

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Jenny & Phil Evans
Tue	Liz & Andy Gardner
Wed	Libby Gash & family
Thurs	Janet Gash
Fri	Barbara Gates
Sat	Eileen Gibson
Sun	Lynda Gough & Colin

### Tea and Coffee

With more and more people staying on to chat after the 11am service each week, we would like to start offering tea/coffee every week. If you could help with this, please add your name to the list in the foyer or speak to Sharon / Ali after the service.

### Please Pray

For the vacancy and the process of finding a new vicar for St John's, that our parish profile will be attractive to God's chosen candidate.

For our PCC, that they will be filled anew with the Holy Spirit and blessed with the energy and drive they need to cope with an increasing workload.

For our children's leaders and our young people, that they will be refreshed and recharged as they enjoy the upcoming summer break.

*Ask and it will be given to you;  
Matthew 7:7 NIV*



# Sunday 23rd July Trinity 7



## Services for Next Sunday

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30th July Trinity 8	9am	Morning Prayer	Andy Hall
	11am	Compassion Sunday All Age Service	Heather & Tom Vandamme

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Tom Morgan	Romans 8: 12-25
11.00 am	Holy Communion		Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please

## The Vacancy – Update

Our PCC met last Monday and made a number of important decisions regarding the vacancy. The Parish Profile was agreed upon and it will shortly be sent to the Diocese and CPAS (Our Patron). We have requested that +Viv write a letter to accompany the Profile. Once this has been completed, we will be in a position to ask CPAS to start advertising the vacancy, probably from the beginning of September. CPAS will be responsible for sifting and shortlisting the applicants. The interviews will take place during the second week of October. Please keep praying for our PCC during this time, as their workload is increasing.

## Services during August

With many people on summer holidays and to give the leaders a break, there will not be any children's or young people's groups during the 11:00 services.

Instead, we will try to keep the sermons shorter and simpler, reduce the amount of music and provide a table with some children's activity sheets. Hopefully this will make the services more accessible for the young people attending.

## Filling Station

The next FILLING STATION collection is next week on July 27th.

If you are not yet involved with Filling Station but would like to be, or would like information, please see Mary Southgate after the service or email her at [mary@lumel.co.uk](mailto:mary@lumel.co.uk).

Thank you.



## Compassion Sunday

### **How do you Tackle a problem like poverty?**

Heather and Tom are leading our 11am service next week looking at the work Christian charity Compassion does to tackle poverty through child sponsorship.



Compassion works in 25 countries around the world working with local churches to provide children with an education, access to health care and bible teaching. But sponsorship provides so much more than that – it ultimately gives hope. Hope that

there is a better future and a way out of poverty.

Find out more next week!

## Pastoral Care Team

We are extending our St Johns pastoral care team, offering emotional, social, and spiritual support to those in need. As a Christian community, we are held together in the love of Christ. Sometimes, though, we all need a little extra help to live well together within the diversity of our church community and also in the wider communities in which we live.



If you feel that pastoral care is something you could be interested in and called to do, please contact Ali Wiltshire on 07403 216682

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