

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear all,

'So then, my brothers and sisters, when you eat, you should all eat together' (1 Corinthians 11:33).

Communion reminds us that we don't come to church as consumers with a list of preferences, but as members of a family with a list of people to love. This is a family where we lay our preferences to the side and consider the needs of others. This is a family where we overlook things we could grumble about and celebrate our oneness in Jesus. We might even laugh at our own foolishness from time to time! This is the family that Jesus died for and where we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. And this is the family I want to be part of.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Genesis 1:1-23 Let there be light

Psalms 36: 6-12

The Collect:

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
Help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

What's On This Week:

Sunday 14th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 14th 11.00am: Morning Service with The Lords Supper (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Adventurers for age 3-6 and Springboard for 7-11s during the service. Children are welcome to stay in the service and there is also a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

Sunday 14th 8.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud. The zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85963653180>

Monday 15th 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 16th 6.15pm Explorers
Tuesday 16th 7.30pm Pathfinders
Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details
Wednesday 17th 10.30am: Mums bible study

Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the St Johns YouTube Channel. It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

Dates for your Diary:

20th September Casting Your Nets training - information at the back of church
11th October: Keekle Mission celebrating 150 years. Tea and cake in the hall 2-4pm with a display of photographs.
15th November: Women's Day, St John's Church Hall. The day will commence at 10am and close at 1pm with picnic lunch after.

News:

- Volunteering Opportunities:

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms

We highly value the many people who volunteer at St John's and would love you to get involved.

You can see a breakdown of various opportunities in the hall. We have a current desperate need for midweek youth leaders.

- Alcohol Free Communion Option

Following the PCC meeting on 3rd September, we have decided to have an alcohol free wine option for those who request it. This will be available from this Sunday. If you would like the alcohol free cup, please go to the communion table to receive communion (not the Eagle Lectern station) and ask the person distributing the wine. Please do not assume they will remember from Sunday to Sunday, so ask each time. We hope this enables brothers and sisters to take part who might not otherwise feel able, while retaining the alcoholic wine for others. If you have any questions, please ask Si.

- Confirmation service cancellation

Due to a lack of candidates we have had to cancel the Confirmation that was due to take place. We hope to have further opportunities to be confirmed before too long.

- Curate

We have permission from the Diocese to advertise for a Curate. In case you are interested in what our profile looks like, ask Sue.

- Open House

Si and Mim are holding an open house on the 12th October 1-3pm. All are welcome for scones. Please RSVP to Mim at mr.and.mrs.walker@hotmail.co.uk.

Pastoral Visits

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue on 07563473620 or office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk

Giving Opportunities:

You can read the Bishop's Harvest Appeal [here](#)

On the 28th September, we will be having our All age Harvest Service and there will be a collection of items for food bank.

Please pray for:

- Jema and Donna as they travel next week to the Walkers in Argentina
- David Maudling, Christopher Vaughan, Sam Ford-Powell, Sophie Murfitt, Phil Holland. Emily Lane
- The family and friends of Ada Burns, whose funeral will be held at St John's on the 18th September.

Praise God for:

A very successful start for the youth groups this term. It's such a blessing to see so many young people attending and enthusiastically engaging. .

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Mission Community Events website:

<https://www.churchonthemoor.com/mc-events>