



Sunday, 14th September

Trinity 13

Theme is 'Worth Finding'

Lectionary Readings

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Rev Clare Challis

Supported by Ian Hewitt

10 am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Rev Clare Challis

Preaching this week is Helen

Wordsworth, so come along to hear about her work in the NHS and her ministry in France.

Welcoming: Mel and Valerie

Intercessions: Mel

Readings: Daphne

Sound & Vision: John

Coffee: Jane & Jan

Next Sunday

Trinity 14

"Theme is 'Get Real!'"

Lectionary Readings

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship

leader and Preacher Rev Sarah Baker

Welcoming: Rachel and Lesley

Intercessions: Graham M

Readings: Jill

Sound & Vision: John

Coffee: Bob & Donna

Patronal Festival and Immersion Baptism

It is with great joy that we announce a **VERY SPECIAL** Patronal Festival this year on **OCTOBER 12TH FOR THE 8AM AND 10AM SERVICE.**

Please put the date in your diary as this is not to be missed!

A patronal festival is where one celebrates the patron saint of a church. For us we will be celebrating all things **John the Baptist**, and what would celebrate him more than by have a full immersion Baptism!

So it's with even greater joy that we let you know that one of our teenagers at church. Annabelle Goring-Crook. has recently had a significant journey of faith and would like to celebrate this by sharing her story and being baptised in our Baptism pool.

Do please come along to support her and her family. More details to follow.

Funeral

The funeral of the late Carol Johnson will be held at St. John's this Wednesday, 17th September at 12 noon, followed by a private cremation. at The Oaks.



This year's Big Church Read book is The Greatest Story Ever Told, by world famous adventurer Bear Grylls.

This book can be read during **October** by individuals, home groups, friends, work colleagues, book groups or families, in person or via Zoom!

It's an opportunity to engage with this phenomenal life-changing story in a new and fresh way.

'This book will change millions of lives it's like John Grisham was tasked with writing the greatest story' Church leader
'All the Emmys, All the Everest summits - I'd give it all up just to have written this book'. Bear Grylls

Join us for Bear's first discussion video on 15th October.

Church laundry

Chris Powne has kindly offered to launder and maintain all of our church laundry – cloths and purifiers etc. Any that are dirty after communion or Baptism services, please put into the tub labelled 'laundry' in the flower vestry and Chris will sort them. Huge thanks Chris.

THIS WEEK

Monday, 9th September

9 am Little Fishes

A very friendly Toddler group for all pre-school ages and expectant

Mums too. Finishes around 11 am with a variety of nursery rhymes and choruses. In the church Centre.



Monday Evening Zoom Prayers

7.30pm – 8.15 ish.

Zoom ID 852 8403 5699 Passcode qtPJV

Wednesdays

Morning Prayer 9 am in the church.

Bookings for Church Centre

Sat 13 Sept – Private Hire 2-8pm

Sat 20 Sept – Private Hire 2-4pm

Sat 27 Sept – Private Hire 12-6pm

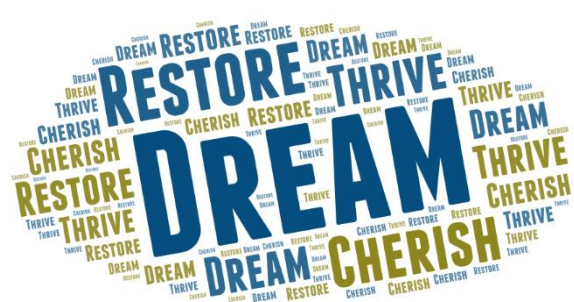
Dream

Many of you will know of Rev. Clare's Gospel according to Kleenex! The tissue boxes with the great words of them. Over the last few months we have been thinking about the words Cherish and Restore.

Last Sunday we started to think about a new word – Dream! We looked briefly at Acts 2:17 "God says, 'I will pour out my spirit on ALL people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions and your old men will dream, DREAMS!'

In God's plan ALL people get to take part, not just some. Men and women, old and young, we all get to take part in dreaming about the future of our church and community and how we can make it a better place for all.

Do start to think, pray and dream about what God may do amongst us.



Snippets from Sunday

If you ever miss a Sunday – not to worry! We will be posting some 'snippets' here from time to time, so that you don't miss out!

Theme: The Cost of Following Jesus

Book of Philemon Summary: A Complete Animated Overview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aW9Q3Jt6Yvk>

Reconciliation

Imagine you have two friends, colleagues or family members who have fallen out and you're stuck in the middle? What do you do? The book of Philemon gives us a blueprint from the Bible about what we can do to try to help fix things.

Good News – Reconciliation can happen! But it takes effort for all parties - this is part of the cost of following Jesus - living a life the way God wants.

A Dream

I dream of a place, a home or a church where the broken, poor, unfortunate, disadvantaged, modern day slaves, the 'useless' and disabled people can find a home and safe place to grow.

I dream of a place, a home or a church where reconciliation takes place.

I dream of a place, a home or a church where growth and maturity takes place.

I dream of a place, a home or a church where people thrive in healthy, real and positive relationships.

I dream of a place, a home or a church where everyone has a part to play.
"In the hands of God everyone can find their true worth"

Examples to look at

Two Bishops write a letter to protect the poor.

https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2025/09/04/two-bishops-portsmouth-issue-statement-aboutasylum/?fbclid=IwZnRzaAMnvRhleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHjXZ5w50FsvAF9vWAdU3PSXKMKznSsjMF6XwyD5cR5WX0jujInDY4L6V57L_aem_enmb1waVCINB_N2HSePvg

Joni Eriksson Tada labelled as 'useless' grows a global ministry -

<https://joniandfriends.org/blog/>

William Wilberforce abolished the slave trade -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Wilberforce

Books to Read

Reconciliation by Muthuraj Swamy



Not got time to read a whole book?

Try a booklet from Grove

<https://grovebooks.co.uk/>

Titles such as Embracing Conflict, How to Learn Through Conflict, Healthy Leaders and Healthy Churches, Understanding and Using Power, Embracing Chaos – to name a few!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our beloved Mary Close. She has her long-awaited cataract operation in two weeks' time. Pray for peace and provision as she goes through this process.

Please pray for a friend of Rev. Clare, who was diagnosed with a terminal cancer a few years ago and is now on palliative care. Her name is Jude and doesn't have much time left. Please pray that friends and family members will be able to spend time with her, and that she will have a peaceful end.

Please pray for the family and friends of Joe and Carol Johnson, as they grieve their passing, within 3 weeks of each other.

If anyone has any prayer requests that they wish the whole church family to know about, please email the Parish Office or speak to Rev Clare on Sunday.

Please send any news for next week's sheet to the Parish Office by Wednesday
admin@saintjohnschurch.org.uk
