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St John's News

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August 2022 Update

Date	Time	Service	Preacher
Sunday 7 th August	10:30	Morning Worship	Rev David Mullins
Sunday 14 th August	10:30	Morning Worship	Stuart Johnson
Sunday 21 st August	10:30	Morning Worship	Stephen Poxon
Sunday 28 th August	10:30	Holy Communion	Rev Sue Stilwell

All ages are welcome to our 10.30am services. Under 3s are welcome in church and in the adjoining crèche area at the back. Other children are invited to Junior Johns in the Garden Room. More information from a Steward or Jackie Hart 07825 211657.

As there are a few items of news that won't wait until the September edition, here is an update for August.

A Message from Rev Sue Stilwell

Dear Friends

We were having such a great time on holiday in Southern Italy, until the moment I found myself on the ground having tripped down some concrete steps! There is a sudden moment of realisation that whilst you are laying on the ground, being fussed over by well-meaning people passing by, your holiday has just come to a sudden end, and you won't be going anywhere fast! My immediate thought as I lay there surveying my injuries, was that one of them particularly was not good and I suspected I had broken my left wrist. After being transported to hospital, this was very soon confirmed at the local casualty department, and I was discharged 'safe to travel', but not before being warned by the English-speaking A and E doctor that, 'you will need surgery'. The following day, after only a third of our holiday taken, we were back in the UK, a date for surgery scheduled and hey presto, here I am recuperating from my operation, metal work and all!



This isn't going to be a quick sprint type of recovery, but I am guessing more of a marathon! I am being diligent with the physiotherapy exercises that will be the key to me regaining the use of my wrist. Thank heavens it wasn't my right wrist – every cloud has a silver lining! It would be foolish to even start guessing when I will be back to my work, but it won't happen fast enough for me!

Thank you all for praying for me, sending me cards, good wishes, texts and even flowers – I have felt very blessed by the prayers of so many people and there are many times when I have felt palpably those prayers, in particular the long days leading up to my operation and then on the actual day of it, I felt so very calm, and felt God's presence with me. I shall be seeing you all at a service towards the end of July, although I won't be leading services until I feel well enough to do so.

Whilst this period of recovery is a source of frustration, it is also a time for reflection and prayer and to practice all those things I speak about to others about caring.. all except the boot is on the other foot! There is a lot to learn from being the one who needs the care, but graciousness and patience are at the top of the list.

I look forward to seeing you all again in church. May God bless you all, in every way and in all your joys and struggles.

Rev Sue Stilwell

Copy deadline for next issue is Sunday 21st August 2022

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Funeral of Derrick Southwell

Derrick's funeral will take place at St. John's United Reformed Church in New Barnet at 10am on August 6th, followed by cremation (as he wished) at Southgate Crematorium at noon. Light refreshments will be served at the church after the service there. The family hope some of Derrick's friends will be able to attend.

A Message from Graham and Christine Phillips

Graham and Christine would like to thank you all for your prayerful support over the past few weeks. It has been a great comfort to us.

Graham finished his treatment the day before his birthday, so he was able to celebrate becoming an "Old Person".

Graham and Christine

Holiday at Home - Friday 5th August

There are still a few spaces available at our Holiday at Home for the more mature members of our community on Friday 5th August; if you haven't yet applied but would like to come, please speak to Robin Burns (07956 879451). More information is available in the leaflets at church or on our website <https://www.stjohnspb.org.uk/holiday-at-home>.

Farewell to Rev Sue Stilwell – Sunday 28th August

Sue has been a good friend to us all at St John's and sadly for us it is time for her to move on. Her last day with us will be 28th August and I hope you be able to be present on that Sunday when we will have a chance to say goodbye and wish her well with a celebration after the service.

Myra Sloper

Welcome Service – Friday 2nd September 7.30pm – Help Needed

On Friday 2nd September at St John's there will be a circuit welcome service for Rev David Jebb (St John's new minister), Rev Rosemary Mutopo & Deacon Nigel Perrott. We will be serving refreshments beforehand and afterwards.

Volunteers to help would be much appreciated, particularly a team to wash up from 6.45pm. Please speak to Helen Barlow (01707 662254).

We would also be grateful for more singers and musicians to join the Worship band for the service. Please speak to Paul Guppy (07528 858390). There will be rehearsals beforehand.

Circuit Thinking Lunch – Monday 15th August



Reflections on the Current Situation in Sri Lanka

The Rt Rev Dr Keerthisiri Fernando is the Bishop of Kurunegala, Sri Lanka and he is coming to St Albans to visit Rosemary and James. Keerthi has offered to share thoughts on the current situation in Sri Lanka at an Extraordinary Thinking Lunch at Marlborough Road Methodist Church in St Albans on Monday 15th August 12.30 to 13.30.

Churches Together in Potters Bar

Prayer Meetings

Join us at 8.30am on the first Saturday of each month as we pray for the Churches and Community of Potters Bar. Meetings last about 45 mins.

Saturday 6 August King Charles the Martyr Church, 368 Mutton Lane, EN6 3AS

For more information see www.ctpb.org.uk.

