

ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 13th AUGUST

2.00pm Revd Diane meeting reference
Remembrance service

TUESDAY 14th AUGUST

11.00am Prayer group meeting at 12a Uvedale Court
1.30pm Revd Diane funeral of John Collins at Seven Hills crematorium

WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST

11.15 Revd Diane Holy Communion at Uvedale Hall

THURSDAY 16th AUGUST

11.30am Revd Diane Home Communion

SUNDAY 19th AUGUST

12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **PROPER 15**

10am Sung Eucharist in the ARK

SUNDAY 26th AUGUST

13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY **PROPER 16**

10am Sung Eucharist in the Limes

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Please include in your prayers

-Madge and Iris;
-Ruth and family
- Elizabeth
-the Ruby family, especially for Linda
- Roland's mother Lore and for Roland and Allison
-Bryony and Tom and the twins
-for all families who are facing difficulty during these uncertain times.
- for all those that have been affected by the wildfires that are starting in the heatwave we are experiencing.
- we pray for our farmers facing feeding their livestock and watering their crops during the hot dry spell
-for those who, through war and famine must watch their children die
-may our Government and the European Union come to an agreement reference Brexit.
Give them your peace and comfort.
-may all leaders and heads of state take wise advice and act responsibly for the well being of all.

We also pray for the many names that appear on our prayer board and all those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who are in pain and distress and for those who care for loved ones. Give skills to doctors and nurses and patience to all those who care for invalids.

-Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have called us to know you, to love you and to serve you. We rejoice in your presence and in your love for us.

St. John the Baptist Church Needham Market.

SUNDAY 12th AUGUST **11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** **PROPER 14**

10.00am Sung Eucharist in the Limes

Readings

Exodus Ch3 v1-12	pg59
Acts Ch 9 v1-22	pg1102
Mark Ch1 v14-18	pg1002

Hymns

346	Jesus calls us here to meet
67	Be still for the presence of
347	Jesus calls us
367	Jesus where'er they people
614	Spirit of the living God
752	Will you come and follow me?

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant to us such measure of our grace that we, running the way of your commandments may receive your gracious promises and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and forever Amen

BOOKING SECRETARY FOR THE

ARK – we are still looking for 1 or 2 people to volunteer to take up this important job for the booking out of the ARK. There has been an offer from someone who has volunteered to take bookings but Revd Diane is looking for a couple of people who would share responsibility for opening up/closing for some of the hirers and setting the heating as required. Please speak to Revd Diane if you could help with this.

AFTER SERVICE COFFEE ROTA this has lapsed a bit whilst we have been out of the church as it is only now every other week, however Christine Sewell is preparing the new rota for September onwards when we return to the church. It would be good to get a few more volunteers to help with this over the weeks and months to come. The more there are to do it means the less time you have to do it in the month. Please speak to Christine if you can put your name down to help.

PRODUCE STALL Margaret, Peter, Jan and Julia would like to thank all those who supported the produce stall last Saturday by bringing produce to sell and purchasing varied items. £140.00 was raised.

COFFEE MORNING thanks to Kate and George who ran the coffee morning in the ARK. They raised £20.50p which makes a total of £160.50p. Good mornings work Thank you

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER will be starting their Autumn programme on Thursday 20th September 2018 and will continue to meet at 10.30 am in Room 4 at Christchurch.

CELEBRATION WEEKEND

14th/15th/16th SEPTEMBER

Please make sure you have picked up the separate leaflet about this which is available today. Rotas are now available please sign up where you can. This weekend is the culmination of all the work that has gone on both physically and mentally to get this work done. You will have seen the scaffolding and now it is coming down you can see the new clerestory windows, the new cross, the chimney coming down at the back and if you were around you would have heard the workmen whilst they were replacing the roof. Unbeknown to you are the number of meetings, telephone calls, and emails to sort out the frustrating hold ups that were the fault of outside parties and the sheer hard work of the building team that have made this happen.

All we are asking is that you show your appreciation to those who are responsible for all this hard work, done for the love of God and our church, by signing up for just one shift on the rota or baking a few buns so that we can have a celebration weekend to be proud of. Then those few will know that you appreciate what they have been doing has all been worthwhile.

Thank you

CHOIR PRACTICE please note as is the tradition there will be no choir practice during August.

From the Vicarage

What does it mean to be Christ's Church here in this town? Are we here to satisfy the desire to worship of the few who attend or do we have a much wider brief?

It has been said that the Church is the only organisation that exists primarily for those who do not belong to it.

There are many people in this town who have a lot of goodwill towards St Johns but who never attend services here. Do you ever wonder why? Maybe they are waiting to be invited or they have attended in the past and not felt welcomed.

We worry about money all the times as a Church don't we and we know that once again this year we will not pay our parish share. What might we do to try and change that?

I think we have some big questions to ask as we move back into our building, not least about how we are going to better serve God and the community using this glorious resource that we have.

It would be very easy to slip back into simply operating as we have done but I wonder whether that is what God wants of us.

Maybe there are new ways to serve him and to glorify him; they might be challenging; they will probably involve more people getting involved in more ways - but should we avoid facing the questions because it might be demanding or difficult to deal with the answers we discover are needed. I believe we have a chance to grow and change as a Church and it will be a shame to waste it.

Diane