



PARISH NEWSLETTER



The Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist
Palmers Green

March Edition

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

Words, words, words – where is the wisdom in words?

I was introduced to the Book of Proverbs (book of wisdom) when I was in my late teens. They initially seemed like a book of tongue twisters or clues. For example: “Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind.” Prov. 21:5 or “The hot-headed do things they’ll later regret; the cold-hearted get the cold shoulder.” Prov. 14:17. I really struggled to understand the wisdom in these short phrases. They just seemed like jumbled up words until I learnt about the wisdom within the meaning of the words. To do this I had to look deeper in to who I was becoming in Christ.

Now this was not easy because as someone with Dyslexia I have always found it hard to get my head around phonics, the understanding or the meaning of words or even trying to put into words what I feel called to say. This was a huge issue for me in my early years studying Theology, writing pastoral letters, emails or even trying to put together a sermon until a humble Bishop who acted with wisdom gave me a book by Graham Jeffrey. This helped me tremendously as a priest with learning difficulties, especially as the book quotes:

“To some extent the priest is the sermon. What the priest is, matters more than what he [or she] says. The priest speaks best with his [or her] mouth shut. The messenger matters more than the message? Not quite. But ... the messenger is part of the message. He [or she] must love the people even those who may not love him [or her].”

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We can spend our whole life living without a wisdom that allows us to understand God's perspective and not even know it. I know I did for many years. Once I knew Christ as my personal Saviour my goal was not to remain the same but to live in such a way that each day, week, month, year, every moment of my life I was to become a truer, more beautiful version of myself by surrendering to the word of God while constantly praying for wisdom. Again and again and then again. Until the final death and rebirth. Right up until then. That is the vow of a confident Christian.

Rev Julie

PCC Trustees

Each year around this time at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), I believe Jesus Christ breathes His Spirit afresh on those we have chosen as our representatives to serve as Churchwardens and on the PCC, empowering them to pray, study and act in his name, so that the Good News of His forgiveness and love can be spread. Therefore I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served as Churchwardens and PCC members – some for many years for all they have done – Roger Gardner, Rick Arkwright, Nick Easton and Nick Jones. I also give thanks and pray for all those who are going to serve especially our new members during this next year: Shan Clark, Andrea Brinkley, Gemma Thompson and Soulla Thomas.

Every blessing as we continue to journey together as a congregation and community.



Do you want to join a small group of people to learn more about the Bible, the Trinity, prayer, worship, music, etc.? Home Church is a key way to: get connected, be encouraged to grow spiritually and find ways to build new relationships in the community. Home Church begins on Tuesday 20th July from 7pm to 8.30pm and then fortnightly in St Johns Parish Centre. If you are interested or need transport please contact Becky on: 020 8886 0847 or email sjpgoffice@gmail.com

Dates for the diary

Launch of St Johns Messy Church

St. Johns Parish Centre

12th September, 3.15pm-4.30pm

This is a free event held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. It includes making crafts, enjoying activities that teach the Bible and eating!

All children and families (irrelevant of age) are welcome with a parents/carer.

Prayer Chain

Prayer is an important part of our lives together and a way of helping others. I am trying to put together a prayer chain. It would involve people praying together once a month or when an crisis arises. If you are interested in being part of a Prayer Chain T: 020 8886 0847 or E: sjpgoffice@gmail.com

With love and prayers,

Rev Julie

Volunteers Needed

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.”
(Hebrews 10: 24-25)

If you feel called by God to volunteer in some capacity at St Johns while serving the wider Church and community please call us T: 020 8886 0847 or E: sjgoffice@gmail.com. We would value hearing from you.

Community Choir

If you are a budding singer or would just like to be part of a community group then please join our Community Choir starting on **Wednesday 7th July 2021** at **7pm** in the Parish Centre.
All Abilities Welcome!



Would you like to be Confirmed?



Confirmation 2021 has been booked for the 12th September at 10am. We have asked Bishop Rob to confirm all those who sought to be confirmed last year or those who are thinking of being confirmed. If you feel God is calling you to this sacrament, please contact me on 02088869557 or email me at rev.jcoleman@hotmail.com.

Please keep those who come forward in your prayers.



Please Welcome Jai & Luca into our Church family. They were baptised at St Johns last month.

Art Exhibition

Saturday 25th September
2021

Calling all local artists to display and sell all Art work that was made during lockdown.

First come first served!
Please book in advance by emailing

SJPGoffice@gmail.com



Can you help our grass cutting team? If you have some time to spare on a summers evening or a weekend to help cut the grass in the Church grounds then please email Kathy

kathyforsyth1962@gmail.com



4th Southgate Scouts at St Johns.

If you have some free time to spare on a Monday evening and would like to volunteer with our Scout groups please contact one of our leaders on the email addresses below:

Cub Scout Leader Roger Gardner rogerthelighter@hotmail.co.uk

Scout Leader Laurence Monk laurencewilliammonk@gmail.com

Group Scout Leader Dave Arnold southgatescouts@live.co.uk

Alternatively, if you would like to become a member we are an active Scout Group based in Palmers Green.

We have a Beaver Colony (Aged 6-8yrs), a Cub Pack (Aged 8-10.5yrs) and a Scout Troop (10.5-14yrs) lead by a dedicated group of volunteer adult leaders and supporters, there is plenty of fun to be had by all whatever your age, skills, backgrounds and interests might be.

All our Sections operate active and busy sections, meeting outside regularly throughout the year to make the most of the wide range of activities this offers. The group is always busy with camps, events and trips, especially during the summer season.

Please contact one of the leaders on the email addresses above if you have any questions or would like to get involved.



Thank you again to everyone for your generous donations of food, cakes and toiletries for The Ark. Although we are slowly getting back to normal we are still very much needed by some of our local community. We would not be able to run without the generosity of everyone involved. We no longer need clothing as we have so much at the moment, but we hope that you will continue to help us with your generous donations of food and toiletries. These can be dropped off on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings to the Parish Centre.



Kid's Page

PICNIC BASKET

There are three different kinds of sandwiches in the picnic basket. Find one of them in each of these rhymes:

Some like jelly,
Some like jam,
But in my sandwich
I want _____



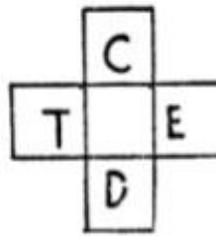
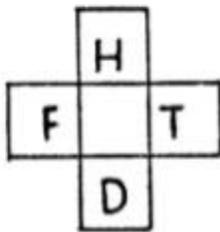
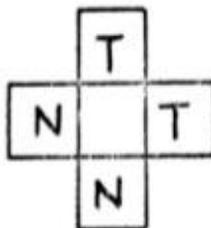
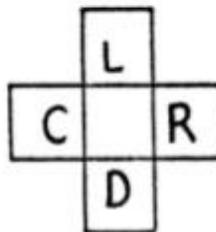
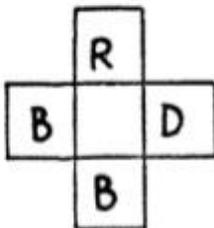
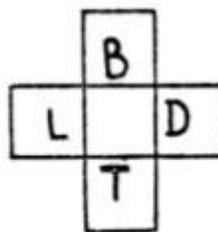
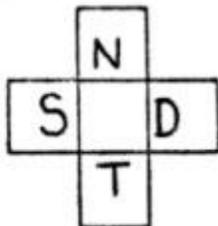
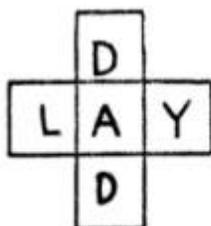
For this kind of sandwich
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Because my favorite
Kind is _____



Carrots are good
And so are peas,
But I like a bun that's
Filled with _____



CRISS-CROSS WORDS



Music Word Search



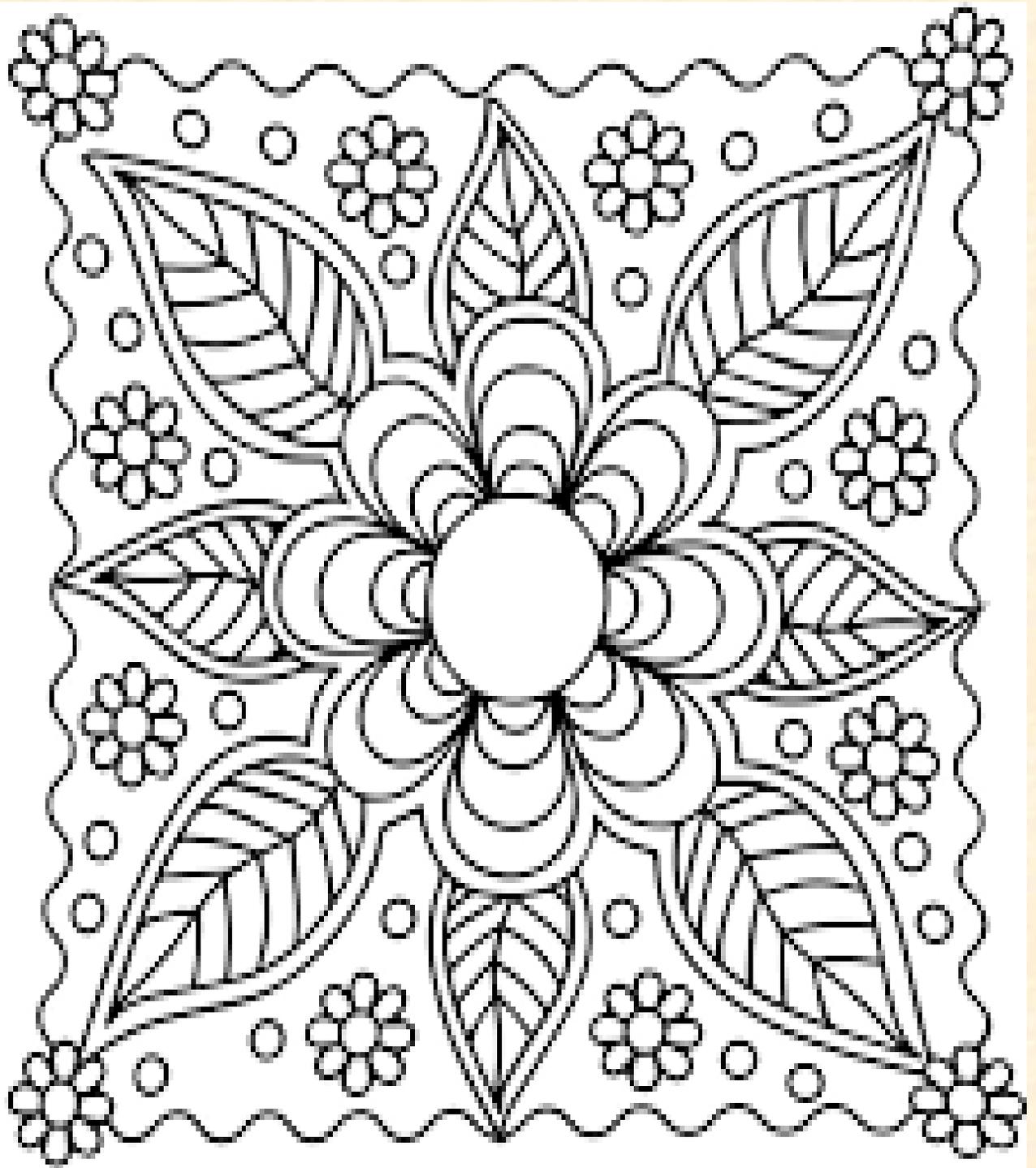
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Information and Directory



Sunday

10.00am Service with Holy Communion

Weekly Morning & Evening Prayer

Tuesdays	9.30am & 5.30pm
Wednesdays	9.30am & 5.30pm
Thursdays	10.30am & 5.30pm
Fridays	9.30am & 5.30pm

Holy Communion on Thursdays
10.30am

Directory and Contacts

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Licensed Lay Minister

Julia Holder

Lay Chaplains

Celia Brown

Shan Clark

Candidate in Discernment

Jonathan Esposito

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For information regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals, please get in touch with Rev Julie Coleman. Thank you.

Please check our website for full details

www.stjohnspg.org