

# In View – Lockdown All Saints

St John the Evangelist Milford

October 2020



## Greetings to all

This year has been a challenge to us all, with such a wicked virus that has hit hard.

St. John's has tried to carry on as best we can, but we know it's all very different at present.

I can only say how sorry I am that things are difficult, yet the services we provide are better than none at all.

The Christmas season will be a challenge but we hope you all manage a wonderful advent and as enjoyable a Christmas as possible.

Let's all hope and pray for a better year to come and that the good lord will see us over the tough times.

Blessings. *Clive Potter*

### Regular services

**10am Wednesdays: Said Holy Communion in church**

**10am Sundays: Said Holy Communion in church and shared live on Zoom**

In Church, face masks and social distancing are required, which means numbers are limited. As we cannot share books we ask you to bring your own copy of the [Order of Service](#), which can be downloaded and printed from our website [www.stjohnsmilford.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsmilford.org.uk).

**Church open for private prayer:**

**9am-3pm Wednesdays and**

**11am-3pm Sundays each week**

### APCM

Our annual parochial church meeting (APCM), delayed from March, was held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October both in church and over Zoom,

Our new church wardens are Judy Downing and Jackie Hills. There is a message later in the newsletter from our retiring church warden Bill Braid.



### Remembrance Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> November)

Joining the service **in church** for this service will be BY INVITATION ONLY. This will allow us to invite a representative from each of the organisations who would usually be part of our our Remembrance service. There will be no gathering by the memorial. The clergy will lay wreaths.



### Read the bible in a year

Barbara Steele-Perkins has produced a guide called An Adventure through the Bible, to lead you through the whole bible in daily readings over a year.

You can download this from the [Encouragement page of our website](#), under the TEACHING heading.

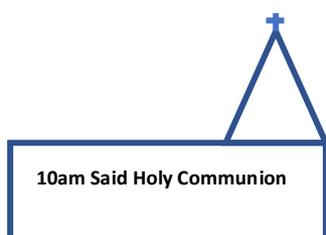
You are welcome to contact Barbara about this, if you are using this material. Her email is [barbarasp46@gmail.com](mailto:barbarasp46@gmail.com)



## Sundays on Zoom

Join us for 10am Said Holy Communion or 11am After Church Chat on Zoom by following the link below on a PC, tablet or smartphone. (These meeting details are the same ones we have been using for the last few months.)

If you don't have an Internet connection, you can still join us – dial 0203 481 5240 – you will then be asked to enter the meeting ID and passcode.



Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75739460257?pwd=R2lCRFNqa25jcERUa0FORlntWDNidz09>

Meeting ID: 757 3946 0257  
Passcode: 021767



Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8686583969?pwd=S HpiRmtDZIYrYTRxRFRqcVBKMGJyQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 658 3969  
Passcode: 874883



David Pepe has recorded some new hymns for us (at home with his guitar):

- Be Thou My Vision  
<https://soundcloud.com/user-883060589/david-pepe-be-thou-my-vision>
- Immortal Invisible  
<https://soundcloud.com/user-883060589/david-pepe-immortal-invisible>



0800 804 8044 is a Church of England **free** phone number. It gives you access the services, reflections, hymns and prayers that are being posted online. Call at any time and choose what you want to hear.

### Thanks from Bill Braid

*So many thanks to you all for the very generous gift on my retirement as a churchwarden. The time has flown by but sure it was time to pass on the baton.*

*It always seems to me that when you take on any role in an organisation you have a duty to do it as well as you possibly can in the certain knowledge that you can only do so much. When I look back there are loads I probably should have managed to get done but guess that is always the case.*

*Anyway, I much enjoyed my time as your churchwarden and as I said very much a big learning curve for me to familiarise myself with church procedures that I can now forget about!!*

*Once more many thanks indeed for the gift that I have in mind using to purchase a small tree for the garden that I will be able to look at and remember my happy time as a churchwarden at St Johns.*

*Very best wishes to you all, Bill*



### Help with church finances

St John’s normally receives many donations through the envelope scheme or as cash on the offertory plate, so our income is falling short due to virus restrictions.

Please help to make up the gap by **sending a cheque or setting up a standing order** with the bank. Or you can phone Nick to make a credit card donation over the phone on 01483 423398.

For payments to our bank, the bank details are:

**Bank:** NatWest 77 High St, Godalming  
**Account Name:** St Johns Milford, Parochial Church Council General Fund  
**Sort code:** 60-09-04  
**Account number:** 00752770

The address for cheques (or even at a pinch cash) is: Nicholas O’Brien, Hawthorn Cottage, Moushill Lane, Milford, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 5BH. Cheques should be made out to “St Johns Milford PCC”.

Thanking you for your continued support.  
 Nicholas O’Brien, Hon. Treasurer



### Children’s Society boxes

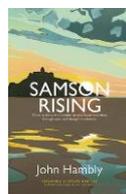
Due for counting now! Boxes can be handed in at church if you come to the Wednesday 10.00 AM communion or the Sunday 10.00 AM said communion in church. Alternatively boxes can be returned to Frances Cousins at New Oak Hall, Haslemere Road, Witley, GU8 5QA or to the treasurer: Nick O’Brien, Hawthorn Cottage, Moushill Lane, Milford, GU8 5BH.

If the coins in the box are low because of the pandemic, top-up cheques can be added. If they are made out to St Johns Milford PCC, then the donation will go to the Children’s society but the donation will also be treated as part of St John’s Outward Giving programme which will help our church finances.

### Membership returns

The Church of England membership returns for 2019 would usually have been circulated at the APCM. Judy Downing has provided the figures here for those who are interested:

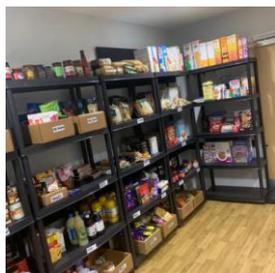
	2018	2019
Electoral roll	166	147
Usual Sunday attendance	68	63
Adults	4	3
Children		
Christmas communicants	115	117
Total attendance	651	522
Christmas Eve/Day		
Easter	119	114
Baptisms	19	5
Weddings	6	3
Funerals at St John’s	6	6
Funerals at Crematorium	20	8
Worshipping community at end of year:		
Children (age 0-10)	8	4
Young people (age 11-17)	2	4
Adults (Age 18-69)	58	45
Aged over 70	62	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>109</b>



### Fundraising for the Samson Centre

John Hambly recently had an online book launch for his autobiography “Samson Rising”. You can still watch the event on YouTube if you missed it. Go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5KZwaO\\_MUA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5KZwaO_MUA) . If you don’t yet have a copy it is now in bookshops. Cost £18.95 with £1 from each sale going to the Samson Centre. More information at:

[www.unitedwriters.co.uk/store/samson-rising](http://www.unitedwriters.co.uk/store/samson-rising)



### Godalming Food Bank

The Godalming & Villages Community Food Store (located at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre) now offers free food, toiletries and household products. This is in addition to the existing St Mark's foodbank.

Call 01483 523575 if you need this help. [stjohnsmilford.org.uk/practical-help/](http://stjohnsmilford.org.uk/practical-help/) has other details about using the store.

**You can support the food banks** with donations, on Tuesdays 8.30-11.30am. Leave them in the shopping trolley outside Milford Village Hall, or the one outside Tesco. Both are clearly signed "Donations for Godalming food bank organised by the Godalming and Farncombe Community Corona Virus Assistance". Please help if you can.

### To Clive and all at St John's 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

*It is nearly two months since we made our move from Milford to Birdham.*

*Penny and I are very happy in our new home. All the boxes have been unpacked and we are now concentrating on minor improvements. Also starting to make our much smaller garden more to our taste, with less closely cropped globular spotty laurel and privet shrubs and to introduce more colour.*

*So yesterday we donned our masks and set off to Hilliers - and very quickly spent the very generous £125 token you all gave us on leaving. Pride of place will go to the Crab Apple which I have planted in our front garden (just like we had in our Church Road garden.)*

*We are enjoying being closer to our daughter and family, going for walks around Chichester Harbour and the marinas, and are looking forward to the time when we are able to join in the local community activities.*

*We look back on our 48 years in Milford fondly and miss all who gave us their friendship. The Rosemary (for remembrance) you gave us is now thriving in our new herb garden.*

*Thank you, everyone Hugh and Penny Searle*

### Thanks for Witley Parish Council donation

At Clive's suggestion, Nick O'Brien contacted Witley Parish Council to take advantage of their Covid-19 opening up support scheme.

Nick applied for a contribution to the costs of running the Zoom services although the scheme was really aimed at helping with the costs of deep cleaning or sanitiser. Nevertheless, Witley Parish Council did decide to make a donation of the amount requested, which was £232.46.

### Covid Support Fund

Covid19 has left many families in financial hardship and unable to meet their domestic liabilities and to feed their families. The food banks at St Marks and the Godalming Community Store at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre are doing a tremendous job in providing food thanks to the very generous gifts from the public. In some instances the families also need financial help and hence Rotary in Godalming set up the Waverley Rotary Covid Support Fund with the support of Waverley Borough Council and Godalming Town Council.

There is a website that gives full details of the support that is available from the dedicated website <https://www.rotaryc19fund.org/>. If you know anyone who is in hardship due to Covid19 then please let them know that the fund is there to give them help. The fund will give a prompt response to all applications and works closely with Citizens Advice Waverley who families should also contact as they will a wider view of the help that might be available to them.

You can still find spiritual encouragement on our website <http://www.stjohnsmilford.org.uk/>

If you need any other help, contact us by email at [stjohnsmilford@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmilford@hotmail.com) or call the vicarage on 01483 414710.

I hope this newsletter helps to keep our church community in touch while we are keeping our distance. Any errors or omissions are all mine.

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