

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

## Prayer, Services and Events: February 2019



### Vision – refresh and renew

It is 13 months since we launched our Church Vision. I wonder if you can recall it without looking or quote the Bible passage we have at the top on the banner and the bookmarks?

It's time to ask whether the Vision has made any difference to us as a church, as well as in our lives as individuals. Refresh and renew is what God does with the plants in spring time. After a winter of storing up goodness, it's time

to burst into leaf once more. Our Vision is about growth. As Christians we ask God to help us to keep growing closer to him otherwise, you know what happens, we get stale and stagnant in our faith and probably more grumpy in our lives! So, let's refresh our interest in this Vision.

### Why do we need a Vision?

It helps us to pull together as a church, gives us motivation to encourage one another to keep growing and inspires us to do new things to help other people in our community with joy. It also reminds us that we are part of something bigger. Church is not just about coming to worship on a Sunday, but about being a part of what God is doing all over the world in growing his kingdom.

This month the PCC will be considering the 5 Vision Priorities (CDP) we set last year and reflecting on the journey we have made. We will then decide which to keep and which to renew for 2019. One Priority was "Welcome unreservedly" which has led us to really think about how we welcome people and we have launched a Welcome Team in all our services. "Give generously" has led to a Stewardship campaign and we hope that the initial response of pledges of increased giving will follow through in the year ahead. (Our recommendation is still to bring to God 5-6% of our income, which is well short of the Biblical guideline of 10%). There will be full reports on the year's activities from all the PCC working groups ahead of the APCM in January. Do email [vicar@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@waltonparish.org.uk) to share your views on what the Priorities should be for the year ahead.

## **Victoria's story**

Victoria is a hairdresser, who has heard the message of Life on the Frontline. She now goes about her job with a different attitude. "I pray for my customers silently as I massage in the conditioner", she says. Victoria's praying is her invisible gift to her clients – soothing conditioner for the soul, not just the hair. She believes that her daily work is important to God. You can read Victoria's Story in 'The one about...' A beautifully illustrated collection of 8 stories by Mark Greene about God working through his people in their everyday lives. It is one of the books that Alex reviewed for us this month, his review can be found on the website in the new '[Book Corner](#)'. There's also a little animation you can watch [here](#). As our church continues through the Life on the Frontline series, hopefully we can all identify our Frontline and understand how our daily lives are important to God. Mark Green says, "Your Frontline is the place where you spend the majority of your time outside the church, where you are in contact with non-Christians, where you are with people who need to know the love of God." If you have missed some sermons or want to listen again, go to the website, you'll find a link on the front page about half way down the page. If the internet isn't accessible let us know and we'll see what we do to help you listen again.

We hope that you feel equipped for your daily life through being part of this church, St Mary's and St John's. We hope that we can all encourage each other this spring to be refreshed and renewed in our faith and in our Vision. February is a good time for all of us to use the Vision Devotional booklet. Enjoy!

## *Jonny and Cathy*

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### **Key Information**

#### **Clergy:**

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**Youth Minister:** Mandy Watts (off duty Thursday)

**Under 5s and Families Minister:** Amy Maddocks (day off Monday)

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** John Muggleton, Tessa & John Badcock

**Pastoral Assistants:** Wendy Fitch, Alan White, Roger Hunt, Linda Muggleton, Margaret Valentine

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  
[www.waltonparish.org.uk](http://www.waltonparish.org.uk)

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## LIFE ON THE FRONTLINE

As we continue our thinking this month about our FRONTLINE you may still be thinking what is my frontline? Your frontline is the place where you spend the majority of your time outside of church, where you are in contact with non-Christians, where you are with people who need to know the love of God.

THE FRONTLINE CALL

THE FRONTLINE COMMISSION

THE FRONTLINE COMMUNITY

THE FRONTLINE CONCERN

THE FRONTLINE CRY

THE FRONTLINE COMMITMENT

PRAY

ACT

REFLECT

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## Servant Course

Servant Course dates  
February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> OR  
March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

### What the Servant Course is NOT...

It is not a way of roping you into church 'stuff', you WILL NOT walk away having signed up to be on a new rota or a committee or doing anything else!

### So, what will it give you?

"The Servant Course is a journey of discovery about the way God made us, combining Spiritual gifts as well as our personality and passions.

You will leave with something very personal to you, your life and your understanding of yourself. But don't take our word for it..."

Comments from people on previous courses:

**Excellent. Affirming. It confirmed what I thought.**

*I have never done anything like this before.*

**Life changing. I loved it! Releasing.**

Please check the website for more information and to register or contact [cathy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:cathy@waltonparish.org.uk) or [sally@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:sally@waltonparish.org.uk) to learn more.



# Services

<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b> <b>St Mary's and St John's Services</b>		<b>Life on the Frontline – life's a peach, not an orange</b>
<b>Sun 3 Feb</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> before Lent</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service All Age 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>The Frontline Concern</b> <i>Acts 3:1-10</i> <i>Matt 5:13-16</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 9.00 am Said Communion 10.30 am Morning Praise	
<i>Wed 6 Feb</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 10 Feb</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> before Lent</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am BCP Communion 9.15 am Lively Service with Communion 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>The Frontline Cry</b> <i>Isaiah 29:13-24</i> <i>Matt 6:9-13</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Morning Praise for All	
<i>Thurs 14 Feb</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 17 Feb</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion  <i>7pm Evening Praise</i> <i>Nehemiah - Pray – Build – Restore</i>	<b>The Frontline Commitment</b> <i>Acts 4:23-31</i> <i>Matt 10:16-20</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Holy Communion	
<i>Wed 20 Feb</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10.00 am Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Thurs 21 Feb</i>	<b>Walton Community Centre</b> <i>11.00 am Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 24 Feb</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service with Baptism 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion 3.00 pm Baptism	<b>Glory in heaven</b> <i>Rev 4:1-11</i> <i>Luke 8:22-25</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Morning Praise	
<i>Thurs 28 Feb</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 3 March</b> <i>Sun before Lent</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service All Age 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion	<b>Glory on earth</b> <i>2 Cor 3:12-18</i> <i>Luke 9:28-36</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 9.00 am Said Communion with Baptism 10.30 am Morning Praise	

# This month... February

1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 pm	Walton Methodist Church	United Worship & Prayer
5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	St John's	Connections
8 <sup>th</sup> &	7.00 pm	St John's	Servant Course
9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	St John's	Servant Course
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-----	HALF TERM	-----
27 <sup>th</sup>	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
	6.00 pm	St John's **monthly	Solid Ground** (Yr7+)

\*\*check website calendar

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





## What is Givt?

You may have noticed a small few people getting their mobile phones out as the collection bag is being passed around or perhaps you've noticed (at both St Mary's and St John's) inside the collection bags an electronic tag (a beacon)?

Well, over the last couple of months we have been trialing a brand-new way of giving and those of us who have used it have been really impressed.

*This method of giving is not designed to replace anything else it is just another easy, alternative that you might use on days when you have no cash in your pocket or perhaps you want to give something extra on top of your regular giving. Or it might be how you choose to manage your regular weekly giving.*

## So how does it work and what do you need to do?

It works using a smartphone. So, you will need a smartphone with Bluetooth turned on. Also, ideally with mobile internet, however if you have limited or no data it's not a problem as everything will upload when you are connected to the Wi-Fi or your connection is stronger.

You will need to download the **Givt app** to your phone, search "Givt – Ready to give" and look for the Givt logo (as above) it's available for iOS & Android.

Once the app is downloaded it is very simple to set up and use. Your phone communicates with the beacon via Bluetooth (not your internet data).

Having downloaded the app and decided on the amount you are going to give, click next. There are 4 options offered – use the top option, "Collection Bag". Then tap the collection bag with the beacon in it, and, hopefully, that will be that. You have given!

In a short while, you will receive a request through the app to complete a Bank Direct Debit Instruction. This will need your name, address, bank details etc. This is because the app takes your money by Direct Debit (DD). Do not worry: it will only ask for the money that you have chosen to give by the app – but it will collect it as a DD. It is not going to ask you for any regular giving! If they see an unusually large amount or a duplicate amount they will contact you to confirm that it was done intentionally and not in error. This additional

info is only required once – in future weeks, you will only have to open the app, tap in the amount you want to give and touch the offertory bag with the beacon in it with your phone. We have found that the beacons are sensitive from quite a distance so you may find it is activated before the collection actually reaches you.

There is a useful help section on the app, look for the ‘?’ in the top right of the screen. You can also find out more on their website: <https://www.givtapp.net/en/> They are a Dutch company but fortunately for us you’ll find everything you need to know in English! And they are very keen for feedback so they can make your giving experience as simple and easy as possible so get in touch if you have any comments.

Look out for the people with their phones out during the offertory and if you are stuck don’t hesitate to ask them! Just don’t forget to put your phone away after you’ve given...

Once you have the app you can in fact give from anywhere, you just select our church from the list. This allows people to give whenever, wherever! At the moment you cannot add gift aid however we are expecting this to become possible in the very near future.

We really like Givt because it is anonymous, secure and quick. You don’t require an internet connection, and most importantly it preserves the feeling of giving as opposed to other electronic set ups which feel more like paying.



# 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. **On our frontlines**.

## 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, the Open the Book team, 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, Hannah Satterthwaite, Home Leone.

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