

*We live life together throughout the week as we seek to embrace and live out our vision, we gather as a community to worship, pray, give thanks and listen in all our services every Sunday. Where else might God be showing up in your week?*

## Services Week Commencing

1<sup>st</sup> July

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

10.00 am Said Communion (St John's)

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

12 noon Toddlers' Praise End of Term Party (St John's)

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

#### St Mary's

8.00 am Said Communion

#### No 9.15 am at St Mary's

10.15 am Service at Walton Cricket Ground

11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion

#### St John's

#### No 9.00 am Said Communion

(this will be on 14<sup>th</sup> July this month)

10.30 am Morning Praise

#### Readings

Daniel 3:13-21

Mark 14:32-36

**Spring Harvest** is a teaching and worship event for everybody. It's a unique break for all: holiday, festival, conference, and an encounter with God. Why not join us in 2020? If you'd like to learn more talk to Alex who will be organising next year's trip.



## Walton Connections

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

First Tuesday of each month at St John's

2.30-4.00 pm

Relax & chat. Tea and cake.

Games, music, history, craft, hand massage... & much more.

Did you know you can receive the Parish Diary by email?

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



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

# Parish Diary

30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Second Sunday of Trinity

**This week's theme:**

**Praying People, Praying Church**

#### St Mary's

8.00 am Said Communion

10.00 am **JOINT Parish Service** with Communion & Sunday School  
(Hymns: 262,589,375,455)

#### St John's

No Service

#### Readings

Genesis 18:22-33

Matthew 6:9-15

## From the Vicars...

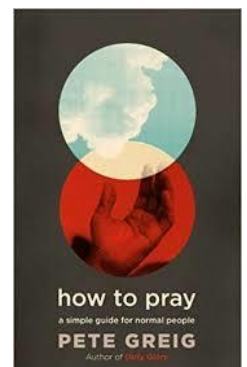
**Congratulations** to Alex who was ordained Priest at Guildford Cathedral yesterday, Saturday 29th June. He will preside at his first full Communion service today.

You are all invited to join us after the 10.00 am Joint Service for a celebration BBQ at St Mary's beginning at 12.30. **Everybody is welcome!**

Burgers £2 per person, children are free. If possible, please bring your own drinks. Thank you to everybody who has offered to help and is bringing food.

## Cathy & Jonny

Looking for something to read this summer? Check out How to Pray by Pete Greig. Founder of the 24/7 Prayer movement, Pete's 3 guidelines on prayer are 'Keep it simple, keep it real and keep it up'. He shares about real struggles in his life and a God who answers prayer.



## OUTDOOR SERVICE

**Sunday 7th July**

Join us as we take Church out into our community

Head down to the cricket ground behind Homebase, meet at 10.00 am, the service will begin at 10.15 am

**THIS WILL REPLACE OUR USUAL 9.15 am SERVICE**



**DID YOU KNOW** that Walton Cricket Club in Ashley Park is where the first ever documented game of baseball was played by the

Prince of Wales in 1749? WoTTA are organising what's set to be another fantastic event and **Walton Churches Together will open the event with an outdoor service.**

The Church Service is free but there will be an entrance fee of £2 if you stay on to take advantage of what's set to be a fantastic event! Find out more about what WoTTA have planned on their [website](#).

### Dates for your diary...

#### July

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Baptism Matters
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers' Praise End of Term party 12.00 noon, St John's
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Baseball's Coming Home, 10.15 am Outdoor Service, Walton Cricket Club. <b>Please note there is no 9.15 am service at St Mary's on this day</b>
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term Sunday School
<b>August</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Club

### FOODBANK SHORTAGES

Since the end of last year the numbers of people coming to our foodbank each week have almost doubled. We have been distributing more food than we have been receiving and our warehouse now has significant shortages, so we would be really grateful to receive tins of peas & carrots, tins of soup, tins of potatoes, cartons of long-life fruit juice & milk and packets of cereals.

Thank you for your continued support. Donations can be left in the collection boxes in both churches or delivered to St John's on Thursday or Friday mornings between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. Thank you.

## \*NEW\*

July – August service cards and your July – Prayer, Services & Events are both available in Church and online today.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION - Get ready for September!

As part of the roll out of our new Parish system, all registration for Sunday School and Children's activities will be done electronically. **You are invited to register NOW to beat the September registration rush!**

Please see Mandy or Amy at the end of Sunday School

### Holiday Club Booking now open 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August

For Primary age children – join us for this year's holiday club where we'll be at the Space Academy!

Spaces are limited – reserve now to avoid disappointment. [Sign up here](#).

#### Holiday Club Team Can you help?

We are looking for 2 leaders for our Space Academy Monday – Friday 9.00 -1.00 pm.

**No astronaut experience necessary!**

- just enthusiasm and willingness to get stuck into having fun with the children.
- if you can help please get in touch with Amy via [amy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:amy@waltonparish.org.uk)

### Summer Lunch Club

Fridays in August 11.30-1.30 pm, St John's.

Can you support us by joining a team or cooking a meal or 2?

Please contact Alex for more details.

## PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Please pray for: -

**Those known to be suffering from illness both seen & unseen, or poor health.**

We continue to pray for Jim Aspinall & Pam Gilbert.

**The families of those who have died recently and in times past whose anniversary falls this week:** Gertrude

Roach, Connie Gidman, Olive Allwood, Sybil Bedford

If you wish us to add any family members or people in the Parish, please let the office know and we will add them to the weekly prayer diary.

**PCC Consultation on Admission of children to Communion - Your views please to [office@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@waltonparish.org.uk) or [vicar@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@waltonparish.org.uk) by 7<sup>th</sup> July**

The PCC would like to request your views on the possibility of admitting to Holy Communion children who have been baptised and have completed the "Footsteps to Faith" course. This would be for Children approximately aged 9-11 in our congregations. Please speak to a member of PCC (details below) personally, or fill in the tear off strip below or send an email to the office.

Please read the summary overleaf:/ below: St Mary and St John's Walton on Thames has a long standing healthy Eucharistic tradition. Children have been encouraged to the altar rail for a blessing at the Communion Services. We encourage children to be Eucharistic servers as part of their service of the body of Christ and have a tradition of preparing children for Confirmation from age 11. A group of children are being led through the "Footsteps to Faith" course as a pilot. Their parents are aware of what they are doing and what this means.

**Family of God**

At this point in the life of the church, we as a leadership, recognise that children are as valuable to God as adults. It has been said before "children are the church of tomorrow". We would strongly suggest that children are the church of today. We take seriously the instruction of children in Christian ways through Sunday school and Cell groups and also the equipping of parents to bring their children up in a Christian family (one way is through Faith at Home). But we also want to acknowledge that adults can learn from children and be led in worship by children.

The theology of the Family of God is very strong in Jesus' teaching and all are part of the family of God, whether young or old, whatever their physical or mental capacity. The early church welcomed all baptised members regardless of age or status. Whilst there is no explicit mention of any special approach to the baptism of children in the New Testament, they were included with the family or household, and welcomed at the Eucharist. The history of children and Communion in the West is a story of children gradually losing their place at the central table of the community. In the East the right and need of children to receive Communion is unquestioned.

Further reading: "Admission of Children to Holy Communion before Confirmation" by Rt Revd Colin Bennetts on page 13 of the Diocese of York document. (if you need a hard copy, please ask Becky in the office to print you one).

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/uploads/attachment/23/communion-before-confirmation-discussion-papers.pdf>

There is more background and history in the other documents from the Diocese of York. Please also read the article on Children and Communion Immediately below and on the Diocese of Guildford web-site which you can access at <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/young-people/ministry/children-and-communion>

**Full adoption of the Christian faith can happen in one of three ways:**

1. Adult Baptism and Confirmation at the same time
2. Infant baptism, followed by Admission to Communion followed by Confirmation
3. Infant Baptism Followed by Confirmation.

**The proposal for PCC to consider is that the Parish of St Mary and St John's Walton on Thames adopt the second of these.**

**Elected members of PCC are:**

Berenice Page, Rachel Grace, Carol Abson Alastair Duke, Janet Todd, Martin Felstead, James Waggott, Sally Eckes, Harry Navanayagam, Ryan Van der Riet, David Henderson, Anna Spray, Clare Rolton, Helen Gaunt, John Badcock, Harriet Barker, Catherine Schroeder, Katharine Scott, Elizabeth Cairns, Nick Stuart

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Please Tear off here:

**My views about the PCC proposal on Admission of children to Communion.**

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