

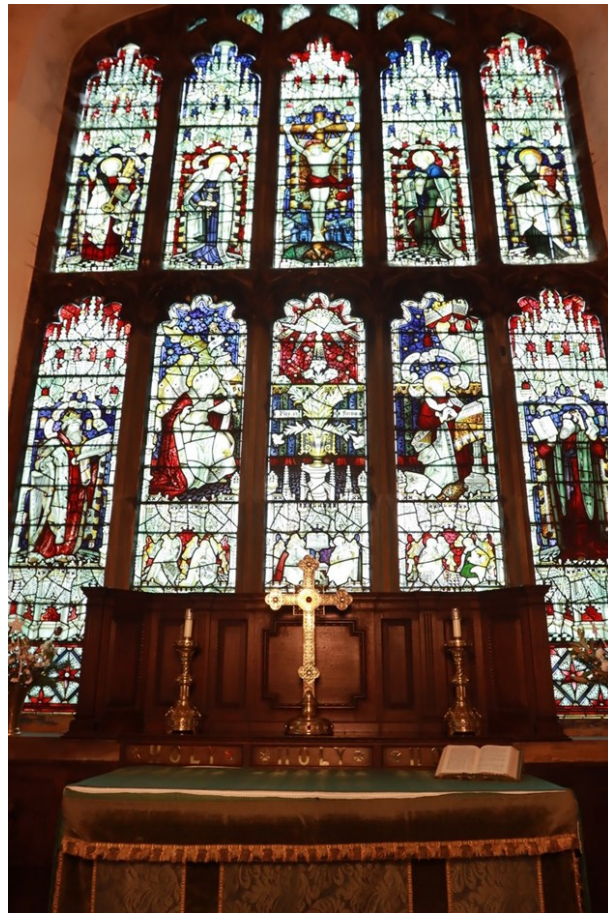


**St John the Evangelist
in old Groombridge
Church/Parish Profile**

The Parish: St John's Groombridge, St Mary's Speldhurst and St Martin's Ashurst form the United Parish of Speldhurst with Groombridge and Ashurst, ministered by a Rector. The Parish is currently in an interregnum with a vacancy for Rector.

The Church: St John's was built in 1625 by the owner of Groombridge Place. It stands off the village green in old Groombridge and has beautiful stained glass windows dating from the 19th century.





The Liturgy and Services: The Book of Common Prayer is used for all services by request of our regular congregation. Joint services are held with St Martin's; the first two Sundays (Matins and Holy Communion) are held in St John's and the next two Sundays (Evensong and Holy Communion) in St Martin's.





Our Dedication: St John's serves the spiritual needs of a diverse group of members over a wide geographical area; from the parish villages of Groombridge, Ashurst, Speldhurst to the villages of Langton Green, Southborough and Rusthall and the towns of Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. Periodically after a service we hold fellowship meetings over refreshments and musical events are held for fund raising. St John's is a Corporate Member of the Prayer Book Society and is in fellowship with other PBS members.



The Giving: St John's is financially funded by regular monthly s/o's and church collections. The Friends of St John's contribute by monthly/yearly s/o and step up when additional funds are needed (for roof, internal painting, a new church heating system and maintenance of the fabric). St John's also supports various charities through a yearly distribution of funds. It also contributes to the Parish Share.