



## Services this week

### Sunday 24th August – 10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

8.30 Said Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

### Thursday 28th August

1.30 Holy Communion

### Sunday 31st August – 11<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

8.30 Said Communion

10.00 Family Communion

## Sunday 24th August 2025 10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

### Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Hymns: 396, 50, 997, 281, 579, 266

**Refreshments served in Amberley School hall after 10am service**

**Sunday services** - Until further notice 8.30 service is in the hall and 10.00 service and Junior Church in Amberley Primary School.

## The Way Forward Update

Phase one building work on site commenced Monday 30th June and takes 12 weeks to complete. This will include internal renovations, building of the mezzanine, installation of the kitchen and servery, creation of storage space, a new heating system and redecoration of the internal building. The organ will be reinstalled in its new location and we will be back in Church before Christmas although the organ will not be playable until the New Year as it takes some time to settle before final tuning can take place.

While this initial phase is ongoing, we continue to raise funds to complete phase two. There are several grant applications in progress which we will hear results from in the coming months. Should funding be complete we will run the phase two external build concurrently and I will update you on progress as it happens. Whilst we have made significant progress on our internal fundraising target of £200k there is still some way to go and your continued support is appreciated.

I am sure you will agree this is an exciting time for St John's and your patience and support as we move through this phase of upheaval is greatly appreciated. As always if you have any questions, please ask a member of The Way Forward Group.

**As a reminder, there is NO ACCESS to the main church building by anyone throughout the building works.** The vestry is accessible from outside and keys have been allocated to those who require them for service set up. Please speak to Angela or Sarah if you have any questions regarding this.

**Prayer List** Please pray for: Alison Alderson, Naomi Appleby, Carole Bell, Eddie Bolton, Lesley Bolton, Claire Brooks, Lynne Brown, Derek Foggon, Eunice Goff, Stuart Haig, Kath Heppell, Jean Heron, Vera Hindmarsh, Diana Jones, Iris Kitching, Pam McKie, Fiona McKie, Jess Morton.

Request forms for prayer list/pastoral visits are in the green folder.

## Upcoming Events and Notices

**Forest Church** meeting every two months at The Rising Sun Country Park (in front of the visitor centre) a joint venture with local churches. See Rev Sarah for more info.

**Know your Neighbourhood Know your Church** this six session program will be running from September to help us shape the future mission of St John's. Each session will run from 10-12noon usually in the hall. Sign up sheet in "South Aisle"

20<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**11<sup>th</sup> October Deanery Day** 9:30 (for a 10am start) till 2pm Join us at St Nicholas' Church Cramlington to find out about the deanery and share ideas resources to help all our churches grow. Including workshops on Buildings, Children's Work, Grant Applications, Using CANVA etc.

**Save the Date: Christmas Fair Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1-3pm** this will be our major fundraising event this year please speak to Rev Sarah or Angela if you'd like to join the team or help on the day.

**Website** Item for the website to Rev Sarah by email. Events and articles are always better with pictures!

**Proposed Men's Group** Not many men have replied to Dave concerning interest in forming a men's group. If he hasn't heard by 31 Aug he will assume there is not sufficient interest in such a group.

**The Bay Foodbank** Please bring donations in bags to Amberley School or the Hall so that we continue to support those in need.

**Easyfundraising** link to St John's:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnskillingworthparishchurch/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnskillingworthparishchurch/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-1)

Please support this way of raising funds - £1610 raised to date. Travel or holiday bookings can raise a lot for St John's if you go via Easyfundraising. If you're not sure how to do it ask someone.

**Eco tip:** Try gardening without pesticides as they harm beneficial insects, pollute the soil, pose health risks to humans and pets. Over time, chemicals can degrade soil quality, making it harder for plants to thrive. Plus, pests can develop resistance. Encourage ladybirds that eat the pests by planting flowers like yarrow, dill, and cosmos.

## Regular Events and Services

**Baptism Enquiries** Contact Rev Sarah Moon [vicar@killingworthparish.org.uk](mailto:vicar@killingworthparish.org.uk)  
or 07703268450

**Midweek Communion** Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Hall. All welcome

**Junior Church** Sundays 10am weekly in **term-time** for all children.

**Explore@4** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Little Explorers at 4pm in the Hall – 7 September  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Brick Church at 4pm in the Hall – 21 September

Next **Family Communion Service** 31<sup>st</sup> August

Next **Forest Church** 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Healing Service** 6pm every quarter, next service Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Monthly Book Club** at Joyce's – 11<sup>th</sup> September. 10-11.30am until further notice

**Mondays 10am** Knit & Natter at The King's Arms, except bank holidays

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Notices to Marion Mullen please

Gluten-free wafers are available by request to a sides person before the service. In order to protect anyone who is gluten intolerant we cannot permit intinction (dipping wafers into the wine)