

Issue 12/25

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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**Let's keep inviting...**

Next Saturday we have our **Church Open Day** at **St John's** and then a **Joint Outdoor Service** in the churchyard on the Sunday.

**(Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am–3pm & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am)**

Saturday will include a Local History Talk by George Hardwick, and also his Local History Display Boards, which will stay up in St John's for the following week. *Details of all of this are inside - do have a look.*

The weekend is part of our 900<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations for St John's and also are a chance to show off the new and repaired stonework, now that it has been completed. Hopefully many of our friends and neighbours will be interested in the local history angle, and the big part that St John's has played in our community through the years. So do please think about anyone it would be good to invite along – there are flyers available at the back of our churches.

In fact, we hope that nearly everything that we do as a church is suitable for those from outside the church family – so do feel free to invite people. There's the Coffee Morning, Stewsdays and Community Cuppa, which are things where people might really appreciate an invite. There is Bethany, when people need special support. There are our activities for children and young people, including Little Fishes and our Holiday Club (*see inside*). And, of course, visitors are always welcome at our church services, including Wednesday Worshippers and Together.

Many churches across the country are finding that more visitors are popping into church at the moment for lots of things and lots of reasons – and people are more open to being invited. So, let's make sure that we don't miss out in Great Clacton and make use of all the wonderful things that go on at St John's and St Mark's – let's keep inviting! *Thank you. Mark.*

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Trinity 2

Theme:– Heed what's happened - Micah Ch. 6

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.934; St. Mark's pg.934)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer in St John's ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship in St Mark's ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )
11.00 am (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	<b>Evening Communion</b> in St John's Church

### Activities this week

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Monday Morning Prayers – St John's
	10 – 11.30 am	Little Fishes in St John's Church
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp <i>please ask Mark M if you would like to join</i>
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers - St Mark's <b>First Wednesday Special</b> <b><i>Summer Songs of Praise</i></b>
	11.00 am	Funeral of Joan Dean (MM) in St John's then Burrs Rd Cemetery
	3.00 pm	Fabric Committee in St John's
	7.00 pm	Ignite Youth Group at St. Paul's
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Persecuted Church Prayers - SJC
	10.30 am	<b>Community Cuppa</b> in St. John's Church Hall
	7.30 pm	<b>Thursday Night Group</b> in St. Mark's ( <i>starting "Close encounters"</i> )
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	5.00 pm	Prayers for our Mission Links in SJC
	7.30 pm	Holiday Club meeting in SJC.
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am – 3.00 pm	<b>Church Open Day</b> in St. John's Church <i>with the Local History Talk at 11.30 am</i>

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Trinity 3

Psalm 33

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.560)

9.00 am	<b>NO</b> Morning Prayer in St. John's Church
10.30 am	<b>NO</b> Morning Worship in St Mark's Church
10.30 am	<b>JOINT OUTDOOR SERVICE</b> AT St. John's Church followed by picnic lunch in the Vicarage Garden
11.00 am	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )
4.00 pm	Tea Time Church in St. John's Church

### Activities this week

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Monday Morning Prayers – St John's
	10 – 12 noon	<b>St. John's Church will be open</b>
	10 – 11.30 am	Little Fishes in the Vicarage Garden
	1.30 pm	Funeral of Eddie White in SJC (MM)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 12 noon	<b>St. John's Church will be open</b>
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Morning Prayers on WhatsApp
	10 – 12 noon	<b>St. John's Church will be open</b>
	11.00 am	Wednesday Worshippers ( <i>with Mark M</i> ) Holy Communion - in St Mark's
	7.00 pm	Ignite Youth Group at St. Paul's
	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal in St John's
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Persecuted Church Prayers in SJC
	10 – 12 noon	<b>St. John's Church will be open</b>
	10.30 for 11.00 am	<b>Together LAST ONE</b> – in St. John's ( <i>Preacher: Sheila Neale</i> )
	7.30 pm	Thursday Night Group in St Mark's
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Morning Prayers in St John's Church
	10 – 12 noon	<b>St. John's Church will be open</b>
	5.00 pm	Prayers for our Mission Links in SJC
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Wedding of Robert Fairbrace and Caitlin Hine in St. John's Church

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Trinity 4

Theme:– No faithful remain...but I wait in hope

Micah Ch. 7 vs 1-10

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.935; St. Mark's pg.935)

9.00 am	Holy Communion in St John's ( <i>Preacher: Christine</i> ) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Holy Communion in St Mark's ( <i>Preacher: Andy Brown</i> )
11.00 am (Premiere)	Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> ) (And also available at any time after this.)
4.00 pm	<b>Praise and Prayer</b> in St John's Church

### **Prayer after our Morning Services**

*There are people available to pray with anyone who asks..*

. St. Mark's – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

St. John's – we now hope to offer this every Sunday

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### **St. John's Open Day**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 10.30am to 3.00pm**

This will include the History Boards displayed in the church together with a talk from George Hardwick at 11.30 am.

There will be a chance to ring the bells in the afternoon (2-3pm), and we may even be able to open up the tunnel for visitors.

*Tea, coffee & cake will be served in the chancel*

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### **Joint Outdoor Service**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – 10.30am in St. John's Churchyard**

This will give us a chance to admire our beautiful new stonework and to give thanks for God's provision for it and the work done.

*Following the service...*

*why not bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the Vicarage Garden?*

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**St. John's Church will be open the following week with the history boards remaining in situ for people to see and enjoy.**

**Monday – Friday, 10am-12noon each day**

## **Church Weekend away at home**

**A very big thank you** to everyone who helped and also attended this very enjoyable weekend and made it really special. The donations that were received on Friday at the Quiz Night were £230.90 and these will go towards the cost of using Birch Hall (as we didn't charge children and young people to join in on the Saturday). There were also some additional costs, which weren't quite covered by what we charged for the day. We are going to cover this by using some of our Sunday refreshments donations that are collected week by week – it is always lovely to put these to help with something special. We will also be sending a monetary gift to John Parker, to cover his travelling expenses and also to thank him for his wonderful teaching ministry and his time.

If you have any more thoughts about the weekend, do let Mark know – he will be having a review meeting with Mark H and David – so any feedback will be useful. Thank you.

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**Do you enjoy making and serving Tea and Coffee?** Is this something that you would like to do for your church family on a Sunday morning? St. Mark's are looking for willing volunteers to join their rota. If you would just like to have a go for a week to see if you like it, then please do have a word with Anita, either at church or by contacting the Church office (01255 475704). *Many thanks.*

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## **HOLIDAY CLUB**

The week for our annual children's Holiday Club is coming up soon, starting on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. As always, offers to help during the week, or with the setting up and tidying away are always welcome – have a word with Hannah or Mark. If you want to find out more, do come to the **planning meeting** on **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm** in **St John's**.

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*PLEASE – if you have any **carrier bags** hanging around at home, could we please have them for the food parcel packing?  
We are once again very short on carrier bags.*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Coffee Morning**

(LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Next one: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30-11.30am**

in the Church Hall at St John's

*This is the last one before our summer break.*

*After this, the next one will be 27<sup>th</sup> September.*

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### **Stewsdays**

(LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at St Mark's Church**

*This is the last one before the summer break,*

*after the summer we return on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September*

Please choose: Mince beef pie

Cheese & onion pie

**Doors open at 11.45am, lunch served at 12.15pm**

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

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### **Craft Group**

(USUALLY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

This will now take a break for the summer and return on

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 4pm at St Mark's**

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As you are no doubt aware by now, lots of our events take a break over the summer, especially in August, which gives us all time to rest and recharge and be raring to go when we come back in September!

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### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

This year our **Harvest Festival Weekend** will be on

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

We are hoping to have a special event on the Saturday and special Harvest Thanksgiving Services on the Sunday.

**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 around the world. *If you would like more information, please join us for prayers on a **Thursday morning at 9.30am in St. John's.***

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

**Please pray for** our local schools – pupils and staff – especially in this term with exams and tests. Pray for Hannah as she continues to take classes and assemblies, and organises visits to church.

## **Afternoon Services in St. John's at 4pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Evening Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Tea Time Church

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Praise and Prayer (*praying for a Great Awakening*)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Evening Communion & Prayer  
*before Holiday Club starts the following day*

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**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.*)

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**Clergy day off**

Mark – day off: Tuesday

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