



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018

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An opportunity to share with other Christians
in a series of acts of worship and fellowship
at the following times and venues:

**Sunday 21st January @ 3pm Songs of Praise for Christian Unity
St George's, High Street, BR3 1AX**

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**Monday 22nd January @ 8pm Taizé Service
Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road, BR3 4JB**

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**Tuesday 23rd January @ 9.30am Café Church
Penge Congregational Church, High Street, SE20 7QS**

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**Wednesday 24th January @ 12.30pm Service of Worship
followed by a light lunch
Elmers End Free Church, Goddard Road, BR3 4AE**

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**Thursday 25th January @ 11am Coffee Morning
with Revd Ray Coster speaking on the World Council of
Churches call to Christian Unity
St Michael's and All Angels, Ravenscroft Road, BR3 4TN**

Everyone Welcome!

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Office Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri 9.00 am -1.00 pm **CLOSED TUESDAYS**

News & Notices

21st January 2017

A very warm welcome to you all, especially if you are new to St. John's or you are just visiting - we are delighted to have you with us. Refreshments will be served after the service so do please stay and join us for coffee/tea.

Sunday 21st January

10.00 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Scott Smith
'What does it mean to serve?'

Readings: Isaiah 42: 1 - 4 and John 13: 1 - 17

3.30 pm



With crafts and activities songs Bible Story and afternoon tea! Especially suitable for families with children up to 10 years. All are welcome.

Wednesday 24th January

11.15 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 28th January

10.00 am **Morning Worship & Thanksgiving** - Fi Nichols
'What gifts do I have?'

Readings: Exodus Ch.35: v. 4, 10, 20 - 35 & 36: 1
and John 6: 1 - 14

Special Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

*Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world: may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen*

*If you would like prayer today - please speak to the person
leading the service who will find someone to pray with you.*

Monday 22nd January

2.00 pm FOCUS
8.00 pm Homegroups

Tuesday 23rd January

10.00 am The Ark
8.00 pm Homegroups

Wednesday 24th January

11.15 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm LINK
1.30 pm Art Class
2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities
5.30 pm Kingfishers
7.30pm ALPHA - (see opposite)
8.00 pm Homegroups

Friday 19th January

8.45 am Parish Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| - Ron Jepp | - Bob Baldwin |
| - Margaret Murrell | - Ann Galliver |
| - Marion Bradbury | - Joan Jones |
| - Joyce Foulger | - Jane Newman |
| - Rod Bassett | - Keith Shelley |
| - Stan Elsey | - Paul Allen |
| - Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole) | - Jim Cruse |
| - Nancy Day | - Essie Grives |

We were sorry to hear that Adam Winn's mother, Pam, died recently. Please remember Adam, Rachel and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Also, we need to tell you that Patrick Grant (87 yrs) passed away recently. Patrick's late wife Trudy was a long time member of St. John's and Patrick was very much connected with The Link over many years, both as a volunteer and of late as a regular attender. Please pray for Patrick's family at this sad time.

Special prayer topics

- Homemakers - those caring for families at home
- Residents in Links Way



Today we pray for the persecuted church in
Myanmar

- For persecuted Christian minorities, that they would lovingly minister to persecuted Rohingya Muslims, and that many hearts would be opened to the truth of Christ
- For courage and endurance for believers from Buddhist and Muslim backgrounds
- Recently introduced laws have made conversion very complicated, although it is not forbidden. Pray for increased religious freedom.

Everyone has questions....

We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view...

The new **ALPHA** course started this week, but it is not too late to come along. Alpha is for anyone who is curious and would like to explore the basics of Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Please speak to Liz or Scott if you would like to come along, or if you know someone who you would like to invite to join this group.



Following Liz's sermon on '**Giving**' last Sunday (*do listen on the website if you missed it*) there are standing order forms available on the Information Table, or speak our Treasurer, Elizabeth Clarke.



CENTRAL PRAYER (in The Lounge every first Tuesday of the month from 8pm)

It's been said that prayer is '*rebellious against the status quo.*'

In 2018, we're making the first Tuesday all about 'rebellion' as we gather together for our monthly prayer event. Each month we will pray for our community and for God's world that, 'His will be done on earth as in heaven.' Join us on 6th February for our first CENTRAL PRAYER.

LENT COURSE CANCELLED - Due to a number of reasons, the proposed CTIBb Lent Course due to start on Tuesday 23rd