

New Church Hall Update

Thank you to all who have been praying for progress on the plans for our New Church Hall. We are now (at last) on the verge of submitting our application for full Planning Permission. The more detailed plans from the architects are now completed, the reports that we had to commission (to submit with the plans) have been received, and everything has been positive so far.

Over the next week the architects will be doing the final checks and getting the application in. Please do pray that everything will go smoothly during this next stage. I'm sure that there will be further challenges along the way, but let's give thanks for how far it's progressed over the last year.

Mark

And an encouragement from John Dunnett

(from one of the recent CEEC updates)

"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" – 2 Timothy 2:1.
Just as Paul encourages Timothy to be strong in Jesus, we can be encouraged ourselves in what the Lord is doing in our midst.

We are not called to be strong in ourselves, in our strength or abilities. Neither are we called to be strong in our ministry or in our service. Nor are we called to be strong in our church, local or national. We are called to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. We are to be strong in Him.

Strong in the grace, mercy, forgiveness and love that we find in our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him we find the strength to persevere, to stand firm and to keep going. He is our foundation, the rock on which we stand.

Brothers and sisters be strong - strong in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended King and Saviour.

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 God's goodness including for our Church Hall... new and old! <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> <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 <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> (And also available at any time after this.)

Activities this week

Mon 10 th	2.00 pm	Bethany in St John's Church Hall
Thurs 13 th	6.15 am - 10.15 pm	Private Hire of St Mark's Church as a Polling Station

Sunday 16th August 2026

Trinity 11

United before the Eternal God

Psalm 90

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 599; St. Mark's pg.599)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer - St John's Church <i>(Preacher: Mark Galliers)</i> <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship - St Mark's Church <i>(Preacher: Mark Galliers)</i> <i>Prayer after Church</i>
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube <i>(Preacher: Mark M)</i> (And also available at any time after this.)

Activities this week

Fri 21 st	1 pm – 6 pm	Private Hire of St Mark's Church
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Sunday 23rd August 2026

Trinity 12

United praying for restoration

Psalm 85

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 595; St. Mark's pg. 595)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer - St John's Church (Preacher: Stuart Baker) Prayer after Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship - St Mark's Church (Preacher: Stuart Baker) Prayer after Church
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)

Activities this week

Mon 24 th	2.00 pm	Bethany in St John's Church Hall
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Sunday 30th August 2026

Trinity 13

United in praise and obedience

Psalm 95

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg. 602; St. Mark's pg. 602)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer – St John's Church (Preacher: Tom Linnane) Prayer after Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship - St Mark's Church (Preacher: Tom Linnane) Prayer after Church Thanksgiving for Wren Westerley
11.00 am (Premier)	Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: Mark M) (And also available at any time after this.)

Activities this week

Mon 31 st		BANK HOLIDAY
Weds 2 nd Sept	11.00 am	First Wednesday Special at Wednesday Worshippers Theme: "Fragrance" St Mark's Church
Sat 5 th	1.00 pm	Wedding of Matthew Wilson and Lily Buller – St John's Church

Sunday 6th September 2026

Trinity 14

Psalms of Unity:

United in Praise – Psalm 133

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

9.00 am	Morning Prayer - St John's Church (Preacher: Pam Dench) <i>Prayer after Church</i>
10.30 am	Holy Communion - St Mark's Church (Preacher: Pam Dench) <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	Tea Time Church - St John's Church

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.

Recycling Roundup

Very sadly, the Bakery scheme has come to an end. This means we can no longer recycle the following:

- Bread bags
- Wrappings from other bread products e.g. *Rolls, pitta bread, naan bread etc.*
- Rigid trays from biscuits and cakes

All of these plastics can be recycled in other places

- soft plastics at supermarkets
- rigid trays at M&S food hall (*kerbside as from October*)

HOWEVER.....

We are now able to accept “dead” felt pens and highlighters.

*Thank you for all your help
in keeping so much plastic out of landfill.*

Morning and Evening Prayers

in St John's and on WhatsApp

are taking a break during the summer holidays
and will restart again from Monday 7th September.

Youth and Children's Events

Little Fishes and Ignite restart after the summer break
on the week starting Monday 7th September.

Before that there is **Tea Time Church**
on Sunday 6th September, 4pm in St John's.

Please keep praying for more families to attend St Mark's.
We hope to restart *Sunday Funtime* fully before too long.
Until then there will be children's activities at the back.

Coggeshall Flower Festival

"The Women who made us bloom"

Saturday 29th August to Monday 31st August

Sat 10-5 Sun 11-5 Mon 10-5

- Beautiful flower Displays
- Live music during each day
 - Refreshments
 - Produce stalls
 - Fun for little ones

St Peter ad Vincula Church, CO6 1UD

*A big thank you to everyone who supported the
Singalong and Afternoon Tea at St Mark's
with the "Just us Singers"
and especially to those who performed
and those who provided the wonderful refreshments
(on Saturday 1st August)*

It raised an amazing **£439.40**
with all the proceeds going towards the New Church Hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Camps

Please pray, as some of the young people from Ignite are going on these over the next month.

Daniel and Hannah are also involved in a couple of camps as leaders this summer. (Daniel's one was at the end of July.)

Hannah is on "Contagious" – 22nd - 28th August.

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

Harvest Coffee Morning

(LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

Saturday 26th September 2026, 9.30-11.30am

in St John's Church Hall

Coffee morning takes a break during August

Stewsdays

(LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

Tuesday 29th September at St Mark's Church

Please choose: Sausage Casserole/Vegetarian Sausage casserole

Doors open at 11.45am, lunch served at 12.15pm

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

Craft Group

(LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

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

This month we are making a Wildflower Decorated container

Harvest Festival Fortnight

This starts with our Harvest Coffee Morning (see above)

It includes our...

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Sunday 27th September

AND

Barn Dance

Saturday 3rd October 2026 - 6pm at St Mark's

Please continue to pray for Robert Arr after the loss of Margaret.

Please continue to pray for Chris Pearce – who is recovering now, after illness – 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.

This is a prayer that was used during holiday club week:

*Heavenly father,
Thank you for the strength you have given to the Holiday Club team
to enable them to complete their hard work.
Thank you for the opportunity to see the joy and smiles,
enthusiasm and happiness of the children
as they create crafts and images of the sea creatures you created
and enjoy the wonders of your world as they play outside,
with their activities and picnic.
Thank you, Heavenly Father,
for a week of bible learning mixed with joy and laughter.
Amen.*

Afternoon Services in St. John's at 4pm

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

(A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL)

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.)

*During August Ann-Marie will be taking some time of
So please phone ahead if you need to pop into the office
to check if someone will be there.*

Clergy day off

Mark – day off: Tuesday

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