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ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH



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Did you know there is a friendly, free and fun 5k community event every Saturday morning at Broadwater park? Join us to run, walk or jog – or become part of our fantastic volunteer team!

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Our beautiful route starts at the rugby club and takes in Broadwater

lake, the woods and fields. We chat afterwards over a coffee from Ritual at Broadwater pavilion. What a great start to the weekend!

See home - Broadwater parkrun - Broadwater parkrun for more information. Register before you first come along and bring a scannable copy of your barcode if you'd like to know your time. If you're joining us for the 1st time, arrive around 8.45 for our first timers briefing before we start.

Or join us as a volunteer - you don't need any experience of parkrun, or volunteering. There are a range of roles to choose from and we'll give you a full briefing on the day. See our volunteer page volunteer - Broadwater parkrun.

Kate



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From the Rectory



Kate's sponsored parkrun reported on the front page of this edition of The Villager won't be the only charitable effort of its kind being made in our community at the moment. I expect at any one time there are all sorts of generous and philanthropic activities being undertaken to support a whole variety of causes and you may well have put your name on quite a series of sponsorship forms or online charity giving platforms. Here at The Villager we applaud David and everyone who gets out of their house and does something similar to help the world around them in this practical way. It's so encouraging to see so much voluntary effort and enthusiasm expressed in this way.

Equally encouraging are the times when we can see people in the village going out of their way to help when something unexpected happens. You will have seen examples or perhaps taken part in such happenings yourself. Someone takes a tumble in the street and almost instantly they're surrounded by people checking whether they're all right and maybe waiting with them until an ambulance arrives. Emergency restrictions in a pandemic mean that people can't

get to the shops and neighbours organise food deliveries. An incident interrupts the water supply and again vulnerable residents get checked on. There is an instinct to help, especially in the face of a plain and urgent need.

Keeping those generous instincts going in the longer term is always more of a challenge. So many of our community groups rely on individuals being willing to give up their time on a regular basis, sacrificing quiet evenings at home, perhaps, in favour of going out and taking part in some activity to make other people's lives more fulfilling. Without them, the groups, societies and activities that together make the tapestry of community life couldn't function.

At St John's part of our responsibility is to pray for our parish, day by day and week by week. And among the aspects of its life that we pray for is exactly those volunteers and the groups they support by their efforts. This place would be much the poorer without them, and the least we can do is give thanks and ask for every blessing on them.

James Rector

Forest Church



On the last Sunday in January St John's Forest Church revisited Broadwater Lake to reflect, as we always do, on our relationship with the environment and the presence of God in nature. I'd worked out a nice plan of walking around the lake, pausing at each of the cardinal compass points and basing a reflection around a verse from the Advent hymn 'Hills of the north, rejoice', which mentions each in turn. It would have been all the better had I not got completely muddled over which direction was which, but we came, we walked, we worshipped in any case! Had I had my wits about me we could have started and finished at the waffle van.

Forest Church is open to everyone, and might suit anyone who finds it easier to discover the divine in nature than in church buildings.

World Day of Prayer

For the first time in many years it was St John's turn to host the World Day of Prayer service on Friday March 1st. As everyone points out, this used to be called the Women's World Day of Prayer, but although it was rebranded some time ago the worship is still devised by a committee of Christian women from a particular country each year. The responsibility is allocated a long time in advance, so it was a

coincidence that this year the service was devised by Palestinian Christians. The stories we heard and the passages we reflected on had particular relevance in the context of the continued violence and destruction in this contested and difficult part of the world, in which the Christian experience tends to be especially marginalised.



**St. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH 2024
SPRING FAIR
WILL BE HELD AT
St. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH
St. JOHN'S STREET FARNCOMBE
SATURDAY 11th MAY**



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

We are extremely proud of our Year 10 GCSE Music students who competed in the 'Battle of the Bands' at Prior's Field School in February, against 12 other bands of all ages and experience. In their first public performance, our band 'Vision' gave an amazing performance with comments from the judges including 'great musicianship', 'you absolutely smashed it', 'real stage presence', 'quality vocals', 'brilliant playing.' Congratulations and a massive well done...We look forward to hearing more music from this group of talented musicians!

ART EXHIBITION

For those of you that commute from Farncombe Station, make sure you check out our students' latest exhibition of work that is displayed alongside the work of Artventure. Some of the Photography Club students visited the station to meet with Liz Collins from Surrey Arts Guildford who facilitates Art @ the Station and the Community Railway Manager for SWR to discuss their work. We are very proud to be able to display their work within the community. A massive thank you to South Western Railway and Art Bytes for supporting our students.



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SPRING FAIR

As Spring advances our attention turns to St. John's Spring Fair which is on May 11th 11.00am – 3.00pm.

This will be the third year we have held it at the church and we are hoping that this year's Fair will be as successful and enjoyable as the previous two.

There will be over 30 stalls and sideshows – come and see if you can 'Beat the Buzzer' or 'Splat the Rat'! Books, Tombolas, Handicrafts, Bric a Brac will all be there together with a great Raffle – what will you win?

We are very pleased that a lot of local and national charities will be supporting us – the Meath, National Autistic Society, Diabetes UK, Senior Link, Godalming Community Garden and Go Godalming who are running a 'jigsaw swap', please come and give all of them your support. Farncombe Initiative will also be there – come and have a chat about all things Farncombe!

If you get hungry – there will be burgers, hot dogs, sandwiches and snacks and of course cakes, snacks and tea and coffee in abundance. Together with great ice creams and mocktails – something for everyone!

As usual we will have a full programme of entertainment – The Rock Choir, Godalming School of Dance, Godalming Junior Band and Farncombe Jazz Choir. And this year we will be joined by Duke & Earl who will be pulling a balloon filled carriage – come and meet them as they trot along St. John's Street to the Fair.

This year we will be supporting Godalming Youth Services – they will be at the Fair and there is an article in this magazine which explains everything they do to help the local youth.

We know we can rely on everyone in Farncombe to come and support us – and.....

HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT!

SAD NEWS FOR FARNCOMBE

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Community Garden Open Day

We are really excited by how the community garden is taking shape, and are keen to show it off to the community so that everyone can see the progress we have made! We want to share our vision for how community gardening can really take off in Farncombe as we enter the beginning of the gardening year. And so, we are celebrating this by holding an OPEN DAY of Saturday, 23rd March from 10.30-12.30. Do come and join us for all or part of the morning if you can!



If you are able to join us, you will certainly want to take a circuit of our wonderful, accessible, wheelchair-friendly path. This takes you past the raised beds of our fruit and vegetable area, including the proposed site for the beautiful greenhouse that was recently donated to us. It continues down to our newly erected polytunnel before turning in a long curve through our orchard area where the heritage fruit trees are beginning to establish themselves after they were planted last year. The next stop is to loop past our wildlife pond (take care here, the water is deep!) and the beautiful spreading oak tree where we intend to create an outdoor classroom. Turning once again, the path then leads to our wildlife-friendly dead hedge (not all of which is dead, some of the willow posts have taken root!) where the route leads you back towards the entrance, passing the circular firepit area, and a raised grassy mound where you can get a birds-eye view of the garden. Back near the entrance you can see the layout for our planned sensory garden, which is where the first flower beds will be laid this spring.

We are grateful to David Hughes, a local professional photographer, who kindly took some wonderful aerial photos of the garden and we love how the paths give such a cheery thumbs-up when viewed from above!

As well as taking a look around, we will have hot and cold refreshments to enjoy and the opportunity to do some gardening, as well as nature-based activities. Children are very welcome as long as

they bring a responsible adult with them! At 11.30 the mayor will be planting a tree to celebrate the occasion. The growing year ahead is going to be exciting - we now have running water on the site, which makes everything so much easier, and the polytunnel has been erected in perfect time for the start of the growing season. As well as providing shelter when it rains, it also means we can sow seeds and grow on seedlings ready for planting out - which means there will be a range of 'gentler' gardening tasks available for those who aren't up to digging up brambles!

We really hope to see you on the 23rd, but if you are not able to come on that day do join us any Saturday between 10-12 or Wednesday between 1-3pm, just to take a look around, or to get your hands in the soil and join in. As more people get involved in the garden and we have more volunteers, we hope to expand to have more open sessions in the future so please let us know if you would like to be part of this.



Open Day



Growing Community Wellbeing

**Saturday 23rd
March 2024
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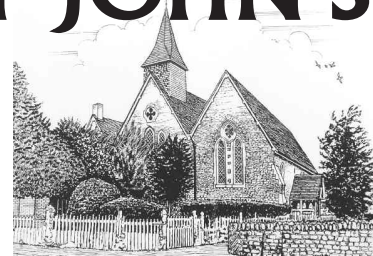
8am Holy Eucharist
 8.45am Roman Catholic Mass
 10am 1st Sunday in the month, Sunday Space
 Other Sundays, Parish Eucharist
 6.30pm 1st Sunday in the month, Sung Eucharist
 7.30pm 2nd Sunday in the month, Compline over Zoom

TUESDAY

10.30am Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY

11.45am Last Friday in the month,
 Toddler Praise



For all other information see our website: www.farncombe.org.uk

The 11th March 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the first Roman Catholic Mass held at St. John's which has been held continuously ever since



An alternative service on the first Sunday of the month 10am - 7th April, 5th May & 2nd June

Sunday Space on 7th April will complete our series on Faith, Hope & Love. The team will be planning the services over the Summer shortly. Please let us know if there are topics that you would like us to think about. St John's Church, Farncombe GU7 3EJ
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Celebrate at St John's

Spring is almost here and we are delighted to see lots more Weddings and Christenings being booked here at St John's Church. Here are some photos of celebrations from previous years and we look forward to more to come.



Sharon

We were so sorry to learn of the death of our friend Sharon Lewer on January 23rd after a short illness. A longstanding and faithful church member who was involved in much including Messy Church, Sharon's gentleness and warmth was appreciated by everyone who knew her. We continue to extend our sympathy to all her loved ones.





MESSY CHURCH

9th MARCH

The theme for this Messy Church was "Mother Nature", which brought together thoughts of our human Mums and the wonders of nature and the natural world. We discovered that on Mothering Sunday in medieval times it was common for people to return to the church where they had been baptised in order to remember their "Mother Church". Over the years this idea of celebrating gratitude has expanded to include our own mothers, Mary (the mother of Jesus) and God's Creation, "Mother Nature".

Our activities included making cards for Mum (if we had forgotten!) and some experimental efforts with growing microgreens, which helps us to remember that God provides for our needs. The animal kingdom was treated to a bird seed cake which could be hung outside for our feathered friends and the quiz was a challenge to recognise pictures of small native species and work out the correct collective names and the names of their homes. We made flower arrangements, always a popular activity, and flowery picture cards using coloured felt.

We had a short service in church and then enjoyed tea together, a very pleasant way to end.

John



PARISH REGISTER

In Memoriam

Dorothy Ford Pat Judd Sharon Lewer
Jean Austin Chandra Neogi

Weddings

Angela Osborn & Chris Merton

Baptisms

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We are often being told that there will be a general election this year, a long-standing and vital part of the way our country is governed. It is very easy (and tempting!) to 'switch off' when the subject is raised as there are, sadly, a number of politicians who put their own wishes above the needs of the whole population yet who still tell us that theirs is the only option. We must remember that we are electing an MP to represent our constituency and the needs of those who live there, not an extremely wealthy national party whose main aim is to ensure that their supporters are very well financially rewarded. An MP needs to have good local knowledge and a determination to help those in need, such as the homeless, those who are ill and those

struggling to pay bills. We may think "What can I do? What difference can I make?" but when we are entitled to vote we need to see who our candidates are and whether they will support our communities, in short, will they set an example of behaviour which their words imply. Then we need to vote because on average, only about 70% of those entitled to vote actually do vote and most MP's have less than 50% of the votes cast in their constituency. It is no surprise that we are dissatisfied with governments when they are not representative of the whole electorate but we could all show the way in the next election by voting for the candidate who is committed to making our constituency and country a fairer place to live.

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PRAYER FOR FARNCOMBE

We are a group of Christians from different churches, meeting once a month to pray for Farncombe, its people, organisations, schools and businesses. We meet on the second Thursday of the month from 9 to 9.45am in the Lady Chapel of St John's Church. You are most welcome to join us. If you have a concern that you would like us to include in our prayers, you can also email prayers@farncombe.org.uk.

The Farncombe Initiative

The Farncombe Initiative is pleased to see some ongoing projects come into fruition and is studying new ideas.

WIDENING THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN FARNCOMBE ST AND MARSHALL ROAD

We remain hopeful that the several parties involved will pull together to make the much needed path improvements here a reality. While awaiting further news, one of our number volunteered to cut back all the intrusive vegetation along the path and also cut the ivy which was blocking the streetlight and making it dark in the winter months.

FARNCOMBE STREET MARKET

The date of the next market is March 16th - we need all the support we can get to make sure this great market keeps going.

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Waverley's planning committee on February 7 granted planning permission for 27 affordable dwellings to be built on land between Copeside and Binscombe. Based on the conditions for this permission it is likely that a 20mph speed limit could be introduced on this stretch of Binscombe from Green Lane leading to the Binscombe Medical Centre. Here, a pedestrian crossing should also be introduced. With the forthcoming closure of the Farncombe Station Garage a planning application has been made for the construction of a block of flats with shop(s) at street level. Whilst this is for the redevelopment of an existing brownfield site, many people are unhappy that the proposed block would have a flat roof, out of keeping with the neighbouring parade of shops with Boots and the adjacent flats. There is still time to make known your views on this on Waverley's planning portal.

COMPTON VILLAGE SURVEY

Our neighbours in Compton have asked us to tell you that a meeting will be held in Compton Village Hall at 3.30pm to 7pm on 12th March regarding speed restrictions and other changes people want. This is organised by Surrey County Council. Any changes may impact on Farncombe, so it could be worth dropping in. Refreshments will be served.

TWO OTHER SURVEYS

The first survey is about rights of way. It can be found here: <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/rowip-public/>

Although we tend to think of rights of way as being in the countryside, some pass through urban areas and even rural ones may provide useful alternatives to busy roads. But they need to be well constructed and properly maintained. Here is your chance to express your views.

This survey closes on 10th March 2024.

The second survey is about an ambition to reach zero deaths on Surrey roads It can be found here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/news/categories/your-council/have-your-say-on-new-proposals-to-reduce-road-deaths-and-injuries>

A group of Surrey organisations have set out plans to eliminate road collisions resulting in death or serious injury by 2050 and want to know what you think.

This survey closes on 24th March 2024.



Anyone with a love for Farncombe is welcome to take part. Do get in touch to join the steering group or one of the teams.
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SPRING GARDENING

This is the time of year when we can look forward to a new season in the garden and plan what to grow. It also provides opportunities to work off any seasonal 'excesses' as we prepare the ground so here are some ideas to start off with.

Preparation – after all the rain the soil where vegetables and flowers will be planted will need to be cleared of weeds and then given a good feed with compost and manure to improve the fertility of the ground. Shrubs will also like a feed but will need a mulch around the main stem so that nutrients can soak down to the roots but be careful not to leave mulch against the stems as clear drainage is important.

Planning – do a plan of the flower and vegetable beds and start to sow seeds such as peas and broad beans for some early crops but remember to leave space for the main crops!

Pruning - check fruit bushes and prune back currants and gooseberries where excess growth has occurred. Apply fertiliser to strawberries, especially those in tubs as they will need extra nutriment.

Lawns - should be kept clear of leaves and some areas may need aeration, usually with a garden fork as the soil gets compacted with use. Depending on weather conditions it is useful to get new season bulbs, tubers and corms ready for planting out and get seedlings germinating and pricked out. This is also a good time to put in new trees when there is no frost around as the soil is softer and the roots can get established before the ground gets too hard.

Happy gardening – hope your plans bear fruit!

John



WORKING TOGETHER FOR FARNCOMBE

We tend to take a lot of things for granted when we live in a town or village – we have our own routines and tend to keep going in the same ways we have become accustomed to. This often affects our shopping habits and having lived in Farncombe for nearly 50 years it is interesting to see how many former small shops are now houses. For example, whilst there were 2 supermarkets, there were also at least 10 small 'Corner Shops' selling groceries. These were scattered around Farncombe and Binscombe and provided a very useful service where it was most needed. Many of us like to shop in person, it allows us to select our particular choice of produce and often provides a good place for a chat – the Co-op can be very popular on a hot summer's afternoon!

With the costs of running a business increasing and the pressure to

keep prices down it is a very difficult time for traders in all areas of retail sales. To help keep our local shops open and our community thriving we need to keep our shopping local. Not only does this support the businesses (and our friends and neighbours who run them), it helps to cut down on the pressure of traffic on the roads and also to have opportunities to meet and talk to other 'locals'.

If we shop local we will be supporting Farncombe as a community and it will help to avoid the problems faced by many towns and villages when they lose their shops and become dependent on cars when they need even basic necessities. We still have a number of shops and the recent campaign to stop the closure of Boots showed that we do need to keep them going for everyone's benefit.

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Natasha said "Staying to group, forgiving yourself, keeping going, planning and remembering why you started helped me to achieve this. I've tried before but gave up! But this time I joined for me and this has kept me going."

If Natasha has inspired you and if you would like to achieve this then pop into group and join up. This could be you! Yes it can!! yes you can!!!

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3. Which river does the River Wey join before it reaches the sea?
4. What is the common name for 'timpani'?
5. What Surrey town's name is used to describe medicinal salts?
6. In the children's TV series, what kind of animal is Shaun?
7. Hereford and Friesian are breeds of which farm animal?
8. Which local village was well known for producing clay bricks and roof tiles?
9. What amount is three quarters of a half?
10. What verb is used to indicate the mixing of bread dough?

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A message from Julian....

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**G2 DEFINITIVE GENESIS
Friday 10th May
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**SIMPLY US+THEM
Friday 29th November
@ HASLEMERE HALL**

In 2024 Simply Us + Them will be performing songs from all the different eras of Pink Floyd. The band will still be performing all the Pink Floyd classics with the addition of songs from the Syd Barrett era as well as moving into songs from the later David Gilmour version of the band after the departure of Roger Waters. This year's tour is called Welcome to Echoes as it takes its inspiration from the globally successful Echoes compilation released in 2001.
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Saturday 20th April - The Upbeat Beatles @ Dorking Halls
Saturday 27th April - The Upbeat Beatles @ Bracknell Wilde Theatre (South Hill Park Arts Centre)
Saturday 12th October - Simply Dan @ Dorking Halls
Saturday 26th October - New York State of Mind - the music of Billy Joel @ Dorking Halls
Saturday 23rd November - G2 Definitive Genesis @ Farnham Maltings
Friday 13th December - The Alter Eagles (Eagles tribute) @ Haslemere Hall
Friday 7th February - New York State of Mind - the music of Billy Joel @ Haslemere Hall

Tickets for Haslemere shows are available from www.haslemerehall.co.uk or the box office on 01428 642161. Tickets for other venues from the respective box offices
To keep up to date with news and info on upcoming shows, please see Facebook page Julian Lewry Music and website www.julianlewrymusic.com



GODALMING YOUTH SERVICE



Godalming Youth Service is a service provided by Godalming Town Council, which opened its doors to the young people of Farncombe and Godalming in May 2022. Our youth service offers a diverse and active program that is free of charge for all young people aged between 11 and 18 years old who live in Farncombe/Godalming area

We provide ten sessions per week at the youth centre located at Broadwater Youth Centre (previously known as Broadwater Park Community Centre). These sessions consist of five drop-in sessions straight after school from 3-5 pm, and five evening sessions, mainly from 6-8 pm.

At present, we offer a range of activities, including creative sessions, girls' night, gaming and virtual reality nights, team challenges and games sessions among many more. We are fortunate to have the sole use of Broadwater Youth Centre, which has enabled us to amass some wonderful resources for our young people. We have a large hall with a pool table, air hockey, table tennis, and table football. Young people also benefit from a music studio in a chill-out room just off the main hall.

The young people also have access to a separate PC room and a sizeable lounge-style room equipped with various gaming consoles, a wide range of board games, and a well-stocked creative area. In addition, we have two large gardens one is used for outdoor games such as football and basketball. The other is currently being re-designed to create a calm and reflective well-being garden.

Alongside all of the youth centre sessions, we have a mobile youth vehicle funded by the government from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

that visits young people in more remote areas, such as Witley and Cranleigh. We deliver mobile youth work seven times a week in addition to our centre-based program.

Our team of nine staff members have many ideas for the future and abundant enthusiasm. We aim for our service to grow whilst providing the best youth support for the future generation. Young people continue to amaze us and we continue to learn from them, as they do from us.

The community has been incredibly generous, donating furniture, instruments, and various resources. We could only have provided everything we do with these donations and support from local individuals, groups and charities.

We will continue to support our young people in making a safe transition into adulthood by respecting and valuing their individuality as they find themselves and their place in

society. You can find out more about our current programmes, register for support or apply to be a volunteer by visiting www.godalmingyouth.uk

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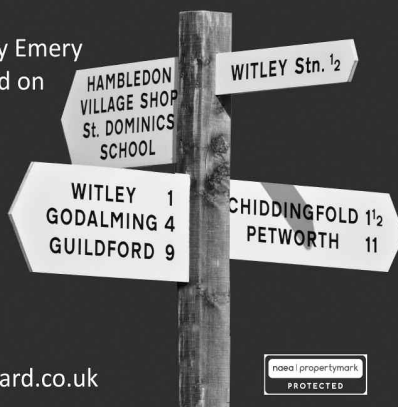
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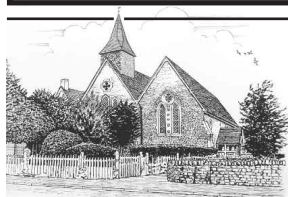
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