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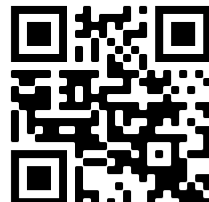
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## **Services for July**



### **St John's is OPEN**

St John's is open for worship so please see the Parish Mailing for details Live Streaming of services will continue so you will be able to see services live via our YouTube Channel.

**Sunday 8am** - Said Eucharist

**Sunday 9.45am** - Sung Eucharist

**Wednesday 11am — Said Eucharist**

Coffee hosted by Mothers' Union after the first Wednesday service of the month.

Please make sure you are signed up to our mailing list to get up to date information regarding the services.

<http://eepurl.com/gNz4Tf> or scan the QR Code

## Vicar's Letter

Summer is here..... at least for the moment! My little experiment in the Vicarage vegetable patch of mixing potatoes with leeks has, so far, proven a success with both going gangbusters in the long, warm days. With the change in the weather and the summer inviting us outdoors to enjoy the season again, it's a great time to stop and relax in the sunshine. It also offers us all the opportunity to pause and reflect on the many, many ways God is good to us, to thank him for the many blessings he bestows on us all. That may not be as easy as it sounds for some of us, life throwing up challenges and hard times for many, but there is a way through.

At theological college we were encouraged by the monks to spend at least an hour every day in solitary prayer. As an extrovert I found it especially difficult to sit still all alone in Church for ten minutes, much less a whole hour. I've always found God in other people, not in the quiet darkness of a massive stone building. These days I pray as I walk around the Parish, getting my 10,000 steps in to boot. Unfortunately, the weather in West Yorkshire in autumn and winter did not lend itself to this sort of thing. But I did finally find a way in. I used to go into the Church after supper and start by praying for five people I knew were in need. Then I would move on to thinking of five things to thank God for. It might be something that had happened during the day that had gone well, or something falling into place for the future. I was always relieved and grateful when my student visa was extended as that was always uncertain. Sometimes I was simply grateful for the sunshine that broke through the endless wind and rain. It didn't take very long before the hour was easily filled as one thing led on to another. I began to really appreciate the endless ways God had been good to me and to others. This sense of gratitude made a huge impact on my outlook, helped me find the positive all around me, much of which could easily have gone unnoticed.

For the rest of the summer up to and through our Harvest Festival in October, I would like to encourage us all to keep these summer days as a "Season of Gratitude" as we pause to acknowledge how blessed we really are and to give thanks. A bare tree stands in the Lady Chapel waiting to be

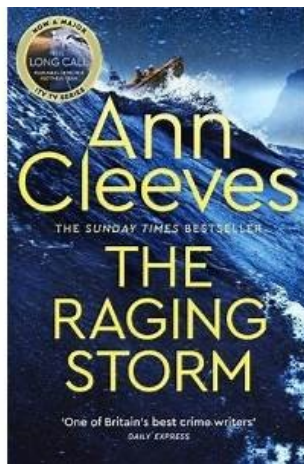
adorned with different coloured heart shapes that we can use to write a little prayer or a word or two of what we are thankful for. I hope this will also shape our worship during the Season of Creation as we look again at the natural world and our stewardship of the bountiful resources God provides. Exploring our gratitude can be spiritually enriching and bring us closer to God as we admit that life, in all its complexity, isn't all down to us to manage in our own strength, that we do nothing alone. As has been said before "the attitude of gratitude" changes our physical and mental health for the better. It also opens up a greater awareness of the beauty in life under our very noses. It is a refocussing on the things that really matter, something that enables us to see more, appreciate more, enjoy more. So please do make a bit of time and space to reflect and engage personally with the people and things in your life at this moment that give you joy. This will help you weather life's storms and bring you light when things are dark. Talk to God and thank him, because what really matters to you is where your heart is, and there you will find God.

With Every Blessing,  
*Michael*

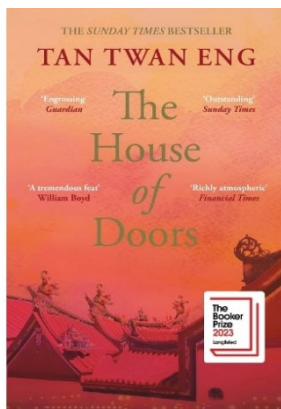
# St John's Reading Group

## July 2024

For June, we read **'The Raging Storm'** by Anne Cleeves. The third novel in the Matthew Venn trilogy. A well-known local sailor and adventurer, Jem Rosco reappears in Greystone, Devon, only to disappear soon after. Used to his wayward lifestyle, suspicions are not raised but then a body is found off Scully Cove in a dinghy. Is this Jem? Matthew is called in but he soon realises that his life is also in danger. Descriptions of the area are very evocative and Anne Cleeves does this very well. Although quite a good read, we were not totally convinced about Matthew's character – not as strong as Vera or Jimmy Perez. We agreed that a list of characters would



have been helpful together with a map of the area as in the novel (rather than the real map). The ending did come as a surprise – but our average score was a very secure (and almost unanimous) 7/10.



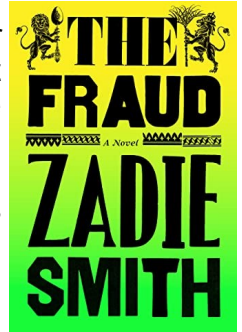
Our choice for July is the new novel by Tan Twan Eng entitled **'The House of Doors'**. This novel is set in pre-WWII British Malaya and features characters and events from history although it is still described as a novel. Longlisted for the Booker Prize in 2023, it has been described as a 'quietly complex tale of love, duty and betrayal' and follows the travels of W. Somerset Maugham through the Federated Malay States in the 1920s. Maugham and Gerald Haxton, ostensibly his travelling secretary but actually his lover, are staying with Maugham's friend Robert Hamlyn and his wife

Lesley. We learn of her relationship with a member of Sun Yat-Sen's



Chinese revolutionary party and some facts of Chinese history. An interesting read so far.

Sadie Smith's recent novel, 'The Fraud' is our choice for August. It is her first historical novel set in Victorian England and the reader is taken to the real-life trial of the Tichborne Claimant. From London to the Jamaican sugar plantations, we will endeavour to discover the truth . Ms Smith has been praised for her brilliant research and so we look forward to reading this new novel.



I have just finished a lovely book entitled 'The Reading List' by Sara Nisha Adams. With the threat of closure, the local library is the focus for the encounter between a recently widowed Mukesh Patel and the young librarian Aleisha. She discovers a reading list of nine books – all very well known classics and as she shares this list with Mukesh, his life begins to take a new direction. Her life is changed too. In places, amusing but at the same time, very moving. A tear or two...

A lovely discovery. I can recommend this novel.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm in the Church Coffee Lounge.

*Marilyn*

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

Welcoming Summer

Our heavenly Creator, as the days of summer lengthen,  
We thank You for Your listening, and the hearts that You strengthen.

We delight and give You thanks for blossoms, as in Song of Songs –

We pray, though, for the places where Nature needs her wrongs

Turned into new beginnings, and the flower of jubilation

To brighten with fresh saplings where there was deforestation.

Our gardens and the local fields are vibrant, full of colour

But we know there are places where the dusty hues are duller –

In Türkiye, in Mexico, across Africa's South,

Millions are starving or living hand to mouth.

We pray for greater balance to the systems that bring rain.

Where man has pushed for profit, make Your cycles work again.

LORD, in Your mercy...

As summer reaches upward in the branches of new green,

We pray that in ourselves You foster growth that may be seen

In greater understanding, where we fit within Your vision.

May we always, gracious LORD, be attentive to Your mission

And see with greater clarity Your image in our gifts -

The aspects of our psyches, oft unseen, and heal the rifts,

Where we go on, unconscious of our need for gracious mending,

Help us to heed Matthew's call, and Your Kingdom be found tending.

LORD, in Your mercy...

The lilies of the field and the birds of the air

Are catered for in Your economy but, LORD, the share

Of the riches of the world is not fairly distributed –

And billionaires get richer while the poor are looted.  
We pray that, in our own and in upcoming elections –  
Fairness and equality help people make selections  
In Ghana, and Algeria, Uzbekistan and Chad  
We ask that change can happen, and the good outweigh the bad.  
LORD, in Your mercy...

The end of the school year is nigh and it is exam season.  
We pray for our young people, they they might have. A reason  
When all the tests are over to be glad of how they've done –  
They they can celebrate their achievements in the sun –  
Praying especially for GCSEs and A-levels, for Rowan and Matthew, and for Amy  
awaiting her finals results.

It's hard to hear, LORD, when you tell us, "Do not worry" –  
The demands of modern existences can keep life such a flurry  
Of expectation, pressure and economic fear,  
We do not take the time for Your whisper in our ear.  
We pray that those who need You know that they, like the birds,  
Have their needs attended, they know that they are heard:  
Tana, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Ruby, June Rose, Neville, Jack, Janet, Alice, Ralph, Eileen,  
Anne, Caroline  
LORD, in Your mercy...

We bring before you LORD, those whose seasons now are passed - Brian Bowers,  
Martyn Fox  
And with the year's mind, those whose memories still last: Graham Child, Ronald  
Lemon, Marie Dixon, Myra Morris, Gil Richardson, Dennis Haskett  
LORD, in Your mercy...

MUSIC @ ST. JOHN'S

Sunday the 14th July

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# RESTORE

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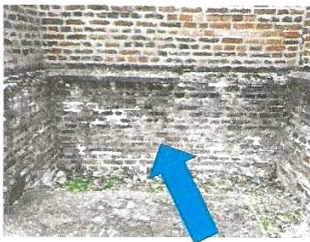
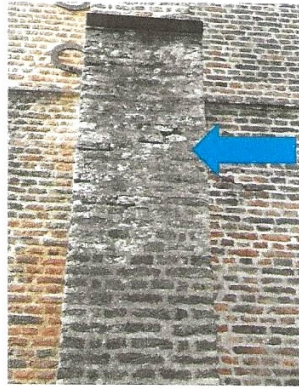
- St John's history dates from Saxon times.
- Its ancient fabric is now in poor state.
- The tower brickwork and parapet are crumbling, the roofs leak, and there is damp.

- We are committed to continue supporting our congregation and community.
- We plan to expand our current community activities but need a sound, safe building.
- The Restore Project aims to repair our ancient building. If we don't the building will deteriorate further risking safety.

**It will cost £445,567 (Ex VAT)**

# The Problems are shown here

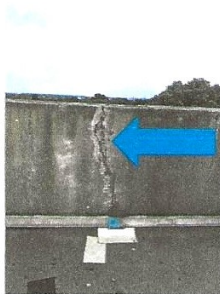
**Crumbling tower  
bricks & mortar**



**Roof walling cracked**



**Broken parapet**

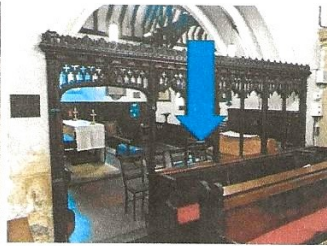
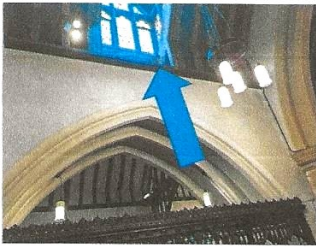




### Priest's vestry roof leaks



### Chancel dormer window leaks onto choir!



### Internal damp



### **WORKS CAN PROCEED**

*Local authority planning permission is in place*

*Southwark Diocese has granted a faculty for works to proceed.*

## On granting the Faculty, the Chancellor says:

*"This is an important church with an important ministry and I am pleased to see that the PCC is planning to put these extensive works in hand. There will be much to be done in terms of fund-raising and then organization, and I hope that everything goes as well and as smoothly as may be reasonably possible."*

## FINANCIAL STRATEGY

The works will be undertaken in stages. Estimated cost for all the stages is £445,567 (Ex VAT, about £90,000 extra).

More accurate pricing will be clearer in contractor tenders.

Our Grants Committee has identified appropriate sources of funding and is now submitting applications.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP - PLEASE PRAY, BUT ALSO

**Spread the word – what is happening and why**

**Donations welcome – ways of giving are;**

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Recently I had to help someone close to death to make a will, I used the Farewill service and I was most impressed how helpful they were, and the way they supported me throughout the process. From my experience, I would recommend their service. Mike Broome

Here is the link <https://farewill.com/cofe>

For more details and a free information pack on legacies, you can speak to a Church Warden or our Treasurer in confidence about gifts in wills. Please contact them via the Parish Office on 0208 330 2817 or [administrator@stjohnsoldmalden](mailto:administrator@stjohnsoldmalden).

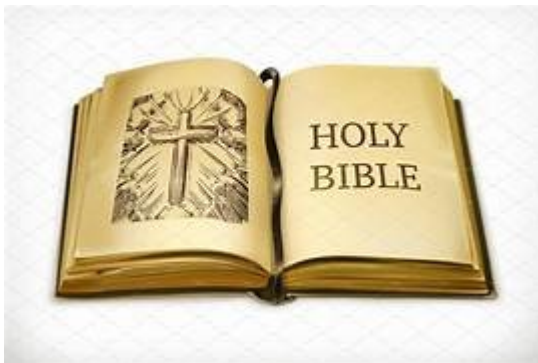
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**Here is the programme of talks which will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in the Church extension. Tea, Coffee and biscuits etc will be available from 10.00am.**

**July 13th**— will be a talk by Richard Burkett on "Nuclear Fusion - Energy for the Future?"

**August 10th**—A general get together and discussion.

**September 14th**- A talk by Alastair Harris on the ABCD Charity and its work in Palestine

**October 12th**- A talk by Liz Goodman, health professional on respiratory care.

**Do you have lots of WIPs at home (Works in Progress)?**

**Or maybe UFOs? (unfinished projects?) – or maybe you have a pile of knitting/crochet in the ‘Naughty Corner’?**

**If so, why don't you join us at St John's Knitting & Crochet group.**

**We meet on the last Thursday of the month in the Church Coffee Lounge from 2.00 – 4.00pm.**

**(July meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July)**

*Marilyn*



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!**

21<sup>st</sup> September: -Jumble Sale

20<sup>th</sup> October: -Vintage Afternoon Tea

30<sup>th</sup> November -Christmas Fair

The Fundraising Team





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# Bereavement Café

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bereavement Cafe through the Co-op community Charity scheme! You raised over £1,100! The next meeting will be in the coffee lounge at St. John's on Tuesday 16th July 2:00- 3:30pm. We have been very fortunate to be trained and supported by Princess Alice Hospice, who will continue to work with us to provide this needed service for our community.



With things opening up again please help raise much-needed donations for St John's Old Malden - Repairs Fund when you plan ahead and arrange things to do! From booking staycations and getaways to tickets for concerts or other fun activities, remember to use #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations for us. Book now: <http://efraising.org/fx3w1QPP7u>

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