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

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

Front Cover:- A Poppy Field, With All the Meaning That Holds for People World-Wide.

### SUNDAY MASS READINGS

3rd November 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34

10th November 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

17th November 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14,18 Mark 13:24-32

24th November CHRIST THE KING

Daniel 7:13-14 Apocalypse 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

From the Parish Registers for September

Baptisms: None

Weddings: None

Funerals: None

Burial of Ashes: None

# **Monthly Statistics for September**

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
1st	45	56	20
8th	37	44	2
15th	44	51	3
22nd	41	49	2
29th	46	56	16

## **Churchwarden Thoughts!**

Thank you again to those that helped out at the working party, we got lots done, there was a great atmosphere and plenty of smiles over breakfast. I hope to squeeze another working party in before Christmas so if you are interested in dropping in keep a look out in the pew sheet.

For the magazine article this month I thought I would talk about something a bit different. As many of you know I work in IT, I love technology and use it where I can to make things easier or more productive. When people know you work in IT you often become the first port of call when something has gone wrong or something isn't understood. One of the main questions I get asked is "is this real", "is this spam" or "why is this so difficult" when setting up an account.

First of all, if you get an email from someone you don't know offering you something, if it seems to good to be true, then it probably is!

Spam are group messages sent out to mass amounts of people in the hope someone will click on something like an advert or buy something. Spam is normally more annoying than anything else but some spam messages can contain viruses so again its better left alone.

Phishing attempts are more serious. Phishing is normally trying to get personal details or your passwords, leading to all sorts of issues. To avoid get caught by this, the first step is to take your time reading the message. Phishing messages are often phrased in a way which tells you that you need to act quickly. "Act now before your data gets deleted", "we have noticed strange actions on your account, change your password now, click this link". So take your time... If you get a message from NatWest asking you to update your password and you don't bank with NatWest then you can ignore the message straight away and report that the message as junk or spam (normally a right click on the message).

The next thing to check is who the message is from. It might say NatWest on the top of the message however if you click/touch on the 'from' part of the message it will display the actual account it came from. Generally a message from NatWest will be <a href="mailto:xx@natwest.com">xx@natwest.com</a> then xx being potentially anything but if the address under the name is <a href="mailto:xx@somethingelse.com">xx@somethingelse.com</a> (Haha!) then it is not a real email.

If I gave every example of what it could be then this article would very long and honestly quite boring. So if you are still not sure, the best action to take is to NOT click on anything in the message. Go to your banking (App or website) and see if you have any actions to take after logging in. If there is an issue, you will see a message from the bank with the action to carry out. If you can't log in using your normal route then it's best to contact your bank directly.

Part 2 to follow.

The Churchwardens

## "!!! Three Cheers for the HARVEST SUPPER!!!"

### "Now thank we all our God ..."

34 persons attended and none was disappointed when Lyn&Co (slow cookers at the ready), treated us all to a fine meal of "Coq au Vin" with fresh, seasonal vegetables followed by a fine apple crumble with lots of the essential custard. We are blessed to be able to join together like this with such tip-top food and drink.

### "An awful lot of coffee ...

We were indulged in a coffee quiz that was appropriately as stimulating as the drink itself! Helpfully, we now know that (1)) coffee was not invented in Japan; and (2) there is more caffeine in Red Bull than espresso!; etc.!

### "What the ???"

We were also invited to complete pictures based on blottings (made by coffee cups?). This was most interesting and funny - but also tricky!

## And finally ...

... there was the Raffle - with lots of prizes!

### Shall we do it again?

Of course! It was a great treat and raised £370 for the Turning Tides charity!

### **THANKS**

To all who made the evening go so well – cooks, servers, games organisers, "washer uppers", etc.

### **DENNIS & SUSAN**

### Hearts from Earth to Heaven Bound

Fr George Talbot

The Sacred Heart of Jesus
The Blessed Heart of Mary
the Mother of God pierced
forever for love of the Son.
The piercéd body of Jesus
in union with the Mother
blessed by the Father - three in one.

The running blood of Abel filled earth's farthest bounds.
But the Holy Blood of Jesus filled earth and heaven in Spirit most profound.

His Sacred Heart cries to all human kind, was ever pain endured as sensitive as mine aware of every feeling, sadness, joy, hurt, despair, aware of every thought, lovely, hateful, contraire.

Hoping for a cure; a healing from the hand and heart of Love. Yes, even raising the dead to life for a grieving mother -O this Resurrection life almost too much to bear!

I must pass it on to other hearts, blessed by the Body and Blood most Holy, flowing from my Sacred Heart.











### **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! Even when there is no specific occasion to celebrate, we must have some flowers!

If anyone wants to book the Hall for an event later in the year, 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.

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.

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

### **Random Act of Kindness**

Thank you to the Arrow Taxi driver who brought Rosemary to church one Sunday and asked that the £5 fare be donated to the church.

Thank you! Rosemary

## Cuppa and a Chat with Deacon Rachel ~ Andy Leisk

Andy was born in Surrey in 1950. His father was from the east end of London and his mother from Staines. He and his brother and sister grew up and went to school in the Woking area. He started school in West Byfleet and then moved to a school nearer home in Woodham. His secondary school years were spent at Fullbrook Secondary Modern, where he achieved good results in both CSE's and then Geogra-

phy and Technical Drawing A Levels. He left Fullbrook to study for a Higher National Diploma in Building Construction at Guildford Technical College.

His first job was with a local Construction Company called R Holfords and having gained experience there moved to work for Wates Construction in London.

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In 1986 Andy took up his first post abroad and worked around the world until 2015. He had jobs in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Ghana and China. Some of the work was in Civil Engineering, his post in China took him into the field of education teaching Construction. I wonder whether the A level in Geography fired his enthusiasm for travel!

Andy has two children from his first marriage, Katherine and Simon and two with Sandra (who he met whilst working in Ghana) Christian and Jo.

I asked Andy what had drawn him to live in West Worthing after all his globetrotting! He had bought a flat for his son Simon to live in whilst he was studying at Northbrook. Now Sandra and Andy live in the flat with Christian and Jo.

Since his retirement in 2023 Andy has taken up studying a degree in Psychology at the University of Arden an on-line university. Having heard about his work in many countries around the world I was intrigued to hear about some of his favourites!

Andy's favourite food – 'fine dining', but more importantly discovering the cuisine of the country he was working in. He worked for a Taiwanese company in Pakistan and they offered to provide 'English food' for him. He was quick to respond that he would prefer to eat what everyone else was eating.

His favourite drink is a Marguerita

There were two books which have had a profound impact on Andy's life. The Stanford Prison Experiment by Professor Zimbardo, which changed his thoughts about the individual's propensity for good and evil. The second book is The Orientalist by Edward Said, which focuses on how we view people from other races.

When asked about favourite music he responded, 'anything but traditional jazz'! However, if pushed his 'go to' music is 60's/70's but generally his taste in music is quite broad.

As to holidays – Andy feels so blessed to have had the opportunity to experience life in so many different countries and have time to become immersed in their cultures and religions.

So, what drew Andy to St John's? His father was a Roman Catholic, and his mother was Church of England and as a child he had attended church occasionally. It was whilst taking the rubbish out to the bins that Andy first met Fr Tim as he was walking to church and they began chatting. Initially Andy would come to Mass on Mondays then he started coming on a Sunday. He is also a faithful member of the Bible Study Group on Monday afternoon, where he keeps us on our toes with his searching questions! He also goes to the Quaker Meeting House, which feeds his interest in social action.

Andy - it has been a privilege to hear about your life, so far, and we look forward to hearing more about your degree course.

Deacon Rachel

## Of Snow Leopards and Saints

A perfect November day - it has been raining for most of it. It hasn't got properly light all day. And it's cold. All fact - except (observing the editor's deadline) it's only the second week of October! - so even less to cheer us up. We all have a low point in the year, and I'm not alone in having November as mine. In a letter to a friend and fellow-author D H Lawrence observed: The autumn always gets me badly, as it breaks into colours. I want to go south, where there is no autumn, where a cold doesn't crouch over one like a snow-leopard waiting to pounce. The heat of the North is dead, and the fingers of cold are corpse fingers.

Yet the month begins not with gloom and despondency but with optimism and encouragement: the glorious feast of All Saints when we celebrate the anonymous army of faithful Christians with whose worship in heaven we join ours on earth every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Ordinary men and women in every generation who have lived lives of utter faithfulness to God. Ordinary men and women who assure us that we too, ordinary men and women (and even children!) really can live lives of faithfulness to God.

Yes, November may promise to enwrap us with Lawrence's corpse-cold fingers. But if we will let it, it can warm us, cheer us and encourage us day by day with the commemoration of other saints whose names and lives, unlike the anonymous ones we celebrate at the beginning of the month, we do remember. There is the brave and wise Bishop Leo, the aristocratic Elizabeth of Hungary who gave up a very comfortable lifestyle to devote herself to the poor and sick, and Cecilia, patron saint of musicians. All of these faced great difficulty during their lives: Leo as leader of the Church when the Roman Empire was threatened by the invading Huns and Vandals, Elizabeth as a rich woman whose family (understandably!) was not too keen on her giving away her great wealth, Cecilia dving a martyr's death. These and others are saints whose names we remember, each of them different, each of them remarkable because of some particular quality or achievement in their lives, but all of them having this in common - that they lived their lives in wholehearted and obedient service of Jesus Christ.

On the day following All Saints Day we may be tempted to lapse into the bleak sentiment of Lawrence's complaint to his friend, and feel cold, corpse-like fingers rather than the warm embrace of the saints. All Souls Day, when we remember and pray for people we have known and loved,

but now mourn that we can no longer enjoy their physical company: loved ones who have died - and let not the Christian shy away from using that word 'died', and fall into the trap of so many these days who speak euphemistically of those who have 'passed away', 'passed', 'fallen asleep, or that they have 'lost'. For the dead we remember are people with whom we have been privileged to share our lives: people God has given to us. For that gift we must surely say 'thank you'. On this day the Christian can and should rejoice, for, like All Saints Day it is for us a day of optimism and encouragement. The dead we remember have been taken into the loving arms of the Lord who embraces us, too, at Mass on this and every day.

Which brings us to the other high point of this month - our celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. What a welcome celebration as the month draws towards its close, when, maybe having endured three weeks of Lawrence's cold 'crouching over us like a snow leopard waiting to pounce', we reaffirm our belief in the Christ whose life and death and resurrection has overcome the power of the devil, and whose Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace is a kingdom which will have no end.

Be encouraged in the darkening days of November - by the example of the saints, both those we remember by name and those we do not; by our faith in the Risen Lord who has destroyed the power of death; and by the praises we sing in honour of him who is for all eternity the Universal King.

All Saints Day - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Sung Mass at 11 am All Souls Day - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Solemn Requiem at 11 am Christ the King - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

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.



#### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

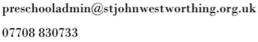
















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October Winners:- 10 Teresa Chatfield, 9 Mike Chatfield, 71 Mike Chatfield, 34 Amber Hatton, 17 Wendy Jarrett.

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



# **NOVEMBER DIARY EVENTS**

Fri	1st	11am All Saints Sung Mass	
Sat	2nd	11am All Souls Solemn Requiem Mass	
Sun	3rd	10am Mass - 31st Sunday of the Year 100 Club Draw	
Tue	5th	Bonfire Night!	
Sun	10th	10am Mass - 32nd Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday	
Fri	15th	Last Day for Magazine Articles	
Sun	17th	10am Mass - 33rd Sunday of the Year	
Sun	24th	10am Mass - Christ the King	

EARLY WARNING: - DECEMBER 1ST, THE START OF ADVENT!

### 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 the Vicar 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

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver' Said St. Paul.

Please come to join us!



**Early Warning!** 

# **Tuesday 10th December**

Special Silver Cleaning Effort! 10-am onwards

PLEASE COME TO HELP Even just a Few minutes.

Please come and join us and help keep our church clean Every little bit helps!

# St. John's & St. Andrew's Bible Study

We have a growing number of people from both churches joining

BIBLE

our weekly Bible Study sessions where we study the readings which will be used at Mass on the Sunday following the Bible Study.

We meet on Monday afternoons at 3.00pm in St. John's Church.

See the pew sheet!

We finish at 4pm with a cuppa. Everyone is welcome!

Deacon Rachel

### 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 NOVEMBER

### **INTENTIONS**

1 2 3		All Saints (Sung Mass at St. John's) All Souls (Solemn Requiem) 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11am	The Parish The Departed The Parish
4	M	S. Charles Borromeo	10am	Theological Colleges
5		Feria		The Government
6		Feria	11am	Faithfulness in
			1 1 44111	Discipleship
7	Th	Feria	9am	Penitence
8	F		10-30am	Those Who Are Hostile to
				The Faith
9	Sa	Feria (Our Lady)	9-30am	Walsingham
		(Walsingham Cell Mass)		8
<b>10</b>	Su	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMÉ	8am	The Parish
		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	<b>10am</b>	
11	M	S. Martin of Tours	10am	Peace
12	Tu	S. Josaphat	6-30pm	Persecuted Christians
13		Feria	11am	Thanksgiving
14	Th	Feria	9am	The PCC
15	F	S. Albert the Great		Teachers
	~	(Mass at St. Andrew's)		
16	Sa	S. Margaret of Scotland	9 <b>-</b> 30am	Those Who Care for the
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<b>17</b>	Su	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		The Parish
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18 19		Feria	10am	Disabled People Those Scaling Faith
20		Feria (Monthly Requiem Mass)		Those Seeking Faith The Departed
21		Presentation of Our Lady	9am	Thanksgiving for Our
<b>41</b>	1 11	resentation of Our Lady	Jaiii	Baptism
22	F	S. Cecilia (Mass at St. Andrew's)	10-30am	
23		Feria (Our Lady)		Devotion to Our Lady
24		CHRIST THE KING	8am	The Parish
			10am	
25	M	Feria	10-30am	Generosity
26	Tu	Feria		Victims of War and
			•	Terrorism
27		Feria	11am	Courage in Our Faith
28	Th	Feria	9am	The Sick
29	F	Feria (Mass at St. Andrew's)		
30	Sa	S. Andrew	9-30am	The Spread of the Gospel

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# St. John the Divine

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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.

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Ed.

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Caroline



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