 June</i>	Thurs 28 June <i>10am Morning Prayer</i>	
Sunday 1 July	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 10am Joint Parish Service with Communion 1pm PARISH LUNCH	Jesus heals and Christians excel in giving <i>2 Cor 8:7-15</i> <i>Mark 5:21-end</i>
	St John's No service	

This month... June

5th	8.00 pm	St Mary's	Baptism Matters (Part 1)
13th	8.00 pm	St John's	PCC
12th	8.00 pm	St Mary's	Baptism Matters (Part 2)
30th	10.30 am	Guildford Cathedral	Caroline's Priesting
1st July	10.30 am	Guildford Cathedral	Alex's Ordination

Every week in June

Evenings	8.00 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am
Weds	10.00 am
	10.00 am

All sessions at St John's

Week 1 & 3
Week 2 & 4

Everybody Welcome

- Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs
- with crèche
- following Communion
- no service

Regular fixtures... * monthly

Mondays	9.15 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
Tuesdays	8.30 am	St John's	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	St John's	Alpha Course
	2.30 pm	St John's *1st Tues	Walton Connections
	8.00 pm	St John's *1st & 2nd Tues	Baptism Matters
Wednesdays	8.30 pm	St Mary's	Choir Practice
Thursdays	9.15 am	St Mary's	Morning Prayer
	7.30 pm	St John's	Alpha Course
	6.45 pm	St Mary's	Junior Choir
	7.30 pm	St Mary's	Band Practice
Fridays	10.30 am	St John's	Toddlers' Praise
	2.00 pm	St Mary's Hall	Toddlers' Praise
	3.30 pm	St John's * 2nd Friday	Messy Church
	6.00 pm	St Mary's Hall	Youth Groups (Yr 3-6)
	7.45 pm	St Mary's	Bellringing Practice
Saturdays	9.15 am	St John's	Breakfast Prayer Meeting
Sunday	7.00 pm	St Mary's *3rd Sun	Evening Praise
	6.30 pm	St John's **monthly	Solid Ground** (Yr7+)

**check website calendar

(NB: some of these activities only take place during term time.)





Coming to a small group near you in June!

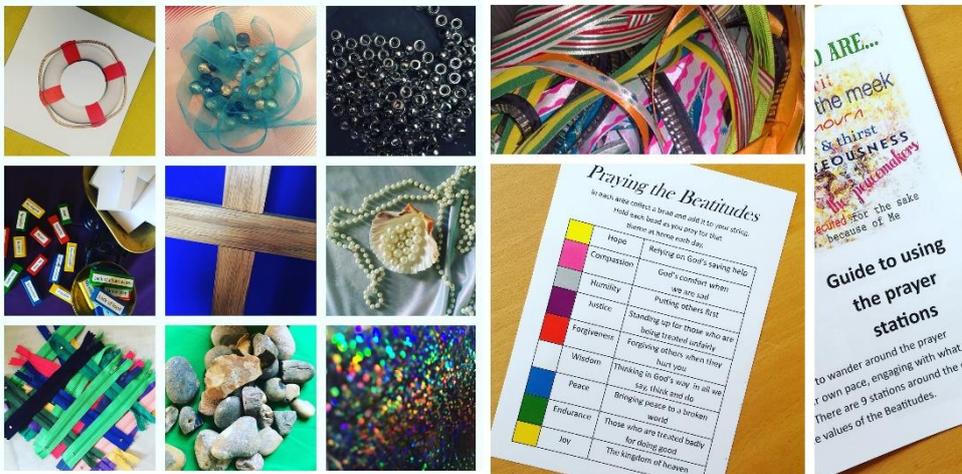
WELCOME is a key strand of our Vision and Strategy.

We can all get better at welcome! We are offering the “Everybody Welcome” course and hope that everybody from both Churches will join us in June at St John’s. There are 4 evening choices Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and 2 morning groups, Tuesday (with a creche) or Wednesday. The course will run for four consecutive weeks from the week beginning 4th through to 25th June. The cost is £3.50 and includes a book and refreshments. Sign up sheets are available in each church or email Sally in the office. office@waltonparish.org.uk



THY KINGDOM COME

How amazing were the Prayer Stations created by Mandy and Caroline for Thy Kingdom Come?! They looked fabulous and were enjoyed by adults and children of all ages. Mandy also spent time at Ashley doing ribbon prayers. 3 days = an awful lot of prayers = amazing! Then the climax of Thy Kingdom Come saw some of us head down to Guildford Cathedral which was transformed into a wonderful beacon of prayer and worship



Daily Prayer Pointers

Some ideas for prayer for our church & community

Sunday

Sunday Services, midweek Communion, for all who make our Church feel welcoming. For our Singers and Musicians.

Monday

One another in our daily lives at work, in our neighbourhood, wherever we are, to show God's love.

Tuesday

Seniors – Walton Connections. **Other groups** - Mothers' Union and St John's Wives.

Wednesday

Discipleship and Leadership – Small Groups, the Servant Course, PCC, worship leaders, preachers and Pastoral Assistants.

Thursday

Outreach & community links – the Alpha Course, Messy Church, assemblies in Walton schools, baptisms and funerals.

Friday

Children and Youth – Friday groups, Sunday School and Sunday youth groups, Toddlers' Praise. For all helpers and leaders and for more leaders.

Saturday

Missionaries we support – Tear Fund, Compassion, Foodbank, Bible Society, Hannah Satterthwaite, Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes.

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