

Issue 13/25

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

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### **Holiday Club 2025**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

*with the Holiday Club Service & Lunch on Sun 27<sup>th</sup> (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. 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 a large proportion 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 is 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 16<sup>th</sup>** – 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 also be some extra things to do like cutting the vicarage grass, so that the garden can be used by the children – so do offer if you think that you can help.) And also, any help with **tidying up on Mon 28<sup>th</sup>**, would also be greatly appreciated.

This year's theme is based on how God was at work through what happened to Joseph, whose story is at the end of Genesis. 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, and how he can work even through deeply flawed people. *Thanks, Mark.*

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

### Activities this week

|                        |               |   |
|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.30 am       | <b>LAST</b> Mon Morning Prayers – SJC   |
|                        | 10 – 11.30 am | <b>LAST</b> Little Fishes in St John's  |
|                        | 2.00 pm       | <b>Bethany</b> in St. John's Church Hall  |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 2.00 pm       | Funeral of Joanna Kerr at Weeley (MM)   |
| Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00 am       | <b>LAST</b> Morning Prayers on WhatsApp<br><i>please ask Mark M if you would like to join</i> |
|                        | from 9.00 am  | <b>Hol Club carpets go down in SJC</b>  |
|                        | 11.00 am      | Wednesday Worshippers - St Mark's<br>Holy Communion ( <i>Preacher: Stuart</i> )               |
|                        | 7.00 pm       | <b>LAST</b> Ignite Youth Group - St Paul's  |
|                        | 7.30 pm       | PCC Meeting - St John's Church Hall   |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am       | <b>LAST</b> Persecuted Church Prayers   |
|                        | from 9.00 am  | <b>Hol Club</b> – stage & group areas build   |
|                        |               | <b>NO</b> Community Cuppa ( <i>next one 4<sup>th</sup> Sep</i> )                              |
|                        | 7.30 pm       | <b>LAST Thursday Night Group</b> in St.<br>Mark's ( <i>continuing "Close encounters"</i> )    |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.30 am       | <b>LAST</b> Morning Prayers in St John's  |
|                        | from 9.00 am  | <b>Hol Club set-up</b> – building entrance<br>& decorating group areas                        |
|                        | 5.00 pm       | <b>LAST</b> Prayers for our Mission Links<br>in St John's Church                              |

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Trinity 5

Theme: I will show them my wonders – Micah Ch. 7 vs. 11-20  
(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.935; St. Mark's pg.934)

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| 9.00 am  | Morning Prayer in St. John's Church<br>with a World Focus ( <i>Jackie</i> ) (Preacher: <i>Sheila</i> ) |
| 10.30 am | Morning Worship in St Mark's Church<br>with a World Focus ( <i>Helen</i> ) (Preacher: <i>Sheila</i> )  |
| 11.00 am | Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: <i>Mark M</i> )   |
| 4.00 pm  | Holiday Club Communion and Prayer - in St. John's  |

### Activities this week

|                        |                    |   |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 10 – 12 noon       | <b>Holiday Club Day 1</b><br>(9 am for Leaders' Prayers & Meeting)                                |
|                        | 2.00 pm            | Monthly Service at Havenvale (MM&CS)  |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 10 – 12 noon       | <b>Holiday Club Day 2</b><br>(9 am for Leaders' Prayers & Meeting)                                |
| Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 10 – 12 noon       | <b>Holiday Club Day 3</b><br>(9 am for Leaders' Prayers & Meeting)                                |
|                        | 12.15 - 1.30pm     | <b>Afternoon Picnic and Games</b>   |
|                        | 2.45pm             | Funeral of Ron King at Weeley (MM)  |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> | 10 – 12 noon       | <b>Holiday Club Day 4</b><br>(9 am for Leaders' Prayers & Meeting)                                |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 10 – 12 noon       | <b>Holiday Club Day 5 (LAST)</b><br>(9 am for Leaders' Prayers & Meeting)                         |
| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30 – 11.30<br>am | Coffee Morning in St. John's Church<br>Hall ( <b>LAST</b> ) (Next one 27 <sup>th</sup> September) |

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Holiday Club Sunday** (Trinity 6)

Theme – God was with Joseph - Genesis Ch. 39  
(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.43)

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| 9.00 am  | Morning Prayer in St John's (Preacher: <i>Mark M</i> ) |
|          | <b>NO</b> service at St Mark's Church today            |
| 11.00 am | <b>Holiday Club Service</b> in St John's               |
| 11.00 am | Online Service on YouTube (Preacher: <i>Mark M</i> )   |

Activities this week

|                       |                |   |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>  | from 9.00 am   | Holiday Club tidy-up day                              |
|                       | 2.00 pm        | <b>Bethany</b> in St. John's Church Hall              |
|                       | 6.00 - 8.00 pm | <b>Private hire of St. John's Hall</b>                |
| Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> | 11.45 am       | <b>Stewsdays</b> in St. Mark's Church                 |
| Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> | 1.00 pm        | Funeral of Diana Hepburn<br>in St. John's Church (MM) |

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

Trinity 7

Theme: Who is a God like you? - Micah Ch. 7 vs 18-20  
(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.936; St. Mark's pg.936)

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|------------------------|---|
| 9.00 am                | Morning Prayer with Baptism ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )<br>in St John's Church <i>Prayer after Church</i> |
| 10.30 am               | Holy Communion in St Mark's ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )   |
| 11.00 am<br>(Premiere) | Online Service on YouTube ( <i>Preacher: Mark M</i> )<br>(And also available at any time after this.)     |

Activities this week

**No Activities this week**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Trinity 8

**New Series: Summer Psalms**

Psalm 62

(Church Bibles - St. John's pg.579; St. Mark's pg.579)

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

**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

## **Church Open Day and Outdoor Service**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Church Open Day at St John's last Saturday, or the Outdoor Service on Sunday, or popped in to see the History Display, which stayed in place during the week. We were able to welcome many, many guests as well as a really good number of the church family. There were over 100 people there to listen to the very interesting Local History Talk from **George Hardwick** on the Saturday morning, and many people stayed around to look at the displays and enjoy tea, coffee and lots of cake. In the afternoon, people were also able to venture down the tunnel - the youngest was a six year old (with parental help), and the oldest was seventy-six (without any help at all)! Well done to both of them, and lots of others, for being so courageous.

So a **really big thank you** goes to everyone who helped by making cakes, serving refreshments, setting up, tidying away, etc, etc. And a special huge thanks goes to George (assisted by Helen) for his wonderful talk and wonderful display, which he manned right through the week, so that he could answer many, many questions about all the wonderful photos and stories. We will be making sure that they are aware of how grateful we are for all of this!

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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.*

## **Church Weekend Away at Home**

We have had lots of positive comments about our Joint Church Weekend, which we shared with other local parishes. And this was the feeling at the other churches as well! So David Lower, Mark Holdaway and I had a meeting together and we are proposing that we do something similar next year. The provisional date is **12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Do let me know if you have any thoughts. *Thanks, Mark.*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Coffee Morning**

(LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

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

*This is the last one before the summer break,  
after the summer we return on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
in the Church Hall at St John's*

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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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### **AND ALSO IN SEPTEMBER...**

On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept** we are planning on doing a **Clothes Swap!**

This will be during the afternoon at St Mark's. So please keep any good quality clothes, shoes and accessories that you may be thinking of giving away and bring them along. The idea is that we can swap clothes, etc, so that what now may be your "trash" could be someone else's "treasure"! More details to follow...

**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 do ask.*

**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 – approaching the end of term. Give thanks for all that Hannah has been able to do in schools during this year. Do have a chat with her about it!

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

### **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*

**THERE ARE NO AFTERNOON SERVICES  
DURING AUGUST**

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Tea Time Church

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#### **Normal Church Office** opening times are

|           |          |   |          |   |                  |
|-----------|----------|---|----------|---|------------------|
| Monday    | 10.00 am | - | 1.30 pm  | - | <i>Ann-Marie</i> |
| Tuesday   | 10.00 am | - | 1.00 pm  | - | <i>Anita</i>     |
| Wednesday | 10.00 am | - | 1.00 pm  | - | <i>Anita</i>     |
| Thursday  | 9.00 am  | - | 1.30 pm  | - | <i>Ann-Marie</i> |
| Friday    | 9.00 am  | - | 3.30 pm  | - | <i>Ann-Marie</i> |
| Saturday  | 9.00 am  | - | 11.00 am | - | <i>Anita</i>     |

*(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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