



Sunday 5th October to Sunday 12th October

**This Sunday 5th October
HARVEST FESTIVAL Trin. 16
'A Treasured Story'**

Readings

2 Timothy 1:6-12

John 4:34-38

Acts 14:14-17

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

Led by Rev Clare Challis

Preacher Raymond Youngs

Supported by Alison M

10 am ALL AGE HARVEST

Led by the Young Church Team

Preacher Raymond Youngs

Welcoming: Marion & Carol

Prayers: Pam

Readings: Daphne

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Carol

Refreshments: Jill & Ian

Harvest Festival 5th October

Do please bring items that can be donated to the FOOD BANK. The list is in the church at the back.

Macmillan coffee Morning

Many thanks for all who supported this. The school raised over £450. There are still some shop bought cakes for sale in the church centre, so do pop by and pick up a bargain. All donations help



**Next Sunday 12th October
PATRONAL FESTIVAL Trin.17
Theme John the Baptist**

Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11

Luke 1:57-66, 80

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader and Preacher Rev Clare Challis

Supported by Chris Powne

Patronal Festival and Immersion Baptism

10 am Morning Worship

Leader and Preacher Rev Clare Challis

Welcoming: Rachel & Lesley

Prayers: Carol M

Readings: Valerie P

Sound & Vision: John S

Prayer Ministry: Raymond & Daphne

Refreshments: Jane & Jan

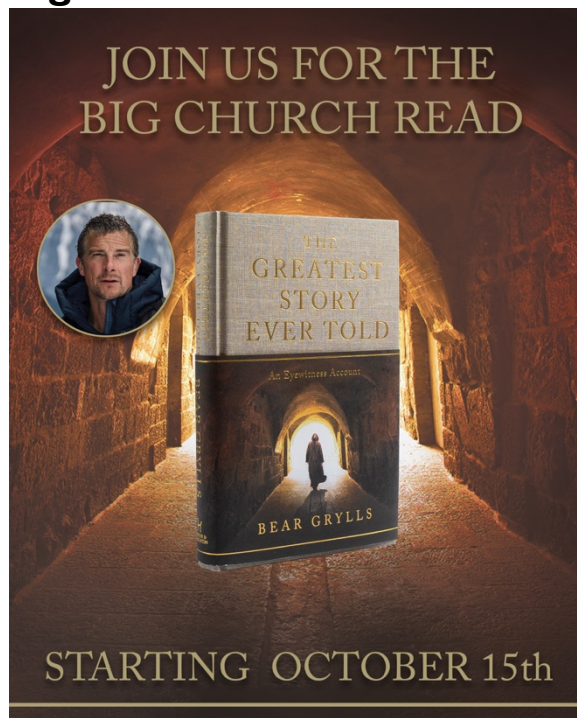
Pat and Bap Update

The lovely Nigel Foss has offered to make us Bacon Baps for after the baptism! Tee Hee!

If anyone would like to help, do have a chat with Nigel or sign up on the clip board (on your right as you enter church)

Please sign up to help with providing cakes, furniture moving or refreshments.

Big Church Read



October 15th sees the launch, with accompanying videos to support discussion groups.

There is an opportunity to sign up to buy the book to read on your own, and to indicate if you'd like to join a discussion group for this as well. The discussion groups with supporting videos are to cover five sessions.

If you aren't currently in one of our home groups, this would be a chance to dip into one for a few weeks without making any long term commitment.

Some people are ordering extra copies to give away at Christmas, and by buying together we benefit from a fair discount

on the full price. This weekend is the last chance to benefit from the reduced price for our clubbing together and buying in bulk. See Daphne if you've not put in your order yet. £7.99 per copy instead of £10.99.

"Bear Grylls has written an amazing evangelistic book!

It is the best book I have read in my 40 years of Christian bookselling for giving away to family and friends.

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Steve Barnett, founder
Founder of Big Church Read

The Greatest Story Ever Told

This five-chapter book invites you into the drama of Jesus' life like never before. With gripping storytelling and raw honesty, Bear Grylls retells the gospel through the eyes of those who knew Jesus best— Myriam (his mother Mary), Ta'om (Thomas), Shimon (Simon Peter), Yohanan (friend) & Myriam of Magdala (Mary Magdalene). Their first-hand encounters bring the story to life with intensity, warmth, and deep reverence. At the heart of it all are Jesus' own words, taken directly from the Bible, letting the greatest story ever told speak for itself.

How It Works

The Big Church Read brings people together to read the same book at the same time. Across five sessions, you'll read one section each week, then watch a short videos from Bear Grylls and Andrew Ollerton (Bible Society). Each

video comes with discussion questions for personal reflection or group conversation.

The first video launches on 15 October, with a new video released each Wednesday for the next four weeks—five in total. All videos will remain available, so you can start or catch up at any time.

Sign up NOW

Any questions – speak to Daphne, Valerie or Rev Clare.

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Home Groups

There are TWO new home groups starting up, to read the Bear Grylls book. One during the day, and another in an evening. If you would like to join one of them, speak to Rev Clare or Valerie Palmer. There will be more details in next week's notice sheet. Thanks.

Repairs & Maintenance

As part of our care for the buildings and property that the church owns and maintains, we need to keep on top of fixing and mending things in an orderly manner.

So if you spot anything that is broken or needs maintenance, then please report it using this form, by going to this website or scanning the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SyBeVBv4cy>



Please answer ALL the questions on the form.

Do add as many things as you like; however trivial or major they may seem to you. We would rather know everything than nothing!

Your responses will be triaged by the Fabric Committee and actioned as appropriate.

Many thanks for your support.

THIS WEEK

Monday, 6th October

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.

If you don't carry cash, you can now pay the donation with Contactless, too!



Monday Evening Zoom Prayers

7.30pm – 8.15 ish.

Zoom ID 852 8403 5699 Passcode qtPJV

Wednesdays

Morning Prayer 9 am in the church.

THIS HALF TERM

Harvest Festival

5th October 8am and 10am

Patronal Festival and Baptism

12th October 8am and 10am

Big Church Read

starts 15th October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th – Friday 31st

NEXT HALF TERM**Quiet Morning**Friday 7th November 9:00am**Remembrance Sunday**Sunday 9th November 10:00am**Remembrance day**Tuesday 11th at the flagpole**Croissant Breakfast**Sunday 16th 9am**Christ the King Sunday**23rd November 8am and 10am**First Sunday of Advent**Sunday 30th November 8am and 10am**In Loving Memory**Sunday, 7th December at 3pm.**Christmas services****coming soon!****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!*

Prayer Requests

- Mandy and Terry, as Mandy has been provisionally diagnosed with a serious condition and is to see the Consultant next week.

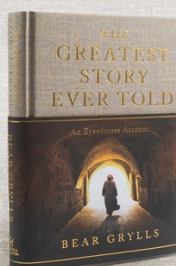
- Bob Field as he remains in QA after a period of challenging ill health, and has had another set back.
- Children leaving home for the first time to go to university or abroad, and particularly Rachel, as her daughter Eleanor heads off to spend a year in Nova Scotia.
- Simon A as he continues to recover from his illness.
- Rodney P and his family, as his son Richard's funeral was on Monday 22nd September. Rodney is a regular member of our 8am congregation.
- Pam's granddaughter, Cassie, who is 17 and is being baptised and sharing her testimony on 2nd November, at Rochester Baptist Church, her home church in Kent.
- Jason & Wendy at the Church on the Green, as they care for a family member who is unwell.

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

THIS CHRISTMAS, WE WANT TO SEE 1 MILLION COPIES
GIVEN TO THOSE WHO DON'T YET KNOW JESUS.

'THIS BOOK WILL CHANGE
MILLIONS OF LIVES... IT'S
LIKE JOHN GRISHAM WAS
TASKED WITH WRITING
THE JESUS STORY' -
CHURCH LEADER



'ALL THE EMMYS, ALL
THE EVEREST SUMMITS -
I'D GIVE IT ALL UP JUST
TO HAVE WRITTEN THIS
BOOK' BEAR GRYLLS



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