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Parish Calendar for July

Morning Prayer is said on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.45am

2	10.00 Holy Communion	17	09.30 Toddler Group
	10.30 MU Coffee Morning	18	14.00 Tea and Chat church hall
	13.00 Wordbox	19	18.30 Junior Choir
	14.15 Praytime		19.45 Choir Practice
	20.00 PCC Meeting	20	09.30 Church Cleaning
3	09.20 Toddler Group		
4	14.00 Tea and Chat church hall	21	Trinity 5
	20.00 Reading Group		08.00 Said Eucharist
5	18.30 Junior Choir		09.45 Sung Eucharist
	19.45 Choir Practice		Little Fishes
			12.15 Baptisms
7	Trinity 3		
	08.00 Said Eucharist	24	14.00 Knitting and Crochet
	09.45 Sung Eucharist		coffee lounge
	With Little Fishes		14.00 Tea and Chat Church Hall
	11.30 11Up Group	26	18.30 Junior Choir
	12.30 Sunday Lunch Club		19.45 Choir Practice
8	20.00 Julian Group	28	Trinity 6
9	14.00 Mother's Union		08.00 Said Eucharist
10	09.30 Toddler Group		09.45 Sung Eucharist
11	14.00 Tea and Chat church hall		
12	18.30 Junior Choir	30	11.00 Retired Clergy
	19.45 Choir Practice		
14	Trinity 4		
	08.00 Said Eucharist		
	09.45 Sung Eucharist		
	11.30 Thirty Minutes		

Regular Services at St John's

Said Eucharist

8.00am Sunday

a simple celebration of Holy Communion;
about 40 minutes

Sung Eucharist

9.45am Sunday

a celebration of Holy Communion with music
and ceremony; about 75 minutes

first and third Sunday with **LITTLE FISHES**

third Sunday with Ministry for Wholeness

Thirty Minutes

11.30am second Sunday

a lively service for pre-school children;
about 30 minutes

Praytime

2.15pm first Tuesday

songs, prayers, Bible stories and cake
for pre-school children, finishes in time for the school-run

Midweek Eucharist

10.00am first Tuesday

a simple celebration of Holy Communion;
about 30 minutes

Morning Prayer

8.45am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
(term time only)

a quiet time of prayer and readings; about 15 minutes

From the Ministry Team

Dear Friends,

Tomorrow is our Malden Parochial School end of term service. I wonder whether they will sing "One more step along the road we go"? Some will move on to other schools. We do hope they will be able to look back on their time at MPS with pleasure, and also be looking forward to the next stage in new schools, making new friends and learning new things. We wish them every Blessing and they go forward with our prayers.

How appropriate too is that hymn for us at St Johns. We have been blessed by a long history of vicars, each one marking a 'step' along the road of ministry to our parish. In September, we embark on another 'step' when we welcome Father Michael as our new vicar. More of that elsewhere.

The hymn reminds us of the journey we are all on through life. Whether the steps are easy, or not so easy, we may be confident that God's Spirit is walking alongside us, supporting and guiding. It is natural to experience times when we lose sight and the feeling of God with us. It is in such moments God comes closest too us, and we are given the strength to continue making steps along the road.

Every Blessing,

Anthony Pullen

Welcome to our new vicar

We are delighted to announce that Merton College as Patrons and the Bishop of Southwark have, in consultation with the parish, appointed the Revd Michael Roper to the post of Vicar of St John the Baptist, Malden, subject to the usual legal formalities.

Michael is Priest in Charge of St Barnabas Church, Epsom, in the Diocese of Guildford. Originally from North Carolina, Michael was baptised and confirmed in the Episcopal Church. He came to London after many years working as a Medical Secretary in the North Carolina Children's Hospital to qualify as a NHS General Practice manager in 1996. During that time he also volunteered at a church-related charity in the East End. Through that experience he was encouraged to pursue ordination training in England and was sponsored and selected by the Bishop of London to train at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield in 2001. Ordained in Southwark Cathedral, he served his curacy in the Mortlake with East Sheen Team Ministry and was priested by Bishop Richard at St. Mary's, Mortlake in 2004. In 2007 he became Priest in Charge of St. Paul's, Egham Hythe in the Diocese of Guildford. He has extensive experience working with children and families and is deeply committed to the Church's role in social cohesion and inclusion at every level. He is a trustee of OneBodyOneFaith, Inclusive Church, and Love Me Love My Mind, a mental health charity based in Epsom.

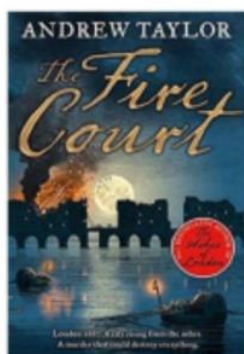
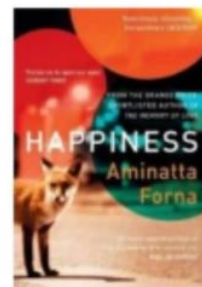
It is anticipated that Michael will move to Malden in September and be instituted at St John's by the Bishop of Southwark on 24th September.





St John's Reading Group July 2019

At our June meeting we discussed 'Happiness' by Aminatta Forna. A book which many really enjoyed but one which also left a few wondering whether they had missed something. As our discussion progressed, a few members of the group said that they would read the book again and perhaps see it in a different light. The novel begins with a chance encounter on Waterloo Bridge between Attila, a Ghanaian psychiatrist and Jean, an American studying urban foxes. A friendship develops when Attila, Jean and a wonderfully diverse group of people join a search for Attila's niece's missing son. Both Attila and Jean have interesting pasts which enable us to understand their attitudes to love, life and humanity's intricate web. A book unlike any other, it has been described as 'a book about humanity's glorious, irreducible mess; a book filled with grief, largesse and joy.' It is a book about priorities – and how important relationships are. We gave it an average score of 7½/10.



For July's meeting, we are reading 'The Fire Court' by Andrew Taylor. This is a sequel to the very popular read in 'The Ashes of London' – set in the aftermath of the Great Fire of London in 1666. The new novel is also set in these turbulent times and the main character, James Marwood sets out to find the truth about his father's death. Then there are several other murders – all linked to The Fire Court, set up to hear claims to land and give permission for the rebuilding of London. Brilliantly researched and very well written, these novels give us a glimpse of life in the 1660s,

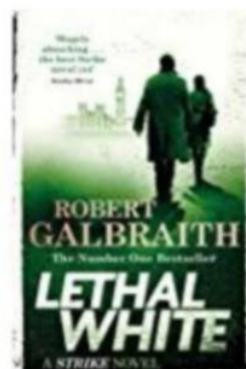
just after The Restoration of the monarchy.

Andrew Taylor's third novel in this trilogy, 'The King's Evil' has been published in hardback.

During August, we shall be reading the latest Galbraith novel (Cormoran Strike) which is now released in paperback. Another interesting case for Cormoran and his assistant, Robin.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th July at 8.00pm in the Coffee Lounge at church.

Marilyn Burkett



TWO EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY AND GET INVOLVED.

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER:

Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride for the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

The Ride and Stride is good fun as well as an opportunity to visit some of the other churches in the area. This event is suitable for all ages, but under 14 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. Go on your own or as a group.

Before the Summer holidays pick up a sponsor form and list of participating churches from Pat Lovegrove or Andy Down. Any monies raised is divided between The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and St. John's.

13TH – 15TH SEPTEMBER

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS – 25th Anniversary

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Heritage Open Days various places around the country will be open over 2 weeks from the 13th September. St. Johns will open for three days this year Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September

Welcomers will be required over these three days. If you can spare an hour or two please fill in the chart which will be in church later in August.

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Restoration of the Raynes Park WWI Memorial

This memorial was erected in the grounds of St. Saviour's Church Raynes Park to honour the 97 men who gave their lives in the first world war.

The names are no longer legible, so we have been raising money to have it restored so that the fallen are never forgotten.

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WILD KINGSTON at The Rose Theatre 9th June 2019

The Rose was sold out. 800 people were there, eager to celebrate and to learn about Kingston's Wild Life. Presented by Citizen Zoo, which is making wildlife conservation and education a social enterprise, it was a brilliant event.

Excellent speakers. First, George McGavin, with compelling evidence that life on this planet completely depends on the phenomenal work of insects. His advice? Buy a small magnifying glass. SEE insects and begin to grasp the millions of ways we and the whole ecosystem depend on them.

David Lindo, the Urban Birder, the next speaker opened our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to watch nature living and changing around us in our gardens, our cities and our open spaces. On his way to the Rose Theatre that day he had seen 4 Buzzards over Kingston!

Derek Gow spoke about protecting the UK's wildlife habitats. Many habitats are under constant threat. He described the re-introduction of Beavers, Wildcats, Harvest Mice and White Storks. This year he will be advising Citizen Zoo on re-introducing Water Voles to the Hogsmill.

Next we saw the premiere of an outstanding short film on the wild life along the Hogsmill



River. The Hogsmill is the centre of a major conservation project, still in progress on our doorstep. Our river is one of the UK's few chalk streams. Narrated by Griff Rhys Jones, filmed by wildlife photographer Tom Hooker, it shows Kingfishers, Foxes, Badgers, Bats and Damselflies there. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNiRlwOqnXQ>

Ecologist, Elliot Newton, one of the co-founders of Citizen Zoo spoke next. He helps co-ordinate the development of Kingston's local nature reserves and green spaces. He helped to steer Kingston's investment in the brilliant new Berrylands Nature Reserve. His role is to inspire and educate the Council, the University, the Schools and the Community. And he inspired us.

Not only were there great speakers, but the foyer and the cafe were full of stalls telling us what is happening in Kingston and nationally, and how we can get involved in it.

1) Biodiversity Action Group, helping to make our wild places thrive, from Eels to Woodlands, Reptiles to Damselflies. To find out more see biodiversity@kingston.ac.uk. For events programme see Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/207CYJp>

2) Berrylands Nature Reserve see berrylandsnaturereserve.org

3) Malden Manor Community Group see www.maldenmanor.co.uk

hogsmill@googlegroups.co.uk

4) Kingston Environment Centre 1, Kingston Rd, New Malden KT3 3PE 020 8942 5251

www.kingstoneco.org.uk

5) SHEDx.org. Growing ideas in Tolworth - designed to stimulate communities in Tolworth area to become engaged with reimagining space both urban and green. See [//Facebook/SHEDx-GrowingIdeas](https://Facebook/SHEDx-GrowingIdeas)



Things to do and go to:-

1) Tolworth Court Farm, the Borough's largest nature reserve, with history going back to Domesday

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2) Open Day Sat 6th July 10am - 3pm at Hogsmill Sewage Treatment Works and Nature Reserve, Lower Marsh Lane KT1 3BW Reserve manager 07747 647 708

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Anne and Chris Beales



Saturday 8th June was the turn of the 1st Old Malden Scouts to hold their Summer Fair on Plough Green. Despite the very changeable weather, it was a great turn out and lots of fun was had by all.





St John's

Notice Board

Welcomers needed

We are a welcoming church but we could do with some more 'Welcomers'! If you would like to join the welcoming team, please speak to Janet Jeal. It is not a difficult job but very worthwhile.

Choir

URGENT: St John's needs additional Junior Choristers – if you like singing and are aged 7+, please speak or email Marilyn



Maeldune Fair

2019



A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supported the MAELDUNE FAIR on Plough Green: to the organisers, the stall holders, the helpers and to all who came.

It was lovely to see people of all ages enjoying the sunshine and the varied stalls and games on offer, or just relaxing in the refreshment area having a good chat!

We also thank Roland & Stewart of Miller & Carter for their generous and willing support.

THANK YOU ALL

Another good community and fundraising event!

Chair of St John's Fundraising Committee





St John's Summer Quiz 2019

Fund Raising Competition in aid of St John the Baptist Church



£1 a sheet

£10.00 Prize

To be returned to St John's Church by 15th September

Winners will be announced by telephone and the results will be published on www.stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk

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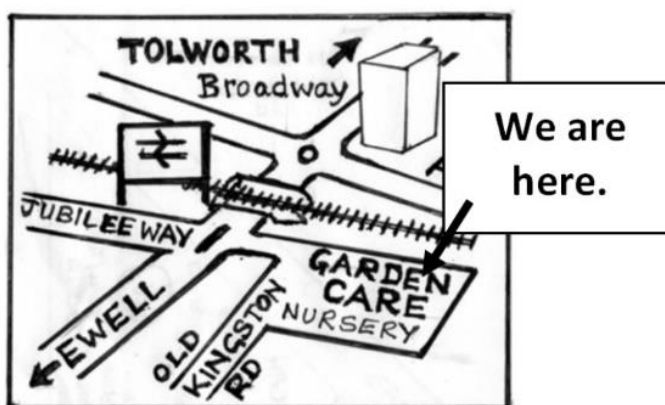
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