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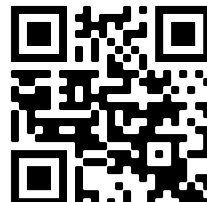
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Services for June



St John's is OPEN

St John's has now re-opened for worship so please see the Parish Mailing for details Live Streaming of services will continue so you will be able to see services live via our YouTube Channel.

Sunday 8am - Said Eucharist

Sunday 9.45am - Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 11am — Said Eucharist

The midday Eucharist on Wednesdays has been moved to 11am to cater for the Mothers' Union which on the 1st Wednesday of the month will have a coffee morning at 10am followed by the Eucharist at 11am .

Please make sure you are signed up to our mailing list to get up to date information regarding the services.

<http://eepurl.com/gNz4Tf> or scan the QR Code

Vicar's Letter

Easter has brought with it a new energy and a sense of normality after our long struggle through the pandemic. So many new faces in Church on Sundays and many others have returned to St. John's as things open up again. Although we cannot foresee the future, we are certainly moving into a new phase as Covid retreats at least for the summer. Soon we hope to make wearing masks optional as most other churches have done already. Let us make the most of the warmer days ahead and enjoy all St. John's has to offer.

Children's Ministry and Little Fishes have seen many of our younger members joining us for worship. I am very happy to announce that Charlotte Budd has offered to take on the leadership of Little Fishes as Ro King and Becky Horton step back after several years of facilitating Little Fishes and opening the door to faith with our youngest members. A big "Thank you!" to Ro and Becky!

The Barbecue was a roaring success in spite of the rain with newcomers, visitors, and old hands all enjoying the food and entertainment. Many thanks to Beth Owen and the team of volunteers who made it happen! I'm sorry I missed it as I was in Somerset with the family remembering my father-in-law who died just before lockdown. I hope everyone is looking forward to the Summer Fair and Patronal Festival on the weekend of June 25th-26th!

In the wake of our Annual Meeting there are still vacancies on the Parish Council as well as volunteer opportunities at Church. As

things return to normal we need help with children's activities on Sundays as well as someone to help with Safeguarding. These are especially important as we need to ensure the safety of our children and young people at Church and to make sure St. John's is a safe place for everyone. If you might be interested, please speak to me or Milly.

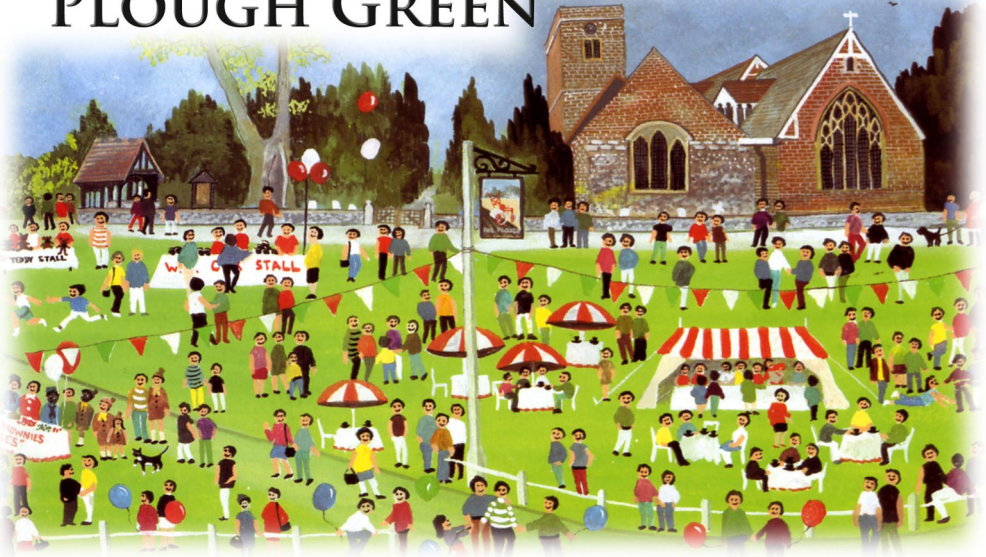
As we move into summer I am happy to report that the Parish Architect, Charles Sheppard, has completed his assessment of the works needed on our Church building. He has broken things down into different areas and priorities to help us with our grant funding applications. We envisage a series of phases starting with reinstating new drainage to address the damp through much of the sanctuary. Repointing the Jacobean church building will follow as frost has shattered many bricks and bits keep falling from the Tower. The plan is to replace the impervious cement mortar with a lime based one that will stop forcing water into the 400 year old bricks and causing them to crumble. Some repair work is required to our roof with slipped and broken tiles, as well as the leaking flat roof over the vestry. We also hope to be able to redecorate the interior with a fresh coat of breathable lime wash to let moisture evaporate rather than collect as damp.

So much is beginning again and we have a lot to get to grips with, but I am confident that if we work together we can address all these issues and get St. John's back on track after all the waiting imposed by the lockdowns and restrictions. Let us celebrate St. John's Day and be thankful for the opportunities and blessings God has given us in one another and our lovely Church home as we move into a new phase of being part of God's people in this place.

Michael

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SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

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8.00AM EUCHARIST

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Conquest Art is a unique Charity, inspiring people with disabilities and long-term health issues to discover their creative energy and build self-confidence through art.

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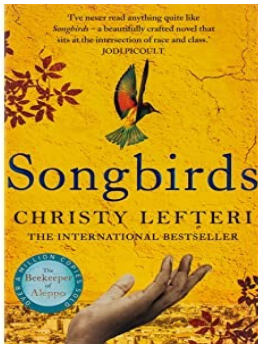
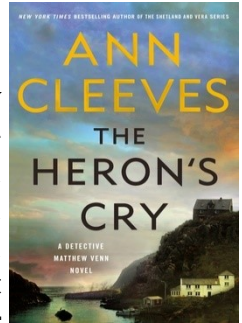
As helpers you will be sharing different roles such as organising, overseeing the finances, bringing new ideas, keeping records of members and volunteers, purchasing art materials, and making refreshments.

Volunteers are the people who make Conquest Art possible. Could you join the Worcester Park team?

Please contact us for more information to find out how our art groups are run and how you can be involved in the team. Phone Tina **020 8393 7707** / email enquiries@conquestart.org or see our website www.conquestart.org

St John's Reading Group June 2022

For our May meeting, we selected the latest Anne Cleeves' novel, **The Heron's Cry**, the second in the Two Rivers Series, with Matthew Venn as 'our new detective. It was enjoyed by members of the group – and attained an average score of 7/10. With several murders to investigate, Matthew and his team had a number of issues and leads to follow. It was an interesting read although we agreed it was not 'scintillating'. Matthew lacks the charisma of Vera or Jimmy Perez and his husband, Jonathan, is a more interesting and outgoing character. Set in North Devon, the location is well described and Ms Cleeves conjures up an image of the local wildlife – 'hence the title of the novel. Not one of her best – but a good steady read.



For June, we have selected **Songbirds** by Christy Lefteri. This author has also written *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* which was a very moving and successful novel. *Songbirds* is set in Cyprus and is described as a book 'which illuminates the power of the human spirit and the enduring love of a mother for her child'. The novel has been described as 'sad' but 'evocative' and has been inspired by

true events of migrant women who go missing in Cyprus. Nisha, a Sri Lankan mother has come to Cyprus to earn money to send home to her mother who is looking after her child. Her lover, Yiannis is a poacher who hunts for tiny songbirds on their way to Africa for the winter. He dreams of a new life with Nisha but everything changes when she disappears. The authorities are reluctant to investigate so Nisha's employer and Yiannis begin their own search for the truth. It promises to be a memorable read.

For July, we have selected a 'modern classic' – **Fair Stood the Wind for France** by H E Bates – a novel written in 1944 and one which became



the author's first financial success. Incidentally, the title comes from the first line of a poem entitled 'Agincourt' by Michael Drayton (1563-1631).

Operation Mincemeat – the current spy thriller, now in cinemas, and starring Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen and Simon Russell Beale – is based on the excellent book by Ben Mcintyre. Well worth a read. If you like spy novels, you may be interested in reading '**Silverview**' the final spy novel written by John Le Carré. It was his 26th novel and he was renowned for his intricate plots.

I have just finished reading '**Light Perpetual**' by Francis Spufford which was longlisted for the 2021 Booker Prize. If you are a fan of 'Life after Life' by Kate Atkinson, then this book may interest you. In November 1944 a V rocket strikes a London street and five young children are killed. This novel portrays the futures that these children might have had 20, 35 & 50 years later. A thought-provoking read.

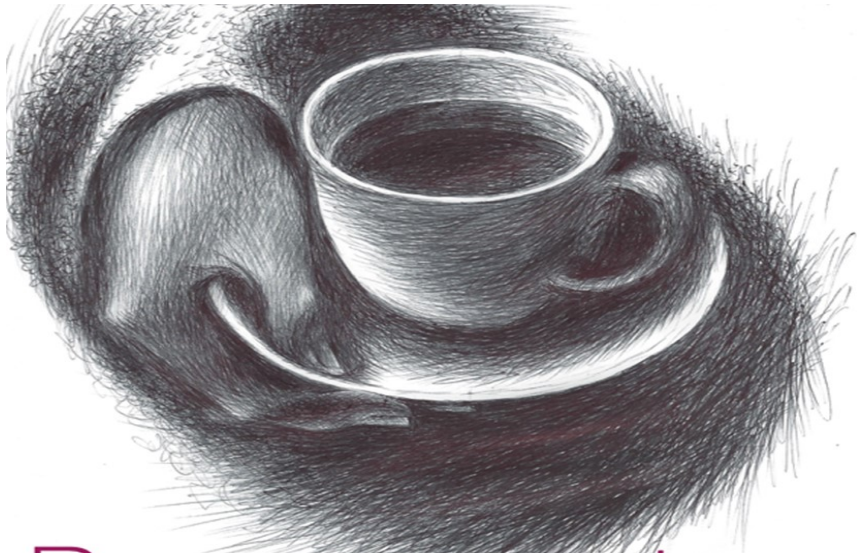
Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd June at 8.00pm in the Church Coffee Lounge. We shall have a 'bring and share' celebration to recognise the Queen's 70th Jubilee. In the meantime – enjoy your reading!

Marilyn

St John's Knitting & Crochet Group will meet on Thursday 30th June from 2.00pm in the Church Coffee Lounge. We continue to knit/crochet items for Romania as well as acquiring new skills. Would you like to brush up on your knitting skills – or learn to crochet? New members and beginners always welcome. Tea, cake and biscuits always on hand so do join us!

Marilyn





Bereavement Café

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bereavement Cafe through the Co-op community Charity scheme! You raised over £1,100! The next meeting will be in the coffee lounge at St. John's on Tuesday 21st June 2:00- 3:30pm. We have been very fortunate to be trained and supported by Princess Alice Hospice, who will continue to work with us to provide this needed service for our community.



With things opening up again please help raise much-needed donations for St John's Old Malden - Repairs Fund when you plan ahead and arrange things to do! From booking staycations and getaways to tickets for concerts or other fun activities, remember to use #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations for us. Book now: <http://efraising.org/fx3w1QPP7u>

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Memories from the parish Magazine in 1953

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From the Parish Magazine 'The Challenge' July 1953

The Rev. Dr. G. D. Yarnold was the vicar at this time and the following is how he started his monthly letter...

'.....Through the kindness of a friend I had the good fortune to be one of those who saw the Coronation on television. Many of you shared the same privilege. It was a most moving service, televised with wonderful skill, good taste and Christian understanding. I feel we should all be devoutly thankful that so many people were able to be all but present in the Abbey, and to share in that unique act of worship in which our Queen was set apart for her high calling.'

There was no other mention of the Coronation nor of any celebrations.

In the June 1953 magazine under Scout and Cub News was the following strange appeal.

'Has anyone a tiger skin for which they have no further use? The Cubmaster is anxious to procure one for use at Pack Meetings.'



JUBILEE INVITATION

The Sunday Lunch Club will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June and invite everyone to join them for tea and cake from 3.00 pm at St. John's Hall. It is hoped to have a small display of Coronation souvenirs and stories of what people did on that day 70 years ago. If you have anything of interest that you would be willing to add to the display, and also hoping to attend, please let Pat Lovegrove know.



Safeguarding

We are looking to expand our safeguarding team . Do you have experience working with children and young people or other safeguarding experience? if you are interested in finding out more about how you can help please speak to Fr Michael

Little Fishes

We are also looking for some volunteers to take over Little Fishes . There is a programme for the next 2 years ready to go so we just need people to help run the sessions . Its just once a month . Please speak to Fr Michael or Milly if you are interested .

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