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WORSHIP

Mass	8.00am
PARISH SUNG MASS	10.00am
Evening Prayer and Benediction	6.00pm
Monday	10.00am
Tuesday	6.30pm
Wednesday	11.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Saturday	9.30am
	Evening Prayer and Benediction Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

A priest is available to hear confessions after 9-30 Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

Front Cover:- The Three Wise Kings Followed the Star.......

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

5th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

19th January 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

26th January 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

From the Parish Registers for November
Baptisms: Chester Charles Cottingham, November 17th
Weddings: None
Funerals: Merryl Talbot, November 7th
Burial of Ashes: None

Monthly Statistics for November

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
3rd	43	52	14
10th	39	47	7
17th	37	84	2
24th	36	40	3

The Churchwardens Message

Last month I mentioned a working party before Christmas. You might have noticed that the weather hasn't really been on our side for us to do this, lets see what the new year brings.

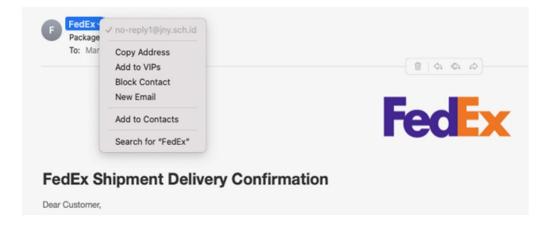
Part 2 of the IT Ramble

Carrying on from my last magazine article about spam and phishing attempts.

So what is happening in a phishing message. Mostly the message is designed to look like a message from your bank, same colours and even logos. When you click on a link in a phishing message it will take you to a website that looks like your banks website, same colours and logos etc. When you fill in the email address and password you are sending those details to the sender which then gives them access to your account (not good). This is a very simple explanation and the senders try all sorts of ways to get your data/personal details.

This is an example of a phishing attempt, you can see the nice big FedEx logo but when I clicked on the email address we can see it doesn't come from an address ending in fedex.com but instead ends in jny.sch.id, (Don't do it!)

Within the email there is a button for me to click on (which I haven't) to complete the payment process for all the delivery fees.

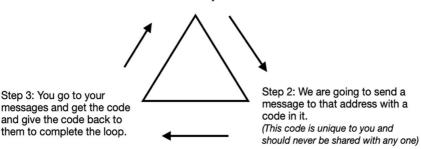


Phishing phone calls. Another method attackers take is creating an account in your name and sometimes even finding your phone number and calling you asking to check your email and share validation codes with them. Once they have setup an account using your details they can open multiple accounts pretending to be you.

Setting up an account. (validation codes).

So why is it so difficult setting up an account? Well basically its trying to stop people pretending to be you. When you create a new account you go through a verification process.

Step 1: Who are you, this is me and this is my address



Going through this process is where people get stuck as it often asks you to repeat your password a number of times. The steps often aren't well explained or badly laid out making it more difficult to complete the process. What I would say on passwords is don't use your date of birth and easy to remember words or phrases, the best thing to do is use auto generated passwords that your computer stores for you. It is better to write your passwords in a book than have a simple password, your book is offline and unavailable to attackers. If you are going to write your passwords down make sure you switch some letters with numbers.

This symbol is in the John Piper tapestry in Chichester Cathedral

Step 3: You go to your



The green triangle represents the holy trinity, something that completes our faith. When you sign up for a new account the process of completing the verification process it can be tricky. as it can be being a associated to a faith, regardless of the religion. Stick with it, go through the steps and all will be alright in the end.

The Churchwardens

St. John's Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair was a resounding success, despite the awful weather! Wind and rain didn't keep people away, not even Father Christmas who took time out of his busy schedule to visit us, much to the delight of the children present. The Children's Fun area also kept little, and not so little ones entertained.

The traditional Christmas Fair stalls such as the raffle, the bottle stall, cakes, Café, small gifts, preschool table were boosted by the addition of ten vendors from the Great Little Farmers' Market which is normally held outside in Goring Road but had been cancelled due to the weather conditions. They were a very welcome addition and enjoyed the experience of joining us as can be seen from their



various comments. See Page 18 for the list of Stalls/External helpers!



Thank you St. John's for taking us under your wings. Lovely and had a great atmosphere, thank you St. John's. It was a fantastic event, busy dry and welcoming, thank you. I was really impressed by the variety of stalls and the lovely warm atmosphere in the church.

Many also mentioned that they'd love to do it again! We also welcomed WADARS which was a hit with some of the 4 legged visitors!

None of this great event would have taken place without all the hard work of the many willing volunteers who helped in so many ways – delivering and putting up posters, delivering the Christmas cards that advertised the Fair, arranging and then rearranging the church space, manning stalls, baking, donating items for the raffle and small gift stalls and generally extending that warm welcome to all who attended. A very big thankyou to all of you and I do hope you all enjoyed a well-earned rest afterwards! The Fair raised £1238 which is to be shared with Chestnut Tree House who were delighted with our donation. Well done everyone!









CHURCH FLOWERS

Don't forget that you need to fill in the list at the North Door to arrange and pay for your special flower bouquets for those dear departed relatives and friends whom you miss. I need your help to prepare something astonishing!

PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please collect Red, Blue, Green and Clear milk bottle tops for the charity Chestnut Tree House.......

There is a glass jar on the table by the South door of the Church for the tops you have collected.

Thank you.

Sharron

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



A lamp burns daily at Our Lady of Walsingham, the lamp is lit for special prayer intentions.

If you would like the lamp lit for a special occasion, anniversary, a departed loved one or any other request, please add the request to the list by the North door and place a donation of £3 in the candle box.

NOTICES FROM St. JOHN'S

Do come to join us for Sunday Mass at 8am or 10am. If you are new to St. John's please introduce yourself to a sides person or a member of the clergy. The Peace will be carried out remotely, but there will now be an opportunity to receive sacrament of both kinds, at each Mass, for those who wish to.

Please stay for refreshments after the 10 am Sunday Mass. Coffee and biscuits will be served at the back of the church and on the first Sunday of each month the 100 Club winners will be drawn.

Thank You to all who support our 100 Club at St. John's, which raises vital funds for our church. If you would like to join please see Lyn (See also Page 16).

Please remember that contributions for church flowers are always desperately needed by Lyn Gough!

If anyone wants to book the Hall for an event in 2025, please see Caroline soon as dates are being blocked out now.

Parish Bible Study happens on Mondays, but please watch the pew sheet for times and locations. Restart in the New Year!

Special Anniversaries will be celebrated in 2025. The Diocese and Cathedral are 950 years old, but also it will be 1700 years since the arrival of the Nicene Creed. More details to follow.

On Saturday December 7th, St. John's held our Christmas Fair. This year the Street Market people joined us and attendance was very high. See the separate report from Rosemary on Page 7.

Note that Friday Mass is 10-30am at St Andrews, unless a special Mass is held at St. John's (See Page 20 and below!).

Ed.

A Happy New Year

'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice, - St Paul's instruction to Christians at Philippi in around 56-57 ad, and the instruction he gave us at Mass in West Worthing on the 3rd Sunday in Advent in 2024. It was just 10 days before Christmas Day, when the pressure was beginning to mount and the stresses and strains of Christmas preparations were becoming all too apparent on the faces of decidedly less-than-happy shoppers.

'Rejoice in the Lord always'. Whenever I read those words of St Paul I am reminded of an observation the Russian Nobel-prize winning writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn made. Accused of anti-Soviet propaganda he was arrested in 1945 and spent the next 10 years in labour camps. In spite of the hardship he underwent there, and a subsequent diagnosis of cancer from which he almost died, he could write this: 'A man is happy so long as he chooses to be happy, and nothing can stop him.' Judging from the faces of many people I meet or pass in the street (and not just in the run-up to Christmas!), it seems there are precious few people who *choose* to be happy - so much so that a happy face stands out in the crowd.

You may say that is not surprising. None of us needs a crystal ball to be reasonably sure that the new year will probably not be much different from the old: we shall continue to live in a world where conflict will be a factor in the news bulletins each day, where there will be injustice, discrimination and inequality, where human life will continue to encompass suffering, sorrow and loss.

Yet happiness is our greeting to, and wish for, those we meet on the first day of the new year. A mere formality? What we are expected to say? Or something we really mean? As Christians we believe that the world is God's creation and that God created it good; and that our destiny is happiness - eternal happiness with God in heaven. It is within our power to know something of that happiness now; indeed, it is part of our vocation as Christians to bring something of that happiness into the lives of others.

So - a resolution for this new year: to *choose* happiness. The new year begins with our honouring Mary as the Mother of God, and we are reminded in the gospel reading for that day that she 'treasured' all the things she had experienced in the events surrounding the birth of her Son, and 'pondered them in her heart'.

To follow her example is to recognise at the beginning and at the ending of each day that God is working his purpose out, that he surrounds us with his love, guides us in his way, and strengthens and protects us at every moment of our lives. If we can recognise that in our own lives, and know the happiness that brings, we can then begin to bring something of the same joy into the lives of others. 'Rejoice in the Lord always' - each and every day of the new year. 'Choose to be happy' - it really is within your power. And make your new year greeting one not from the lips only but truly from the heart

Fr. Roger

ARTICLES AND IDEAS!



St. John's Magazine needs articles to publish about any aspect of life!

Have you seen a situation we can all have a giggle about or even be inspired by? Please put pen to paper and the old Editor will help.

Cuppa and Chat with Deacon Rachel

Peter Jack was born in 1963. His entrance into the world was definitely an event. His father was in the Navy and was away at the time and his mother thought that it would be sensible to be with family for Peter's birth. She was travelling up to her family in Lossiemouth with his sister and had just reached Edinburgh when the contractions started and Peter decided to make his grand entrance - on a roundabout, just by the hospital! During his early childhood they moved every six or so months to various naval bases in Scotland. When



he was seven his father was posted to Singapore where they lived for three years. Peter's memories of this time are idyllic, much about the outdoor life-swimming and sailing particularly. His parents, concerned about his education to date decided that on their return to Scotland when he was ten and a half he would go to boarding school. His uncles had been to Gordonstoun, but having been there for a short while Peter decided it was not the place for him (following in the shadow of his uncles was too much pressure!). He went to Lorretto School, near Edinburgh, which was nearer to home and in a more urban area and left there with O levels and A levels, alongside the Scottish O levels and Highers. Peter then went to Dundee University to study Business Studies. It was a new course at Dundee and was still having teething problems and Peter became frustrated so decided to leave. He then went to work in B&Q in Edinburgh.

A number of his friends had moved to London during this time. They had a spare room in their house, so he decided to move to London and find work. For a while he worked in the City, which was exhilarating; and then he found his 'ideal' job. It was in a bookshop in Piccadilly where he was the evening manager. Whilst working there he came across an advert for a post in the House of Commons in the Publishing Office. Peter applied for the job, was interviewed but wasn't offered the post, but this wasn't a problem as he was happy at the bookshop. About six months later he received a call from the House of Commons – the post was vacant again and they would like to offer it to him. The only problem was they were about to recess; they were happy to sign him on but he wouldn't begin work until they returned. What a bonus – he could continue at the bookshop for a little longer and have a job in the House of Commons!

Peter has worked in the House of Commons for thirty-seven years, in the Table Office where the daily order paper is published. The Table Office derives its name from the Table where the three clerks sit just in front of the Speaker's Chair. Most of his daily interactions are with Downing Street, the Speaker of the Commons and the Senior Clerk of the House. His post also involves working alongside staff in the Bills Office and the Chamber Office. He has

seen members of parliament come and go and has had shared lift space with many notable people. But, the person he remembers with a wry smile is Betty Boothroyd, one time Speaker of the House.

Rather than buying property in London Peter bought a flat in Hove and commuted to London. It was there that he and Jonathan met. Whilst living in Hove they attended All Saints Church; Peter especially enjoyed the choral tradition there. Eventually they moved to Goring in 2007. When they first came to Goring they attended St Mary's, but after some time moved to St John's. Peter was invited to be a Churchwarden. He served for three years, with Christopher Smith and then John Gray. As Peter said, it was difficult trying to give time as a Churchwarden whilst daily commuting to London.

Peter's favourites:

Food – he is a big fan of eating out, especially at lunch time as he tends to start work late afternoon. I asked whether he was the gentleman's equivalent of a lady who lunches! As it happens, he often enjoys lunch with 'ladies that lunch!

Drink – Peter's current favourite is Gin and Dubonnet and the odd cup of Rooibos tea (which relates to his favourite book/author).

Book – He has been re-reading books written by Alexander McCall Smith (No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency).

Music – Peter is a great fan of 1980's music especially the Pet Shop Boys who he has seen in concert three times this year. He also enjoys opera, specifically Italian operas. He will often go to churches that have a strong choral tradition.

TV programme – He is an avid watcher of news programmes and programmes such as Antiques Roadshow.

Holiday – Peter and Jonathan enjoyed many holidays in Tuscany, where they had friends. Something about the food, the wine and the scenery! He also liked holidaying in Marrakesh – there was something chaotic about the place. He is a sun lover so countries where it is sunny and hot. Nearer home he delights in popping down to his beach hut in Goring – to watch the world go by.

Peter's first experience of church was attending at Christmas and Easter with his family, then when he was a boarder he would go more regularly (this may have had something to do with being able to leave the school environment for a while). Wherever he has lived he has always found a spiritual home.

Peter has been working from home since the pandemic so when I left after our cuppa and chat he had a short commute to his desk for the beginning of his working day.

Thank you, Peter, for taking time out to have a cuppa and chat about your life especially having finished work in the early hours of the morning. We look forward to hearing more of your story!

Deacon Rachel



2025 Year of Faith

Full details of all that is taking place next year is gradually being made known as plans are finalised and put in place.

There is the designated website to bookmark, with events and dates being added. Key information relating to Youth Pilgrimages for the Year of Faith will soon be available

at:- celebratingfaith.co.uk

Advent Sunday, 1st December, will mark the official start of a year of celebration, prayer and witness. Details of how we will be marking this will be circulated shortly

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



If anyone wishes to have the name of a departed loved one entered in the Parish's Book of Remembrance, situated in the Requiem Chapel, application Forms are available from the Parish Office.

The cost is £15 per entry.

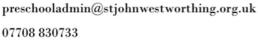
















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December Winners:- £50 Lois Watson £25 Gena Lambert

And £5 :- 4 Dave Watson, 25 Wendy Jarrett, 69 David Burke, 56 Margaret Borbone, 53 Rosemary Stock

Since the start of the 100 club in 2012 a profit of over£3885 has been donated to church funds.



JANUARY DIARY EVENTS

Wed	1st	11am Mary, Mother of God New Years Day!
Sun	5th	10am Mass - The Epiphany of the Lord Twelfth Night!
Sun	12th	10am Mass - The Baptism of the Lord
Wed	15th	Last day for Magazine Articles
Sun	19th	10am Mass - 2nd Sunday of the Year
Sat	25th	Burn's Night!
Sun	26th	10am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the Year

EARLY WARNING: - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The names of the sick to be remembered at each mass need constant updating. If anyone has asked for a person to be on the current list, can you please let me know how they are, so we can either:-

- 1. Continue to pray for them,
- 2. Transfer them to the Parish Prayer Group, who pray daily for those needing long term prayer support, or
- 3. Take them off, if they have recovered, on the understanding that they can be returned to either list as their condition requires.

Thank you.

Deacon Rachel

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than 6th April 2025.

"Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll" forms will be in church in January. If you are eligible please complete a form and return it to Dorothy as I am away for the whole of January, and Dorothy will hand them over to me on my return when a new electoral roll will be formed.

Margaret Borbone



Thank You for Helping with the FAIR!

Farmers' Market vendors

Any Green Will Do
Istoria House Candles
Jewellery
South Downs Honey
Tana Mediterranean Food
Rockhopper Roasters Coffee
High Weald Dairy Cheese
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Businesses which displayed posters

Alexander's jewellers
The Co-op, Goring Road
Bay Tree Cafe
Foot Steps, Wallace Parade
Goring Carpets
Tesco Express, Goring Road
Box Nails
Jonny's restaurant
apologies for any I have forgotten!

WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

SUNDAY EAGLES (age 3 – 10) Sundays @ 10 am. (See page 22)

Dave Guiel W 340221

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(See Page 3)

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MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

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1	W	Mary, Mother of God	11am	Walsingham
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2		Ss. Basil and Gregory	9am	Theologians
3	F	The Holy Name of Jesus	10 - 30am	Thanksgiving
		(Mass at St. Andrew's)		
4		In Christmastime	9 -3 0am	The Spread of the Gospel
5	Su	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	8am	The Parish
			10am	
6	M	Monday After Epiphany	10am	The Sick
7	Tu	Tuesday After Epiphany	6-30pm	The Poor and Hungry
8	W	Wednesday After Epiphany	11am	The Anxious and
				Depressed
9	Th	Thursday After Epiphany	9am	Preachers
10	F	Friday After Epiphany	10-30am	The Incurably Ill
		(Mass at St Andrew's)		,
11	Sa	Saturday After Epiphany	9-30am	Confidence in our Faith
12	Su	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8am	The Parish
			10am	
13	M	S. Hilary	10am	Faithfulness to the Gospel
		Feria		The Mentally III
15		Feria	11am	Vocations to Ordained
				Ministry
16	Th	Feria	9am	The Marginalised and
				Rejected
17	F	S. Anthony (Mass at St. Andrew's)	10-30am	
1,	•	(Mass at St. 1 more v. S)	10 004111	Orders
18	Sa	Feria	9-30-am	The Unity of the Church
19		2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	The Parish
			10am	
20	M	Feria	10am	The Orthodox Churches
21		S. Agnes		Persecuted Christians
22		S. Vincent		Deacons
23		Feria	9am	The Anglican Communion
24	F	S. Francis de Sales		The Roman Catholic
27	1	(Mass at St. Andrew's)	10-30am	Church
25	Sa	The Conversion of S. Paul	9-30am	Church Leaders
26		3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	The Parish
20	Su	SIU BUNDAT IN ORDINART TIME	10am	THE LATISH
27	М	Feria (Monthly Requiem)	10am	The Departed
28		S. Thomas Aquinas	6-30pm	Christian Teachers
29		Feria	11am	Justice and Peace
30		Feria	9am	
				Generosity Policious Education of
31	F	S. John Bosco	10-50am	Religious Education of
		(Mass at St. Andrew's)		Children

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Meetings will be scheduled soon, and announced in church, but children are very welcome to use the play area **every** Sunday.

If not an official Eagles meeting, parents/carers must accompany and supervise. Thank you for helping!

Ed.

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