

This Week's Notices

Upcoming services:

Sunday 23rd August	10am 11am	Holy Communion at St David's Café Church at St David's
Tuesday 25th August	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 26th August	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Thursday 27th August	9:30am	Holy Communion at St John the Baptist
Sunday 30th August	10am 10am 10am	Communion by Extension at St John the Baptist Holy Communion at St David's Holy Communion at St Mark's

Parish Prayer Focus

This week our churches will be involved in 3 funeral services and one interment of ashes. Please pray for all those affected by grief that they will know the hope they have in Christ, even as they grieve. Remember Sarah- Jane Major and Jo Carrick in your prayers as they prepare for our next Bereavement Journey Course beginning in the Autumn. Give thanks to God for his call on their lives to minister to the bereaved and pray for all those who will come that they will be given the gift of space to face this sadness in your eternal love and grace.

Good News.

The Good News shared with the parish on Sunday 16th was:

Last week we all celebrated Woodland Church coming to church as we thought about Jesus as the Vine. We prayed 'You are the vine, we are the branches, keep us abiding in You.' Thank you to the Woodland Church team and to all who entered into this reflective worship and helped to connect us to God and each other. As we think about vines and our connections- we give thanks for Flourish our worshipping community at Malcolm Arnold Academy who came to St David's on Wednesday and connected in with our church community, through Wellbeing, communion, food, cleaning and preparing welcome plants for each new form group in Year 7. Please pray for Flourish at MAA in September that it will continue to grow in numbers and depth of faith.

Notices:

Shirley Basford. The funeral of the late Shirley Basford is taking place at St David's Church on Tuesday 25th August at 12:30pm. All welcome.

McMillan Afternoon Tea. Cakes, Treats and Good Company all for an amazing cause. Jane Serbyn is hosting an afternoon tea in aid of McMillan Cancer Support; Saturday 29th August, 2pm – 4pm, Vicarage Lane, NN2 6QS. For more information, or any special dietary requirements talk to Jane.

Mothers Union. The next Mothers Union meeting is Holy Communion at 12 midday followed by a faith Lunch on Tuesday 1st September at St David's church. Anyone is welcome to join us

Visiting Bell Ringers. We have some guest ringers from Yorkshire who are visiting St John the Baptist on Thursday 3rd September and will be ringing the bells for an hour or so starting around midday.

The Bereavement Journey

The Bereavement Journey is an award-winning series of films and discussion that gently guides adults bereaved at any time, through the varied ways grief and bereavement can impact, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.

Provided by the charity *AtaLoss*, and run by churches for their communities, it uniquely offers holistic support including accompanying signposting and a final session on faith questions in bereavement from a Christian perspective. The faith session follows the main material and is optional, making The Bereavement Journey suitable for people of any faith or none

We will be running a course starting on **12th October 2026** for more details speak to Sarah-Jane Major, Jo Carrick or email

thebereavementjourney@kingsthorpechurches.co.uk

KCT Ecumenical Prayer Lunch – After a month off in August to allow for summer holidays, the next ecumenical prayer lunch is on Tuesday 8th September in the Parish room at St Aidan's R C Church, Manor Rd. The room is round to the right side of the building; 12:00 -1:00pm, all are welcome to join us in prayer and fellowship. Please bring your own packed lunch, teas and coffees will be provided.

Little Stars. Little Stars returns following our summer break on Tuesday 8th September at St Mark's church from 1:30 – 3:00pm. Little Stars is a group for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers (and their grown-ups) to come together and share fun, friendship and fellowship. We are a relaxed volunteer run group, we normally offer a craft, a brief sing-song and free flow play and we always have plenty of tea, cake and a warm welcome, if you know anyone you think might be interested, please tell them about us.

Food for Thought. Our next Food for Thought is taking place on Wednesday 9th September 6pm at St Mark's Church. All are welcome to join us for a light supper followed by an exploration on Churchmanship. Come and feed your body and soul as we come together in fellowship.

Brick Church. Brick Church is back on Sunday 13th September 2:00pm – 4:00pm at St John the Baptist. Join us for Bricks, Building and Bible Stories, followed by refreshments in the Chapter House.

Summer Office Hours. My office hours are changing slightly in the Summer Holidays to allow for more flexibility around my little apprentice and her big brother. Thanks to the lovely laptop I will be working remotely during the week and be in the office at St David's on Friday afternoons by appointment.

Readings

Date	Sunday	First Reading	New Testament	Gospel
23rd August	Trinity 12 - Café Church	Exodus 1. 8 - 2.10	Romans 12. 1-8	Matthew 16. 13 - 20
27th August	Thursday		1 Corinthians 1. 1 - 9	Matthew 24. 42 - end
30th August	Trinity 13	Exodus 3. 1- 15	Romans 12. 9 - end	Matthew 16. 21 - end

Kingsthorpe Team Ministry Contact Details

Pastoral

Pastoral Contact Number – Revd. Angie Kennedy: 07926 904085

The next Baptism & Wedding Surgery is Tuesday 1st September 6:30pm – 7:45pm at St David's Church Hall

Zoom Prayer Login details

Meeting ID 89092051426

Pass code 487864

Office

Email: office@kingsthorpechurches.co.uk

Phone: 01604 720781

The Deadline for Items for the Newsletter is Thursdays 9pm

Summer Opening - The office is open Friday afternoons by prior appointment.

<u>Our Churches</u>			
	St David's	St John the Baptist	St Mark's
Address	Eastern Avenue South Kingsthorpe NN2 7QB	The Green Kingsthorpe Village NN2 6QD	St Mark's Crescent Kingsthorpe NN2 8EG
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Pastoral Link	Jane Serbyn	Mandy Bentley	Jo Carrick
	Sarah-Jane Major (parish wide)		
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