



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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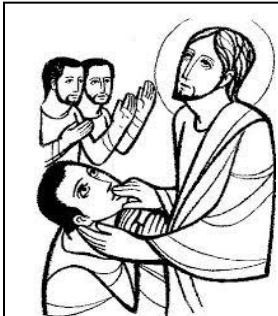
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St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) – 6th May 2018

Psalm Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

Saturday 5th May Easter feria Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.30am (S.H.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Tess Maher John Bradford – Joseph Fitzgerald
Sunday 6th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00 am (S.H.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Rita Gregory – Betty Eddy Ann Bernes – Colm Duffy
Monday 7th May Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 8th May Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Amelia Wayne
Wednesday 9th May Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Richard Rowles
Thursday 10th May Ascension of the Lord	9.15am (S.E.) 12.00 noon (S.H.) 2.00pm (S.G.)	Doris Wallace Keith Waterhouse Maureen Barr
Friday 11th May Easter feria	12.30pm (S.H.)	Mass for the sick and housebound
Saturday 12th May Easter feria Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.30am (S.H.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	St Elizabeth's first Holy Communion – Family Int. Christine Breeden – Pete & Sylvia Geldard
Sunday 13th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30am (S.H.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	John Ellis – Ann Taylor First Holy Communion – Sr. Dympna - Davina Montgomery Albert Halifax – Frances and Ken Dingley
Confessions: Saturday Morning Only 11 – 11.30 at Sacred Heart		



Please pray for the sick: Chad Williams, Teresa Woodcock, Gill Horsley, Mary Pullen, Julie Orme, Nikolas Atkins, Stephen Morley, Jaden Walker, Frank Ryan, Mary Miller, Winnie Claridge, Sarah Gillen, Anne-Marie Purslow, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Pablo Claveria, Adam Coxhead, Eileen D'Arcy, Sarah Spencer, Gladys Cuffe, Kingsley Bayley, Beryl Smith, Mary Williams, Joyce Anderson, Agnes Buckley, David Foxall, Leslie Roe, Sadie Porter, Michelle McGrotty, Nancy Finn, Tony Borman, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Tom Collins, Mary Collins, Odette Nunes, Terry Spears, Tilly Sweet, Vickie Pickup, Karen Taylor, Evelyn Reardon, Sean McAuley, Aoife, Rita Fidoe, Alan Bentley, Dennis Chipman, Joy Espanta.

Reflection: Jesus' loved us so deeply that he lay down his life for us. We in turn lay down little parts of ourselves in small, unforgotten ways, in the many things we give of ourselves, the hours spent with a sick child or parent, years caring for someone ill..... Through love and care we experience joy. Jesus' commandment is to love and be loved. Even when the love costs us something.

Jesus calls us to be his friends. We are full partners with him in the redemption and reconciling the world to God. We are his partners... his ambassadors.

God is the true vine and our connectedness is to be part of this wonderful vine as we remain/abide in Christ. God has chosen us to for his divine purpose, namely for Joy, for expressing acts of love, to be his friends. May we, as friends and partners, rooted in Christ bear much fruit as we obey the command to love. Let us abide in Christ and bring forth the richest fruits of his blessing.



Na każdej niedzielnej mszy dostępne są **polskie tłumaczenia** czytań i Ewangelii. Można je znaleźć w przedsiönku kościoła. Miłej i owocnej lektury!

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Margaret Sharratt, Theresa Todd, Benedict Hopkins, William Glenn, Mrs. Batchelor, Herbert Cockran, Elizabeth Davis, Bernard Lillyman, Winifred Titterton, Madge Ashford, Michelle Gilbert, John Coleman, Helen Evans, Bill Sadler, Harold Rogers, Ivy Rogers, Ronald Benton, Doris Morgan, Frederick Moss, Marie Allan, James Lee, Louisa Maher, Lilly Banks, Michael Clifford, Mary Hyatt, John Chapman, James McKeever, Mercedes Vieira, John Brady, Allen Sykes, Nora Oughton, Lewis Collins, Peter Malloy, Rupert Leedham, Henry Perrow, Sophia Macpherson, James D'arcy, Irene Shakespeare, Rhona Flower, Joe Martin, Kevin Hurley, Noel Flynn, Bridget Vernon, David Jefferies.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Rowles** whose funeral service will take place on Wednesday the 9th May at Sacred Heart at 10.00am, **Raymond Hickey's** funeral service will take place on Tuesday, 15th May at 1pm and **Jim Mitchell's** funeral service will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Friday, 18th May at 1.30pm. May they rest in peace.

The family of the late Eva Howard would like to thank Father Michael and Deacon Brian for the services in church and at the crematorium. We also thank all who came to support us and say goodbye to our mum. It was wonderful to be able to reminisce with so many. Mum was a member of the parish for 65 years. Your kind donations raised £122 for CAFOD in memory of Eva. Rest in peace mum.

Learning More About Jesus and the Faith: If you want to meet with others and find out about how amazing and life changing the Christian faith can be, then email alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk for a series of meetings starting in September this year.

New Testament – do you want to extend your knowledge? The first meeting will be on **Wed 9th May at 7pm at Sacred Heart**. If you would like to come, please contact Wendy in the office.



Home Groups: The format is to meet in someone's home and chat over a cup of tea/ coffee, then spend a short time reading and reflecting on short passages of the Bible and finishing with prayers for each other's needs and the needs of the community. Our first group meets fortnightly and are keen to keep going. We are hoping to start another Home Group as the Alpha Course finishes in May/June, If you are interested please contact Alex Parker: alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk. It is a great way to make new friends and also a gentle way to approach Bible Study in an informal way. If you would be able to offer your home as a venue, please contact Alex or phone the Parish Office.

Thy Kingdom Come – Join the Wave of Prayer. The TCC prayer event begins this Thursday 10th May Ascension Day service at St Georges, Bamford Street 7.30pm. The following dates are for half hour evening prayer meetings 7.00 – 7.30pm followed by refreshments (see www.thykingdomcome.global).

Friday 11 th May	St Editha's Church Tamworth
Monday 14 th	Glascote Methodist Church
Tuesday 15 th	Tamworth Baptist Church
Wednes 16 th May	St Editha's Amington
Thursday 17 th May	St Leonards Wigginton
Friday 18th May	Sacred Heart Church

Friday 18th May we need welcomers for this TCC event at Sacred Heart and a few people to help to serve refreshments. Can you help? Please contact the office or e-mail alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk

Saturday 19th May – Pentecost Party in the Park at the Bandstand, Castle Grounds 1.00 – 4.00pm.

World Communication Day – 13th May Next weekend we will be remembering all who work in the media and also for work carried out by the Communication Office of the Bishops' Conference. Working across both national and international media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and the world. The second collection this next weekend will be in aid of Catholic Communication

Tamworth Bible Readathon St Editha's Church Wednesday 4th July – Saturday 7th July - an opportunity for you to be part of something unique and memorable. There's nothing quite like reading the Bible out loud, knowing that you are part of declaring all of God's Word. If you would like to be involved, please put your name on the sheet which is on the board at the back of church. If you would like more information contact Jayne Glynn by email: glynn.jayne@yahoo.com.

Good News: Fr JP's visa has been approved. He should be coming to the UK this month and beginning his induction in the parish in June. Thank-you for all the prayers.

Choirs: Singing at Mass can be enhanced by good choirs, and these need to rehearse. The choir for the 9.00am Mass rehearse in the Modwen Room at Sacred Heart on Wednesday's from 7.00pm, there is also currently a rehearsal in church from 5.00pm on Saturdays for the 6.00pm Mass and 11.15am on Sunday for the 12.00noon Mass. If you would like to join one of the choirs please speak to Alex or email alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk



Pentecost 'Gifts of the Spirit' Concert: we are hosting this concert at Sacred Heart on Sat May 19th at 7.00 pm. Children from our schools will be singing along with Dan Callow and Emily Clark (professional Christian musicians). Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for under 16's. It is a great way to celebrate Pentecost, encourage our children and listen to some new Christian music. So please come along.

We thought the Sat evening Mass would be back in St John's (May 19th). It now clashes with the concert rehearsals. We are looking to have our Sat evening Mass in the function room upstairs (there is a lift).

Pentecost Party in the Park – Join Tamworth churches together to celebrate the birthday of the church. Craft activities, prayer tent, games and much more. Drop in at any time. Saturday 19th May 1pm – 4pm at the Castle Grounds Bandstand.

The Summer Fayre is on June 24th this year. Can you help?

- *Can you provide any big prizes – any connections with hotels or holidays? We need these soon so we can do the raffle tickets.*
- *Can you get match funding (banks are good at offering this to employees)?*
- *Do you know someone who can?*
- *Can you help on the day? Please sign up if you can. Please think about it and phone or email the office if you can help.*

Our Summer Scheme is coming up and will run from July 23rd for two weeks. We are also hoping to run a Teen Scheme. We need volunteers. If you would like to be involved this year and help in any way as a leader, helper, driver or to help with the planning of activities, contact alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk or phone the parish office. We do need to make the necessary DBS checks so a prompt response would be appreciated.



The Latest Lot of Gold was brought in to Birmingham on Wednesday and we were paid £1,065 for it so we have got £3,265 so far. Thank-you to all who have searched around and brought it in. What a difference it makes.

St John's Re-opening: Bishop David McGough will bless St John's on the night of Wednesday May 23rd at 7.00 pm. It will remain closed till then and Masses will continue at Sacred Heart.

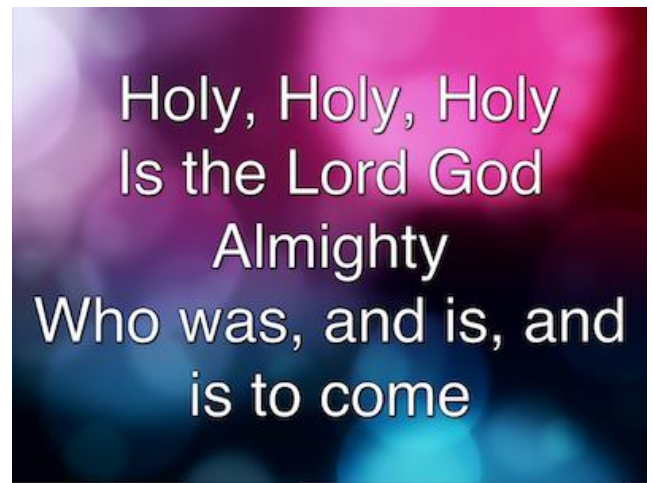
St Francis of Assisi School have agreed to work with us in employing a person to lead youth ministry. We will share the hours and costs of this new post which, we hope will start in September. This is great news since, even when our new youth worker is not with us he/she will be working with many of our young people in school. The advert will go out in May and we hope the person will start in September.

Summer Camp - Alton Castle are running the UK's only LifeTeen Summer Camp! Bookings are now open. This year's camp will be running TWICE due to popular demand. Just pick the dates that best suit you and getting booking! The week is full of high adrenaline activities, inspirational talks, moving times of prayer, making new friends in small groups, a full day at Alton Towers and fun on the Snowdome slopes, plus daily access to the sacraments. If you are from the Birmingham Archdiocese, the cost is subsidised, we ask for a minimum donation of £195. Bursary forms available if needed. You can find the booking forms and bursary forms all on the website. www.bcys.co.uk An incredibly inspirational and adventurous week for any young person in Yrs 7-11.

Week One: July 29th - Aug 2nd Week Two: Aug 5th - Aug 9th

For any more information please contact becky.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Funerals and Projector Screens: families of mourners have been very complimentary about having hymns and prayers shown on screen for funerals. They have noted that it is more welcoming, especially for people who don't know the prayers and they are greeted with a picture of the person whom they are mourning. When offered it, every family have been keen and response and participation has improved. The expensive and waste of printing every prayer is also saved for them too. But we could do with a few people to volunteer to manage the slides. Can you help please? It is easy.



H.O.T. Activities:

Memory Café – The Café offers a friendly place where people with memory loss and carers are able to come together in a safe and supportive environment. The Café takes place every Tues morning at Sacred Heart from 10am – 12 noon. If you know anyone that the Café can benefit, please pass on the details.

Dementia Action Week – Tamworth Events Monday 21st to Sunday 27th May. There will be a number of events going on around the town highlighting Dementia Action Week. Please check the notice board or pick up a leaflet from the back of church.



Bereavement Support service operates at Sacred Heart on Fridays (10 – 12.00 noon). If you know of anyone grieving, please invite them to join us. We work in partnership with St Giles Hospice and are supported by M.G. Evan's and the Cooperative Funeral Directors.

Evening Bereavement Support. Not everyone can come along to the Friday morning Bereavement Support. We now have enough volunteers to be able to offer an evening support at St John's Community Rooms. This starts on Thursday 10th May 5.30 – 7.30pm. It may be that you just need to drop in for a chat and a tea/coffee or somewhere to call in

before going home. If you know of anyone that you feel will benefit from this service, please give them a leaflet that are at the back of church, or bring them along yourselves.

Singing for the Mind: The next session is at The Hub on Thurs 17th May 10.30 -11.30. If you love to sing come and join us. Some of those attending have already spoken of the benefits for them. One person attending regularly, who is recovering from a stroke, has commented that the muscles around his mouth have improved since singing and thus so has his speech and ability to scan the words on a page.

Tamworth Carnival 2018: In order to raise the profile of Heart of Tamworth and raise funds for our projects from a wider audience, we are entering a Glascote float and have a stall in the Tamworth Carnival 2018. We have already had the very generous support of Guinan Girls in providing a lorry. Can you help on the day, **2nd June**, or with the preparations? The stall will raise funds so ideas and contributions are very welcome. Please email me with your interest at speople@btinternet.com.

Gamblers Anonymous now meet each Monday evening at St John's at 7pm.

St Editha's Bookshop is taking part in a new scheme called Take Note which means that four times a year there will be a range of new titles in store for the duration of two months. These new ranges of books, Bibles, DVDs and music will arrive in the shop each May, August, November and February so the first arrivals will be this month. There will be catalogues of the products available for you to take away so Please come and take a look and let us know what you think.

Weston Super Mare Trip – Wednesday 11th July price £15 per person. For more details see Patricia in the Piety Stall after the 9am or before the 12 noon Mass.

Money Matters	
Envelopes	122.96
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	488.54
Total:	£1411.50
Building Fund	278.58
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