

JUNE NEWS

St John's Shirley 2019



On the 2nd June St. John's say 'Goodbye' to James, Molly, Tabitha and Hannah Gordon

Having completed her training at St. Mellitus, Hannah is now preparing for ordination at **Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 11am** and will then begin her curacy at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches.

We have been truly blessed by having the whole Gordon family with us for the past three years. It has been a delight getting to know each one of them and thank them for their love, friendship commitment and example.

We hold them in our prayers as they get ready for the next big changes in their lives: new house, new church, new friends to be made and new ministries to begin. May God hold each one of you in the palm of his hand and surround you with his love, courage, passion and peace.

CAN YOU HELP OUR GROWING DISCIPLES?

We have about twenty children who come and worship with us on a Sunday morning. Now that Hannah is leaving we need a group of committed adults to help them explore their faith, worship God together and get to know each other better.

If you have the gifts of chatting, eating biscuits and enjoying yourself you are just the person we and the children need. There is no need to join them every week, no experience is needed, however training is available if you desire it.



There is no age limit but if your child is a "Growing Disciple" you may wish to help support the group to flourish, but we would welcome anyone from the congregation to discuss how they can help. Just talk to Lu, Alice or one of the wardens

Please consider how you can help these small members of our church family grow in

St John the Evangelist: SPIRE APPEAL

We're fixing the holes where the rain gets in

St John's will be running a series of events over the next year or so.

Events to follow Helen Tucker's Tomato plants include:

Saturday 22 June Trial by Jury and other G&S favourites

Saturday 6 July Singers Graham and Jamie

13 – 15 September Flower Festival – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

How can I help?

Got an idea for a fundraising event? Let's hear about it!

Spread the word about the Spire Appeal and events

Tell your friends

Display a poster – anywhere it will be seen, local shops etc

Distribute flyers – to a local group you belong to

Selling tickets in advance (available from 25 May)

Take part in events like the Flower Festival

Help with events on the day Stewarding, Serving refreshments

Contacts: Wardens, event organisers or stjohnsshirley@aol.com

Finally ... **Support these events**: come along and bring your friends



*****Next Event*** "An informative stroll" Friday 14th June. Meet 8pm sharp outside MacDonalds in Market Square, Bromley. Anyone who would like to come but has no transport please email us at sjfridayknights@gmail.com and we will try and arrange a lift from Church at 7.30pm. The gentle walk will take in various aspects that you may not know about in north Bromley. Your guide will enthuse via a waist mounted speaker about a phone box, an invisible man (worth seeing!) and a French prison. Some of you may take a more than passing interest in the prison if you are partaking in the French trip in October. To refresh and revive yourself on this meander around north Bromley, there will be a "pit stop" at a couple of suitable hostelries. Don't forget we need to hear from you if you or any of your friends are interested in going on our legendary French trip. Again please let us know ASAP by email: sjfrdayknights@gmail.com**

Not a member of The Friday Knights? If you are male, over 18 and would like to attend then please get in touch. email Paul Binge or Charles Marriott at sjfridayknights@gmail.com

Review of the last FKs event on the Crystal Palace

Those who attended the fascinating talk given by Philip Emery were enthralled by the history and pictures that he brought to the Tamberlin room. What made the real life story all the more gripping was the accurate depiction in the "Victoria" TV series shown on BBC 1.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2019

7th July 12 'til 4pm. Save the date

Festival Socialising in the Vicarage Garden, Please bring food to share and drinks for yourselves and join St John's Friends.



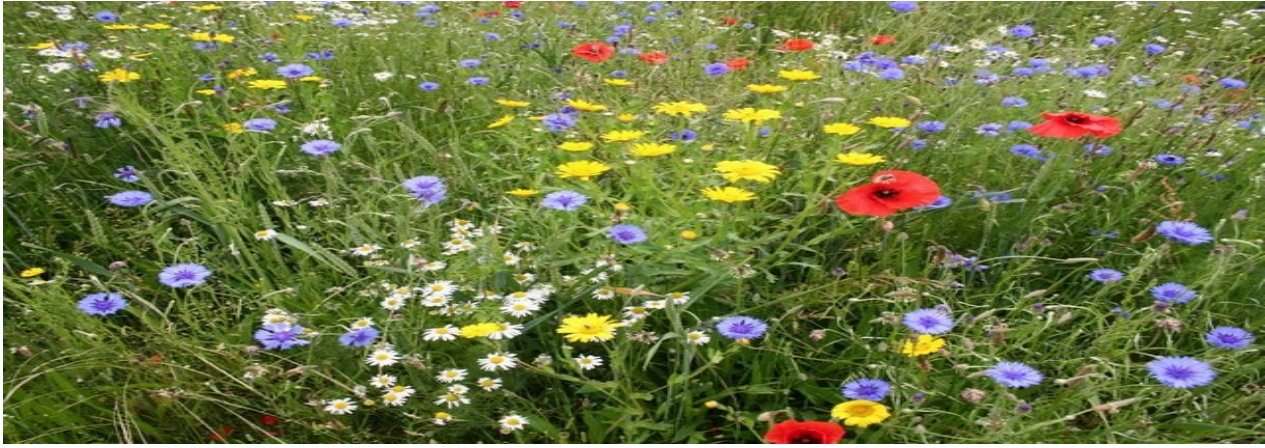
There will be activities and games for the children

Editorial

Please visit the notice boards in the porch and Tamberlin Room to see details of the many local community events this month.

If you are on a church rota the new details for June are on a separate sheet available at the rear of church. Items for July News to Bernard Maguire by 23/06/19

Weekly 'Pews News' Items to Lu please



FELLOWSHIP GROUP SUNDAY RAMBLE

The planned Sunday Ramble around the refurbished Hall Grange grounds has been deferred whilst essential health and safety issues are carried out to overhanging trees and trip hazards in the paths. However this spring has produced an abundance of wild flowers, some quite rare , in our churchyard.

We have been visited by Jane McLoughlan, a wild flower expert who has surveyed the grounds and is preparing a list of the flora for us to take a Sunday Stroll to spot and identify some of them. We will return to the Tamberlin room after the stroll for tea and home-made cakes.

We have been in liaison with our grounds maintenance team to ensure that the strimming of the grass will allow access to the graves whilst allowing the flowers to survive.

Watch out for the date of the Ramble and join in.

KEY POINTS FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS' AGM REPORT ON THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH

The fabric remains in good condition with the exception of the spire which has been damaged significantly by parakeets with replacement of all of the shingles scheduled this year. The budgeted cost of £85k also includes minor roof and stonework repairs identified in the 2015 quinquennial report.

New churchyard contractors commenced their duties in April 2018 and additional work was agreed by PCC in the winter months to permit significant improvement in many areas including clearance of foliage to reveal 'lost' headstones and tree work following a new tree survey.

The wheelchair (disabled access) path from the church to the Tamberlin rooms has been completed and Perspex envelope holders placed on pews to tidy and promote giving envelopes, all funded by donations.

Many thanks to Julie who has now completed her term of office.

Please read carefully the two pages of SPIRE APPEAL information in this news letter to see how you can help us support our work of church maintenance.

JUNE SERVICES

+ Holy Communion

2nd Sun	8.00am+	10.00am +	5pm Informal Service	
5th Wed	10.30am+			
9th Sun	8.00am+ Tony Collier	10.00am+		Pentecost
12th We	10.30am+			
16th Sun	8.00am+ Stewardship	10.00am +		
18th Tu		4.30pm Interment Brian Robins		
19th We	10.30am			
20th Thu	9.00am School Corpus Christi		7.30pm + Corpus Christi	Vicarage Wine & Nibbles 8.30pm
23rd Sun	8.00am+	10am +	6.00pm Healing	
25th Tu	8.00am Take Time For God			
30th Sun	8.00am	10.00am	5pm Informal Service	

THIS YEAR'S WARDENS

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners in April the following were elected to St John's:

WARDENS: Paul Campbell and Gillian Goldsmith

DEPUTY WARDENS: Christine Healey, Tim Holmes and Mick Wall

Whilst you are doing your shopping,

Please remember a donation or two into the basket by the font for Shrublands Food Bank

Thank You

Visit our Website:
stjohnsshirley.org.uk

TAMBERLIN TEA ROOM

Open every Sunday 3-5.30pm
Home-made cakes and beverages in
great company



This month's book club on 23rd at
3.30pm

We're fixing the holes where the rain gets in' -
to misquote the Beatles song.

The spire of St John-the-Evangelist Church has enhanced the Shirley landscape since 1854. But a more recent, less welcome feature is the flocks of noisy, destructive parakeets. The spire was repaired with cedar shingles in 2007, but these have not withstood the birds' continued ravages. Patching up is no longer the answer; it would be better to replace all the remaining shingles with far more durable oak, estimated to cost £35,000.



The Church was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, one of the family of prolific architects whose designs include the Foreign Office and the St Pancras Hotel and Station. St John's was consecrated by Bird Sumner, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1856. The Rev'd William Wilks, vicar from 1879 to 1912, cultivated the white and red Shirley Poppy and was instrumental in establishing the Chelsea Flower Show.

So St. John's are launching a Church Spire Appeal Fund

Spire Appeal events. Music, important in the life of the church, also features in the Spire Appeal, and St John's is hosting two local musical groups:

On Saturday 22 June at 7:30pm **Utopians Unlimited** perform works by **Gilbert & Sullivan** including a costumed production of '**Trial by Jury**'. The Utopians have previously presented Yeomen of the Guard at St John's and a concert of G&S favourites.

Saturday 6th July, at 7pm. **Musical duo Graham & Jamie** presents a concert themed Music Through The Ages, starting with the 1920s. Jamie Bull is a singer-pianist with a South London Elton John tribute band. Graham is a bass guitarist and singer who has performed with Jamie at three previous charity events at St Johns.

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September: Flower Festival: theme *For the beauty of the Earth* will feature musical interludes, an all-day café and a Saturday night concert; it will also support the Shrublands Food Bank.