

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

Prayer, Services and Events: July 2018

More or less Welcome?

Exams are mostly over and the summer term is drawing to a close. We have been blessed with some lovely sunshine in June and we hope it will continue right through the summer months. We enjoy a break in routine over the summer with more time for being outdoors, seeing people and catching up on some reading and more time with God.

We are delighted to welcome the Oehring family to Walton-on-Thames. Alex's Ordination on 1st July marks the start of his three year training here at St Mary and St John. We look forward to getting to know him and his wife Katy and children Charlotte, Rosanna and Iona in the months to come. Their introductory letter was in the June edition of this "prayer and events" publication. We are grateful that they have made the journey all the way from Durham to join us.

How do we rate our welcome?



everybody
welcome

Over 70 people have been participating in the Everybody Welcome course during June and rating our church on every aspect of Welcome from noticeboards and web site, to disabled access to our buildings, to the quality of coffee and biscuits, to the warmth of the community of people we are who worship here. The newly formed Welcome Group will be assessing our findings and this data will give the PCC a clear idea of the areas we need to work on. In the first week, we were asked to name the people we know who don't currently come to church who might come to an event or service at church if we asked them. Some of us were shocked to find how few people we could write down. We can do something about that right now without waiting for a PCC decision. How can we intentionally develop friendships and invite those people to join us in this wonderful community of people we call the church? Some people are just waiting for someone to ask them. The summer is a great time

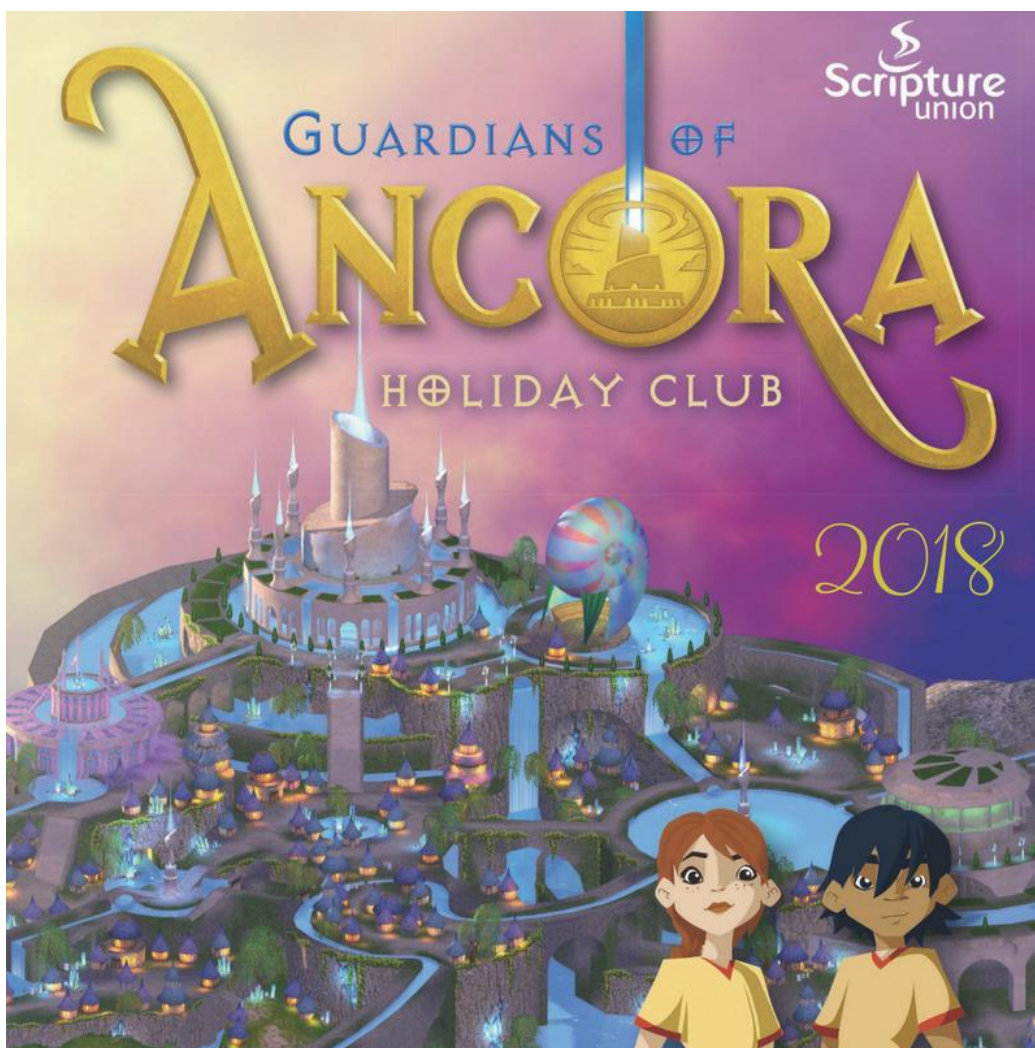


to invite neighbours to a glass of something or a Barbecue and find out what they believe and whether they would like to know more about God. You don't have to know all the answers and if they want to ask lots of questions there's a new Alpha course starting in a September. We have been so blessed by God, let's not keep that to ourselves, but share it with our friends and neighbours. The autumn has lots of opportunities for inviting people to things at church: there's Harvest, Remembrance, there's a quiz and fund-raising events coming up like a concert and maybe an abseil down the Tower. Watch this space! So let's be ready!

We hope you have a sunny summer and know God's blessing and are able to share that blessing with your neighbours and friends.

Yours, Jonny and Cathy

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13th – 17th August

Booking Now!

Contact mandy@waltonparish.org.uk for more information or see the website where you can book direct via the online form.

Places are limited.

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

Taking our next steps towards:

- deeper faith in Christ,
- welcome and belonging
- shining God's light.



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Services

JULY 2018 St Mary's and St John's Services		The power of Belonging to Christ
<i>Thurs 28 June</i>	St Mary's <i>10am Morning Prayer</i>	
Sun 1 July	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 10am Joint Parish Service with Communion 1pm PARISH LUNCH	Taking our next Steps in Faith <i>Lam 3:23-33</i> <i>Mark 5:21-end</i>
	St John's No service	
<i>Wed 4 July</i>	St John's <i>10am Morning Prayer</i>	
Sun 8 July	St Mary's 8am BCP Communion 9.15am Lively Service with Communion 11am Reflective Service with Communion 6.30pm <i>Walton Churches Together Service at Walton Baptist Church</i>	The 12 on mission and Paul's weakness <i>2 Cor 12:1-10</i> <i>Mark 6:1-13</i>
	St John's 9am Said Communion 10.30am Morning Praise for All	
<i>Thurs 12 July</i>	St Mary's <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
Sun 15 July	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service 11am Reflective Service with Communion 7pm <i>Evening Praise</i>	Salvation in Christ and Herodias' revenge <i>Eph 1:3-14</i> <i>Mark 6:14-29</i>
	St John's 10.30am Holy Communion	
<i>Wed 18 July</i>	St Mary's <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
<i>Thurs 19 July</i>	Walton Community Centre <i>11am Communion</i>	
Sun 22 July	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service with Baptism 11am Reflective Service with Communion 3pm Baptisms	Citizens of the Kingdom <i>Eph 2:11-22</i> <i>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</i>
	St John's 10.30am Morning Praise	
<i>Thurs 26 July</i>	St Mary's <i>10am Said Communion</i>	
Sunday 29 July	St Mary's 8am Said Communion 9.15am Lively Service for All 11am Reflective Service with Communion for All	Miraculous lunch and a prayer of love <i>Eph 3:14-end</i> <i>John 6:1-21</i>
	St John's 10.30am Morning Praise for All	

Please note Sunday School will break for the Summer, the last one will be 15th July. The new term will start on the 9th Sept @ St Mary's and the 16th Sept @ St John's. Toddlers' Praise will finish on the 13th July and returns 7th Sept.

This month... July

30th June	10.30 am	Guildford Cathedral	Caroline's Priesting
1st	10.00 am	St Mary's	Joint Service
	10.30 am	Guildford Cathedral	Alex's Ordination
	1.00 pm	St Mary's	BBQ lunch
13th	12.00 pm	St John's	Toddlers' Praise
		No 10.30 am or 2.00 pm	Celebration & Picnic
8th	6.30 pm	Walton Baptist Church	Churches Together
	6.30 pm	St John's	Yr 6 Solid Ground BBQ
10th	8.00 pm	St Mary's	Baptism Matters (Part 1)
17th	8.00 pm	St Mary's	Baptism Matters (Part 2)
18th	8.00 pm	St John's	PCC

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.)

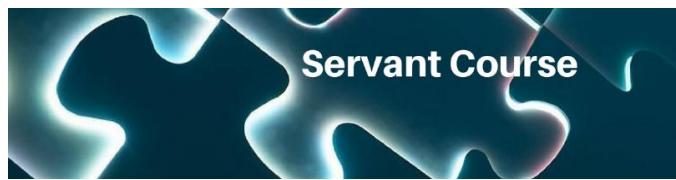


Cryptic Books of the Bible

This month, David Stannard invites you to identify, with the aid of the following clues, a selection of 20 Books of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments.

1. Obscure fellow, hailed by the Beatles.
2. Leader of the wallbangers at Jericho.
3. This one's certainly in a rut, having lived so long at Brookfield.
4. Phil Collins and Peter Gabriel, among others.
5. Alas, alas!
6. Arid orthopaedics
7. "Everybody out!"
8. 5, 7, 11, 13 and 18 for example
9. To solve this one, simply adjust a shoe.
10. Hollywood's Million Dollar Mermaid
11. Sceptics might consider his story a bit fishy
12. Looks like a task or vocation
13. "All the latest – read all about it!"
14. Feline stage companion of (e.g) Macavity and Mr Mistoffelees
15. John and Stephen, for example
16. MDCLXVI
17. A sort of human
18. His glass was always half empty
19. Jeffreys and John Deed, for example
20. What the beer maker does

Answers next month!



NEW DATES FOR THE AUTUMN

September 21st & 22nd & October 19th & 20th

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!

To learn more email cathy@waltonparish.org.uk or Sally via
office@waltonparish.org.uk

Register using the online form on the website.

COME TO **ALPHA** THIS AUTUMN



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



**All sessions are held at
St John's Church, 1 The Furrows, KT12 3JQ**

Launch event (evening only):
Thurs, 6th September 2018 at 7.30 pm
The course starts the following week:

Tuesday mornings
11th Sept 2018 9.30am - 11.30am (with a crèche)

Thursday evenings
13th Sept 2018 7.30pm - 10.00pm
(starting with a meal)

For catering purposes, please let John Muggleton know if you intend to come. Ideally,
please book on-line and see there for more info: www.waltonparish.org.uk/alpha
Alternatively, e-mail: jomug@icloud.com or call him on 01932 224 244

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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