

Issue 12/26

Sunday 12th July 2026

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Holiday Club 2026

Monday 20th – Friday 24th July

with the Holiday Club Service & Lunch on Sun 26th (11am)

Our annual summer Holiday Club for local children has played a big part in our church life in July for many, many years. In fact, it's one of the things that generation after generation of children remember about our church. Several young adults have commented to me about what a great time they had at the club – a few now even send their own children. And we should give thanks that God has enabled us to run it again and again, and for all the leaders and the helpers he has provided over the years.

Holiday Club is one of those things that need lots of the church family to be involved in one way or another, if it's going to run smoothly – with leaders and helpers during the week, those helping with bookings and admin, those setting up and tidying up, and those committed to praying for all that's going on. So, **thank you very much** to all who have been involved with the holiday clubs in the past and all who are planning to be involved again this year.

We will be setting up for this year's club **from Wed 15th July** – see *inside for details*. If you think that you can help in any way, please have a word with Mark or Hannah or just come along – there will be lots of different things to do. And also, any help with **tidying up on Mon 27th**, would also be greatly appreciated.

This year's theme is based on the Book of Jonah – thinking about how God saves and how God cares (something that Jonah himself struggled to get his head round at the time). Please pray that the children have a wonderful, safe and fun time – but that they will also hear about God's power, his goodness, his love – something that they too can know. Over the last few years, we have found it harder to attract children and families to the clubs, services and events we run. So, pray too that bookings keep coming in this year, and there would be lots of happy children in St John's for the week of the club. *Thanks, Mark.*

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Trinity 6

Salvation comes from the Lord – Jonah Ch. 2

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 927; St. Mark's pg.928)

9.00 am	Holy Communion - St John's Church (Preacher: Sheila Neale) Prayer after Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship - St Mark's Church (Preacher: Sheila Neale) Prayer after Church
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)
3.00 pm	Baptism for Emery – St John's Church
4.00 pm	Praise and Prayer – St John's Church (with Mark M)

Activities this week

Mon 13 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10 - 11.30 am	LAST Little Fishes - Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Vicarage Garden
	2.00 pm	Bethany in St John's Church Hall
Weds 15 th	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp <i>please ask Mark M if you would like to join</i>
	9.00 am	Carpet laying & furniture moving for Holiday Club in St John's Church
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers - St Mark's Holy Communion (Preacher: Mark G)
	7.00 pm	LAST Ignite Youth Group – at beach
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in the Church Hall
Thurs 16 th	9.00 am	Holiday Club setting up – St John's
	10.30 am	Bethany Again in the Church Hall
	7.00 for 7.30 pm	Christianity Explored – Session 6 St Mark's Church
Fri 17 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	9.00 am	Holiday Club setting up – St John's
	5.00 pm	Prayers for Mission Links – St John's
Sat 18 th	9.30 am	Safeguarding Training – St Mark's

Sunday 19th July 2026

Trinity 7

Calling and turning – Jonah Ch. 3

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 928; St. Mark's pg.929)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer - St John's Church (Preacher: Christine Sanders) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship - St Mark's Church (Preacher: Christine Sanders) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	Holy Communion and Prayer for Holiday Club in St John's Church

Activities this week

Mon 20 th	9.00 am	Holiday Club Prayers
	10 – 12 noon	Day 1 of Holiday Club – St John's
	11.45 am	Funeral of Sally Hemmingway – Burrs Road Chapel (MM)
Tues 21 st	10 – 12 noon	Day 2 of Holiday Club – St John's
Weds 22 nd	10 – 12 noon	Day 3 of Holiday Club – St John's
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers - St Mark's Morning Prayer (Preacher: Christine S)
	12 noon – 1.30 pm	Holiday Club Families' Event Picnic Lunch & Games
Thurs 23 rd	10 – 12 noon	Day 4 Holiday Club – St John's
	7.00 for 7.30 pm	Christianity Explored – Session 7 St Mark's Church
Fri 24 th	10 – 12 noon	Day 5 Holiday Club – St John's
Sat 25 th	9.30 – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning in St John's Church Hall

Prayers after our Morning Services

After our Morning Services at St John's and St Mark's, each week,
there are now people available to pray with you or for you.

*Please feel free to ask for prayer for anything – big or small –
for yourself or for someone else – whatever is on your heart.*

Sunday 26th July 2026

Trinity 8

Holiday Club Sunday

A compassionate God - Jonah Ch. 4

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.929)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer – St John's Church (Preacher: Mark M) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
	NO Morning Service in St Mark's Church
11.00 am	Holiday Club Service – St John's Church
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)
	NO Afternoon Service (THESE RESTART IN SEPTEMBER)

Activities this week

Mon 27 th	9.00 am	Holiday Club Tidy-up – St John's
	2.00 pm	Bethany in St John's Church Hall
Tues 28 th	11.45 am	Stewsdays in St Mark's Church
Wed 29 th	11.00 am	LAST Wednesday Worshippers - Holy Communion in St Mark's
Sat 1 st August	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Singalong and Afternoon Tea in St Mark's Church Tickets: £5 <i>Please sign up on the sheets for catering</i>

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Trinity 9

United for blessing – Psalm 133

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.625; St. Mark's pg.625)

9.00 am	Holy Communion - St John's Church (Preacher: Mark M) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Holy Communion - St Mark's Church (Preacher: Mark M) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)
	NO Tea Time Church (THIS RESTARTS IN SEPTEMBER)

Activities this week

Mon 3 rd	2.00 pm	Service at Havenvale (MM & CS)
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Sunday 9th August 2026

Trinity 10

United in Thanksgiving

Psalm 100

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.604)

	NO 9.00 am service at St John's
	NO 10.30am service at St Mark's
10.30 am	Outdoor Service – St John's Churchyard Giving Thanks for our Church Hall (Preacher: Mark M) <i>followed by Picnic lunch in the Vicarage Garden</i> <i>(please bring your own picnic)</i>
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)

Morning and Evening Prayers

*are taking a break during the summer holidays
and will restart again in September.*

Holiday Club 2026

Mon 20th – Fri 24th July

*with the Holiday Club Service on Sun 26th July
in St John's Church*

Our Holiday Club this year is:

The Prophet, the giant fish and the Love of God
Jonah and his adventures

If you would like to help in any way,
please do have a word with Hannah or Mark.

HOLIDAY CLUB SET-UP:

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 15th, 16th, 17th July from 9am

Please come and help if you can.

COMMUNION SERVICE & PRAYER FOR CLUB:

Sun 19th July, 4pm

DAILY TIMINGS FOR LEADERS:

9am: Prayer, **9.15:** Leaders' Meeting, **9.45:** Registration opens
12-12.30: Debrief after club

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Camps

Please pray, as some of the young people from Ignite are going on these.
Daniel and Hannah are also involved in a couple of camps as leaders.
First one: Daniel is on Hope Cumbria Venture – 25th July-1st August

Summer Singalong & Afternoon Tea

The ***Just Us Singers*** will be hosting this special event on
Saturday 1st August, 3-5pm at St Mark's Church

Tickets on sale on the door - £5 - proceeds to the New Church Hall Fund.
Sign-up sheets are in both churches for catering purposes

***Most of our regular events take a break over the summer please
keep an eye out for when they restart in September.***

Coffee Morning

(LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

Saturday 25th July 2026, 9.30-11.30am

in St John's Church Hall

Coffee morning takes a break during August
(Next one after the summer break: 26th September)

Stewsdays

(LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

Tuesday 28th July at St Mark's Church

Please choose: Cottage Pie / Shepherdess Pie

Doors open at 11.45am, lunch served at 12.15pm

Booking is **essential**: 01255 475704 (Church Office)

THEN AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK...

Tuesday 29th September at St Mark's Church

Please choose: Sausage Casserole/Vegetarian Sausage casserole

Craft Group

(LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

Wednesday 30th September 2026 - 4pm at St Mark's

Craft Group is taking a break during the summer months

Please continue to pray for Robert Arr on the loss of his mum, Margaret.

Please continue to pray for Chris Pearce – she hasn't been well over recent weeks - and for Rob, who has been looking after her.

Please continue to pray for all those families, who we have had contact with, as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Please continue to pray for those we know who are not well or are undergoing or waiting for treatment at the moment.

Please continue to pray for the persecuted churches in many places around the world.

PRAYjuly

During July let's join with others in churches across the country in praying for the Church of England using the topics suggested by the CEEC.

*Please see our **July Prayer Diary** for the suggested prayers.*

You can also find more information on the CEEC website:

www.ceec.info/pray-july/

Afternoon Services in St. John's at 4pm

Sunday 19th July

Holy Communion with Prayers for Holiday Club

(a special service on the evening before Holiday Club begins)

SUMMER BREAK FOR AFTERNOON SERVICES

Sunday 6th September

Tea Time Church

Sunday 13th September

Lego Church

(A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL)

Sunday 20th September

Praise and Prayer Evening

Sunday 27th September

Evening Communion

Normal Church Office opening times are

Monday 10.00 am - 1.30 pm - *Ann-Marie*

Tuesday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm - *Anita*

Wednesday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm - *Anita*

Thursday 9.00 am - 1.30 pm - *Ann-Marie*

Friday 9.00 am - 3.30 pm - *Ann-Marie*

Saturday 9.00 am - 11.00 am - *Anita*

(On Fridays 9–10 am we have a Staff Meeting.)

Clergy day off

Mark – day off: Tuesday

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