



St. John's, Walton

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Sunday Services

All Sunday Services will be conducted in church but also streamed on Facebook Live and available via the website

Please remember to book by noon on Saturday if you wish to join us in church

2 nd May	
9.30am Holy Communion	Acts 8:26-40 pg.1101 John 15:1-8 pg.1083
9 th May	
9.30am Morning Worship	Acts 10:44-48 pg.1104 John 15:9-17pg.1083
16 th May	
9.30am Holy Communion	Acts 1:15-17 & 21-26 pg.1092 John 17:6-19 pg.1085
23 rd May Pentecost	
9.30am Holy Communion	Acts 2:1-21 pg.1093 John 15:26-17 & 16:4b-15 pg.1084
30 th May Trinity Sunday	
9.30am Morning Worship	Romans 8:12-17 pg.1134 John 3:1-17 pg.1065

Weekday Services

Morning Prayer via Zoom	9am on Wednesday's
Morning Worship in church	10am on Wednesday's
Night Prayer via Zoom	7.30pm Monday – Friday <i>Except bank holidays</i>

Ascension Day Service

This will be on **Thursday 13th May** at **7.30pm via Zoom only**. Please contact Revd Anita for more details.

Pentecost Joint Service

BCT are planning a Pentecost Service on 23rd May at 4pm. It is hoped the service will be held in Alexandra Park. More details to follow over the coming weeks.

Notice Sheet

May 2021

Welcome to St. John's Church, especially if you are a visitor or new to our church.

Notices

St John's during the Covid-19 outbreak

We are still the parish church in Walton, though what that means in practice looks quite different at the moment. We are praying for our world, our nation and our village community and we are seeking to help in any way we can at this time. Revd Anita and our pastoral team remain available as far as the Coronavirus precautions allow.

Following Government and Church of England guidance we are now holding services in church on Sunday at 9.30am. However, as places are limited you do need to book by phoning the vicarage if you wish to attend. We will be continuing to live stream the Sunday service. We are also now holding a morning service in church on a Wednesday at 10am. Weekday Night Prayer and Wednesday Morning Prayer services on Zoom will also continue.

For further details or information, especially if you want to join us on zoom, please contact Revd Anita (01925 262939; anitaraggett@stjohnschurchwalton.org.uk).

We want to state clearly that we are not seeking to put any pressure on anyone to physically attend church if they don't feel confident to do so.

We ask you to weigh up your own risk and make your own decisions. Please be responsible for your own welfare and the welfare of your own loved ones, this includes the risk of giving lifts to church and we would advise against at this time.

Please do not enter if you have any symptoms of the virus.

APCM 2021

St John's Annual Meeting (APCM) will take place on **23rd May straight after the morning service**. Please **book in** by contacting the vicarage from **18th May** if you wish to **attend in the building**. You may also attend via Zoom using the following details:

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82680179231?pwd=M29oUEdITTIwbElQak84bWhMVkdvUT09>

Meeting ID: **826 8017 9231**

Passcode: **965440**

At that meeting we will be electing 2 church wardens & 2 members of the PCC. Notices & forms will be available from the back of church or please contact Revd Anita for email copies.

The next **PCC meeting** will be held in the evening of **7th June**. More details will be sent out to PCC members nearer the time.

Christian Aid Week As a church we are again using the e-Envelope to receive donations. It is available via the link below:

10-16 May 2021

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-johnschurchwalton?channel=copy>

Please feel free to share this link with others you know who may wish to donate to Christian Aid. There are also a few envelopes available at the back of church.

There will also be a Bridgewater Churches Together (BCT) Christian Aid service at St Thomas' Stockton Heath on **9th May at 4pm**. Revd Anita will send out the booking arrangements & live stream details when these become available.

Prayers

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (2nd May)

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (9th May)

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Ascension Day (13th May)

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Sunday after Ascension Day (16th May)

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday (23rd May)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Trinity Sunday (30th May)

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer

Almighty God,
your ascended son has sent us into the world to
preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the
fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be
drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Thy Kingdom Come 2021 runs from 13th - 23rd May.
Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Find out more at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

The St John's Prayer Chain

As part of our Pastoral Ministry at St John's various church members form our Prayer Chain. They pray daily for those in need.

If you would like prayers to be offered on behalf of yourself or someone for whom you have a particular concern at this time, then we would be pleased to do so. We normally include a request daily for two weeks. To arrange your request please contact one of the following people:

Rev Anita Raggett (Vicar)
on 01925 262939

Stephen Clague (Pastoral Worker)
on 01928 719696

Ian Jerrard-Dinn (Reader Emeritus)
on 01925 265557



Alternatively, you can fill out a label & pin it to the prayer board in the porch.

Bible Verse for 2021



Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

James 4:8

Those we have been asked to pray for

Those who are sick and/or currently especially vulnerable:

Alf	Annie
Betty	Geoff
Joe	Richard
Stephen	Sylvia

In these uncertain times, please also continue to pray for:

Those working in the NHS and Social Care
Those who are bereaved



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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