

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

this month's church family thanks and prayers

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



*Community*

*Praying*

*Belonging*

*Caring*

*God's family*



# Key Information

## Clergy:

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

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

**Pastoral Assistants:** Wendy Fitch, Alan White, Roger Hunt, Linda Muggleton, Margaret Valentine, Sue Green and Louise Turner.

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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## Vicars' Blog : A community of God's people

September has challenges of its own, such as returning from holiday, ensuring we have school uniforms that fit the children and getting the right children to the right pre-school, school and college on the right day! Or, if we're not tied to term-time, planning autumn holidays.



As a community of God's people, we care about every stage of life that affects different members of our community and we will be thinking of one another and praying for one another as term starts. But, what does it actually mean to be a community of God's people? What did it mean in ancient Israel? What did it mean for the disciples and the Early church? What does it mean for us in Walton on Thames in 2019? What might it look like for us at St Mary's and St John's to be living life together as God's people? This is a challenge that merits some thinking about. It's not a simple question. As a church, we have taken this on board as one of our Vision Priorities for this year 2019-2020.

Being a COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE who care, pray together and love one another is pushing the idea of welcome and belonging further and encourages us to ask questions: What does it feel like to belong? Does this apply to children, youth, adults and seniors of all kinds of backgrounds? Do we feel we belong enough to welcome other people? Who first befriended us when we came to the church? Are we prepared to be that first friend for a new person or family? Does it help if we are part of a Life Group? Does serving in the church in some way help us to feel we belong? - What a lot of questions. It does sound like "Back to school!"

Maybe we can consider what it was like for the first Christians, after Jesus returned to heaven, as people from Jewish, Greek, Roman and many other backgrounds had become Christians and were figuring out how to "do life" together. They modelled themselves on the Good Shepherd who became the sacrificial

lamb, giving his life so that they might have “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade”. One disciple wanted to encourage the new Christians that though they would face suffering, the promise of glory was sure. This disciple who walked with Jesus, knew him and watched him suffer, can help us with our big question. Peter. David Suchet says of this fisherman from Galilee, “I see him as an impulsive, impetuous, hard-bitten Middle Eastern man with big, rough fisherman’s hands and a huge heart”. We will be studying Peter’s first letter to the early Christians to help us with all our own questions about how to live as a community of God’s people today.

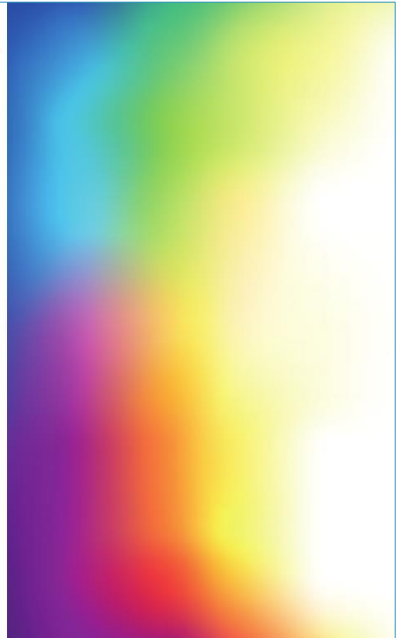
Let’s enjoy going “back to school” as we discuss and grow together as a community of God’s people.

## *Jonny & Cathy*

### *Vision Priorities*

2019/20

- **Prayer** – together and personal
- Share **stories of Faith**
- Join a **Life group**
- Be a **community** of God’s people who care, pray together and love one another
- Serve joyfully and **give** generously
- Shine God’s light by **servicing** local people in practical and spiritual ways.



# Family News, Thanks & Prayer

**NEW BABY** – Congratulations to the Ryder family on the birth of baby number 4!

Belated **Happy birthdays** to both John & Linda Muggleton who have had summer celebrations.

And we can't let the month pass without a mention for Tessa Badcock who just graduated, **congratulations and a massive well done Tessa!**

**Monthly Prayer Focus** - This month we are praying for;

**We pray for Mandy & Amy** as they navigate the return of Sunday School, Youth groups, Messy Church and Toddlers' Praise.

**We prayer for Cathy, Jonny, Caroline & Alex** and all the ministry team as they lead us in worship, teaching and prayer.

**We pray for Becky & Sally.** September will be a busy month in the office as we continue to roll out ChurchSuite.

**New school starters,** we pray for all those children starting school whether for the first time, a move up to secondary school or a move into a new school and we pray for all those parents for whom it might be an emotional transition.

**Heritage Day – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
(look out for more info soon!)

**WoTTA** and all that they do in and for our town, the organisers, the volunteers and all those in our community who will be out supporting.



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## A date for the diary...

We'll be having another Harvest and Mission Fayre after the success of last year - Family friendly, children's activities, tea & cake, mission info including Shoeboxes, Foodbank & Compassion. Look out for more details soon!



# Evening Praise 7.00 pm @ St Mary's

Been away for the weekend? Kids got sports on a Sunday morning? Why not join us at 7.00 pm for our evening service. It's an opportunity to enjoy some amazing worship led by the music group, hear some great teaching, be ministered too, enjoy a drink with friends afterwards and leave feeling recharged and ready for the week ahead! In September we'll begin a new series where we'll open up the Creed and think in more depth about what those words might mean.

**I believe...** opening up the Creed

15 September Part 1 - Father

6 October Part 2 - Jesus

20 October Part 3 - Holy Spirit

## evening praise

1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

worship

teaching

ministry



**Keep a look out for**

 **ChurchSuite**

This month we will finally be rolling out **My ChurchSuite** to all members of our church. **My ChurchSuite** will allow you access to:

**My Details:** update and manage all your personal details including your children

**My Calendar & Events:** view and sign up for Church events

**My Rotas:** View rotas, add your unavailability, make swaps and receive reminders.

**My Giving:** Make donations online

**My Podcasts:** Access all our online sermons

**All this at your fingertips!**

# SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2019 Services		Being a community of God's people...
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Sept</b> <i>Trinity 11</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service for All 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion	<b><i>Living as a Christian community</i></b> <i>Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16</i> <i>Luke 14:1,7-14</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 9.00 am Said Communion 10.30 am Morning Praise	
<i>Wed 4<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Sept</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sept</b> <i>Trinity 12</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am BCP Communion 9.15 am Lively Service with Baptism, Communion 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion	<b><i>Who have salvation in Jesus Christ</i></b> <i>1 Peter 1:1-9</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Morning Praise for All	
<i>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Sept</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sept</b> <i>Trinity 13</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service 11.00 am Reflective Service with Communion <i>7.00 pm Evening Praise: Worship Teaching Ministry</i>	<b><i>Living lives of holiness and love</i></b> <i>1 Peter 1: 8-9, 13-25</i>  <b><i>I believe... opening up the Creed - Father</i></b>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Holy Communion	
<i>Weds 18<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Sept</i>	<b>St John's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Sept</b> <i>Trinity 14</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 9.15 am Lively Service 11.00 am Reflective Service with Baptism and Communion	<b><i>As the new Temple, new people of God</i></b> <i>1 Peter 2:1-12</i>
	<b>St John's</b> 10.30 am Morning Praise	
<i>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Sept</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> <i>10.00 am Said Communion</i>	
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sept</b> <i>Trinity 15</i>	<b>St Mary's</b> 8.00 am Said Communion 10.00 am Joint Service with Communion	<b><i>Servants and Masters</i></b> <i>1 Peter 2:13-25</i>
	<b>St John's</b> NO SERVICE	

# 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, Jo Davis & Fusion, Home Leone.



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