

This Week's Notices

Upcoming services:

Sunday 6th September	9:00am	Vacancy Parish Prayer Parish wide
	10:00am	Eucharist at St John the Baptist
	10:00am	Service of the Word at St David's
	10:00am	Holy Communion at St Mark's
Tuesday 8th September	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 9th September	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	6pm	Food for Thought at St Mark's
Thursday 10th September	9:30am	Holy Communion at St John the Baptist
Sunday 13th September	10:00am	Eucharist at St John the Baptist
	10:00am	Holy Communion at St David's
	10:00am	Service of the Word at St Mark's
	2:00pm	Brick Church at St John the Baptist

Parish Prayer Focus

Our Prayer focus this week is for our Parish in Vacancy. As it is the first Sunday of the month, all three churches will be open from 9am so we can pray together in person as well as spirit, but equally if you can't make it to church please join us in reflecting on the following:

Spend some time reflecting on Peter's words to Jesus 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.' Quietly repeat the words for yourself.

Thank God for who He is- naming His character and qualities for example. 'Thank you that you are our Good Shepherd- leading us in the right paths.' Thank you that you are Love, may we give and receive your love more and more.'

Read Romans 12:1-8.

Pray for the 3 churches in our parish and the particular gifts they bring:

St Mark's- named after the Evangelist Mark- a place called to proclaim the Gospel- the good news of Jesus, through worship and a clear consistent sharing of the reason why the church exists.

St John the Baptist- named after John, Jesus' cousin- a place called to 'prepare the way for the Lord', through its consistent witness over centuries, a place of beauty, a place many call 'home' with their family connections. A sign and entry point for faith in Jesus.

St David's- named after David - a place called to 'Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things.' through its everyday presence in the community, engaging with many people of all faiths and none.

Pray that the Lord will raise us up to be 'living sacrifices' to grow in our love and knowledge of Him and fan into flame the gifts of the churches that we will glorify His name in Kingsthorpe.

Notices:

PCC Members. The next PCC meeting will be in St David's church, not the hall, on Thursday 10th September 7:30pm

Heritage Weekend. St. John the Baptist is opening up over the weekend of 11th to 12th September for Heritage Weekend, and also the Ride & Stride on the Saturday. If you are willing to help on the door, or with refreshments on Saturday, please add your name to the sign-up sheets within your church, or talk to Mark Brame. No knowledge or experience needed, information boards will be on display in church for visitors, and yourselves, to learn some of the history of SJB.

Opening times are;

Friday 11th September 10.00am – 6.00pm

Saturday 12th September 10.00am – 6.00pm

All are welcome to attend and learn about our historic late Saxon/early Norman Church; completely free - no admission charges. Also on display will be the Chained Library from the 16/17th centuries and the original architect's drawings from the Victorian restoration works of 1863.

Global Week of Prayer. Some of you will be familiar with the Lectio 365 app and the 24/7 Prayer Movement. This week there is a Global Week of Prayer for our Earth. I encourage you to 'dip your toes' in the water and pray during the week with thousands of Christians across the globe for God's Kingdom to Come. More information is available here: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/weekofprayer/>

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. This month our theme is Jonah and the Whale, and we can't wait to see all the fabulous big fish that are sure to be built.

St Mark's Quiz Night - Saturday 19th September, 6 to 8.30pm

Join us for a fun-filled Quiz Night! Put your general knowledge to the test and enjoy an evening of questions, laughter and friendly competition. Whether you're a quiz expert or just looking for an enjoyable evening out, everyone is welcome. It will be a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends, meet new people and support our community. A ploughman's supper will be available, but please bring your own drinks for the evening. We hope it will be a great night full of fun, fellowship and good company. We look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget to sign up to this amazing night. Tickets are £7.50 per person.

Harvest Save the Dates. The Parish Harvest Supper will be taking place on Saturday 3rd October at St Mark's. More details to follow.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will also be celebrating harvest with the residents at Nicholas Rothwell on Sunday 4th October from 3pm where we will be singing harvest hymns and having some readings.

All are welcome to one or both events.

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

Office Hours. Now the summer holidays are over I'm back in the office for normal office hours. My Working pattern is Mondays remote working, Wednesdays drop ins

between 10am – 12pm and Friday Mornings by prior appointments due to safeguarding procedures for lone working.

Readings

Date	Sunday	First Reading	New Testament	Gospel
6th September	Trinity 14	Exodus 12. 1 - 14	Romans 13. 8 - end	Matthew 18. 15 - 20
10th September	Thursday		1 Corinthians 8. 1 - 7, 11 - end	Luke 6. 27 - 38
13th September	Trinity 15	Exodus 14. 19 - end	Romans 14. 1 - 12	Matthew 18. 21- 35

Kingsthorpe Team Ministry Contact Details

Pastoral

Pastoral Contact Number – Revd. Angie Kennedy: 07926 904085

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

Zoom Prayer Login details

Meeting ID 89092051426

Pass code 487864

Office

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The Deadline for Items for the Newsletter is Thursdays 9pm

The office is open Wednesday mornings between 10am -12pm for Drop-ins and Friday mornings by prior appointment.

<u>Our Churches</u>			
	St David's	St John the Baptist	St Mark's
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Pastoral Link	Jane Serbyn	Mandy Bentley	Jo Carrick
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