8th November 2026

ST JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
"SHARING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY"

For our prayers
We continue to pray for peace throughout the world, remembering all whose lives are torn apart through war in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and in other conflict zones. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

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Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance Sunday

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end Matthew 25: 1-13

Special Prayer (Collect) for Remembrance Sunday

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St John's Prayer for Growth

God of mission,
you give fresh life to St John's.
send your Holy Spirit to give:
vision to our planning,
wisdom to our activities
and power to our witness,
that we may grow
in love and commitment to you,
in number of disciples
and in loving service to our neighbours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opportunities for worship on Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance Sunday

St John's will be open today, Sunday 8th November 2026, at 10.00am for a Parade Service for Remembrance Sunday. Please note that today's service will not be a service of Holy Communion.

'JJs' - St John's Juniors – there will be ***no*** JJs meeting today, but there will be some activities for children at the back of church.

Live Stream of 10.00am Services
We will live stream the 10.00am service today if we can. All services that we have been able to livestream are available on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDyIQ-Vbrv-5bikSlpgV2QQ just click on the link and select the service from the range of videos in the live tab on the channel. The link is also available on Facebook and via the Services and Events page on A Church Near You. https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7365 . The order of service (in pdf format) is attached to the email containing this newsletter and by 'viewing the attachment' on ACNY, on the service detail.

Donations to St John's

We don't take up a collection during services, but donations are welcome - see the table as you enter church, the leaflet on ways of giving or ask for details. Thank you.

This Week

Tuesday 10th November 2026 – 7.30pm – 9.30pm – PCC meeting in Church

Wednesday 11th November 2026 – 11.00am – 1.00pm – St John's Weekly Drop in
St John's will be open from 11.00am – 1.00pm for a 'Drop-in'. Friendship, free refreshments (coffee and tea) and local information will be available. Do come along and stay for as long or short a time as you wish.

Wednesday 11th November 2026 – 1.30pm – 2.45pm – Bible Study – Acts for Everyone, Session 4
The fourth session of 'Acts for Everyone' will take place in the Samaritan Room at Church.
The book of Acts is full of the energy and excitement of the early Christians as they found God doing new things and learned to take the good news of Jesus around the world. It is also full of the puzzles and problems that churches faced then and face today.

Further dates are:
Session 5 - Weds 18th November 2026

Wednesday 11th November 2026 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Bible Study – Pilgrim 2, Session 5
Session 5 will take place at the Vicarage. In this course we are exploring the Lord's Prayer as a gateway to the Christian gospel, as a guide to our own prayers, and as a way of deepening our relationship with God.

Further dates are:
Session 6 - Weds 18th November 2026

Thursday 12th November 2026 - 7.30pm - 9.00pm – The Vicarage – Pilgrim 6, Session 5
Session 5 of the Pilgrim Course, 'The Eucharist' (about Holy Communion) will take place at the Vicarage. Celebrating the hospitality of God, praising God for all that he has done for us in Christ, communing with our risen Lord and being renewed in our service of others are all aspects of the Eucharist that we will explore in this course.

Further dates are:
Session 6 - Thursday 19th November 2026

Friday 13th November 2026 – 9.00am – 11.30am – Toddler and Baby Playgroup
St John's Toddler and Baby Playgroup meets on Fridays, during term time, from 9.00am – 11.30am. If you would like more information about the Toddler and Baby Playgroup, please contact Bridget 07808 470724 or Geoff 07879 298002.

Sunday 15th November 2026 – 10.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 15th November 2026 – 4.00pm – Tea-Time Service
Tea-Time Services are very relaxed and include songs, activities, readings and prayers. We try lots of different ways to praise God, learn, pray, and share fellowship with each other. These services are for everyone: families of all shapes and sizes, children, adults, young and old. Why not come along? Drinks and biscuits will be available before the service, and there may even be cake from time to time.

Advance Notices

Thursday 19th November – 7.30pm – Civic Society Talk - Kingswood Suite at the Town Hall
The Civic Society is hosting a talk by Dr Christopher Webster on Charles Watson (1771-1836), the architect of St John's Church and St John's Square on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm. This is a free event but you are asked to book places via the Civic Society's via our Eventbrite page here

Save the date – Saturday 28th November 2026 – 10.00am – 1.00pm – Christmas Fayre
Boxes for donations are in the reception room.



Wednesday 2nd December 2026 – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Messy Church
You are warmly invited to Messy Church on Wednesday 2nd December 2026 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in church. There will be lots of activities including craft, games and things to explore as well as a time of celebration and worship. There is food for parents or carers or grandparents and children to enjoy together. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. For further information please contact: Cath Fox cath.s.fox@outlook.com If anyone would like to help with Messy Church, please also contact Cath.

Sunday 6th December 2026 – 3.00pm – Memorial Service - A Service of Hope
A special service to remember loved ones who have died recently or some time ago. All welcome.

St John's Scout Group – History Project
Nichola Baker, one of the trustees of the St John's Scout Group is starting a project about the history of the group. She would be very grateful if members of the Parish could send her any stories, photos or information about the St John's Scout Hut and Group so that she can develop a story on the history of the Scout Group. Please contact Nichola on nichola.baker188@gmail.com

Magazine

Copy date for the December magazine is **Sunday 8th November 2026 (TODAY!)**
Contributions to the Editor, Deidre Morris (email: bandmorris@btinternet.com), by Sunday 8th November 2026, please.

Newsletter

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