

## Dates for your diary

**1<sup>st</sup> Pentecost 6 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**Vestry Meeting after church.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**Discovering New Hymns at Stuart and Cathy's.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 7 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**1pm Service of Thanksgiving for Catherine Cottam.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**15<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 8 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**6.30pm Summer Songs of Praise at St. John's.**

**19<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Pentecost 9 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**26<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**29<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

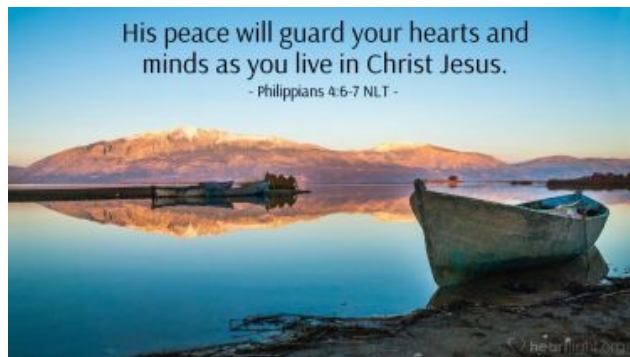
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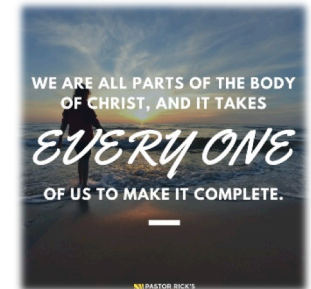
### *Some reflections ....*

A slightly cynical minister, on his first flight in a Jumbo Jet, said that it reminded him of his church: several hundred people sitting back looking bored and a few stewards and crew members rushed off their feet!

But being part of the Body of Christ, the Church, should be more like being part of the crew of a Hurricane Jet – every person on board totally engaged and necessary for the flight.

This month, under Tony guidance, we're looking at what it means for each of us personally to be a church member.

In Scripture we read – 'The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts ... if the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? .... In fact, God has arranged the parts in the body, **every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.**'



So it's false modesty (and unbiblical!) to say, 'I'm not good at anything' or 'I'm too old to play much of a part.'

God needs each one of us for the Body of Christ to function smoothly. If we've a toe or thumb missing – or an under-functioning thyroid, our body struggles! Likewise, as we discover our gifts and ministries, we need each of us at St. John's to play our part – or the rest of the Body suffers.

In



recent times we've certainly grown in ministry and it's been encouraging to see so many folk take up new responsibilities. So this next month let's go for a Spiritual Check-up and see how the Body of Christ at St. John's can get fitter!!

*Jenny*

### Prayer

We pray, O God, for your Church throughout the world  
- and especially for our Church here at St. John's –  
that we may respond wholeheartedly to your love  
by committing ourselves to the service of your kingdom,  
with faith strengthened  
by a living experience of Christ's presence,  
and with freedom and courage to follow where Christ leads  
for the honour of his name. Amen.



**Vestry Meeting**  
Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> after church.

**Discovering New Hymns**  
Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> at Stuart and Cathy's home.

**Service of Thanksgiving for Catherine Cottam**  
Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm at St. John's.  
Refreshments in the Hall afterwards.



**Songs of Praise**  
Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm

**Alison's Homegroup – July 18<sup>th</sup>**

### Looking ahead

**Joint Vestries Meeting and Pets Service.**

**Details coming soon.**

