

CTiB Lent Course will be taking place here at St. John's on the following dates:
Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April.

If you haven't booked your place on the course and are intending to come along, please let me know today or send an email to the office so that I will receive it tomorrow. Thank you. Liz King

The format of the evening is as follows:

- 7.30 pm Arrival, coffee and fellowship
- 8.00 pm Welcome and opening worship
- 8.10 pm - 9.00 pm Lent Course Workshops
- 9.00 pm - 9.15 pm Closing worship

There are 5 workshops to choose from:

Come and Sing 'Messiah' choruses led by David Storey

Handel's 'Messiah' tells the story of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. We shall have four sessions to briefly consider the biblical texts that Handel used as we learn to sing some of the passion choruses.

Exploring the Bible through Art led by Chris McShane

Over the 4 weeks we build up a single piece of artwork exploring the imagery of the ark, the crossing of the Jordan, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and the Worship of the Lamb in Revelation, and present it on the 5th week.

Franciscan Spirituality led by Tina Kelsey

We will begin this course with a general discussion as to what spirituality means for us, and I look specifically at each of the Orders through the lives of their founders and patrons: St Francis of Assisi, St Clare of Assisi and St Elizabeth of Hungary, relating their lives to our own through discussion and a writing activity. Each session will finish with a time of silent prayer.

The Lord's Prayer led by Maggie Wilkinson & Andrew Jones

This course consists of 4 sessions exploring the Lord's Prayer by discussing and reflecting on various passages from scripture.

Decisions, decisions led by Neil Draisey

We make decisions every day – big and small, unimportant and life-changing, good decisions and wrong, easy and hard to make. In this course, we will explore different aspects of life's decisions through Bible passages, personal experiences and discussion.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 5th March by members of Andy Avery's group.



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Associate Vicar: Rev'd Scott Smith ☎ 8289 4819 ✉ smithscott@hotmail.com (Scott's day off is Friday)

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Office Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri 8.00 am-4.00 pm **CLOSED TUESDAYS**

News & Notices

26th February 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 26th February

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Intercession - *Your kingdom come*

Amos 5:21-24 (The Message) & Romans 8: 26-28 (The Message)

NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday 1st March

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Sunday 5th March

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Scott Smith so

Perseverance - *Your will be done*

6.30 pm Hour of Prayer & Worship - Rev'd Scott Smith

Special Prayer for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,

give us reverence for all creation

and respect for every person,

that we may mirror your likeness

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Monday 27th February

12.30 pm LINK - no need to book (see note opposite)
2.00 pm Focus

Tuesday 28th February

10.00 am The ARK

Wednesday 1st March

9.00 am Parish Prayers
11.15 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm LINK - *(don't forget to book your lunch in advance)*
1.30 pm Art Class - Beginners welcome
2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities
7.30 pm Alpha (See note opposite)

Friday 3rd March

8.45 am Parish Prayers
2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer at Christchurch, Beckenham

Saturday 4th March

7.30 pm Mission Charity Concert with Bromley Concert Band (see opposite)

Please pray for:

- *Alasdair Cameron*
- *Mark Watson*
- *Clive Porthouse*
- *Judy Bedford*
- *Margaret Murrell*
- *Wilf Orton*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Keith Shelley*
- *Essie Grives*

Please pray for Scott and family, and especially for his Mum and Aunts, as they prepare for the funeral of Scott's Nan (Ivy) on Friday, March 3rd.

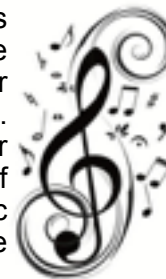
We would like to thank everyone for all their love, prayers, cards and help in many practical ways during the past couple of months, it has made such a difference at a very hard time. love Judy and Martin

Special prayer topics

- Older people at home - retired people
- Residents who live in Ronald Close

MISSION CHARITY CONCERT

A lively and entertaining evening of music here at St John's on **Saturday 4th March at 7.30pm**. We are delighted to be joined by the Bromley Concert Band and also Sol Choir (Community Choir) for our Annual Mission Charity Concert. Come along to enjoy the evening and help us raise funds for Tearfund's appeal for emergency relief for the people of Yemen, many of whom are facing severe shortages of basic necessities such as clean water and food. No entrance charge - retiring collection for Tearfund.



Church Diary 2017

Available today is a page showing the various meetings, services etc., for 2017. Pick up your copy from the Information Table.

Link Cafe - opening on Mondays

The Link Cafe will now be open on the Mondays Focus meets from 20th February. It will be open from 12.30 - 1.30pm and offer homemade soup, rolls and jacket potatoes. There will be no need to book in advance.

Link on Wednesdays will run as before with a set lunch booked in advance.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017

You are invited to join together with Churches together in Beckenham for a special service to pray for the people of the Philippines at a service prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines. The service will take place on Friday 3rd March at 2.00 pm at Christ Church, Beckenham. All are welcome. Refreshments follow the service.

FOODBANK COLLECTIONS

Don't forget your regular donations of groceries etc., for our Food Bank. all the usual goods are needed: Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Squash, Pasta, Rice, Tinned Vegetables and Fruit, Cereals, Biscuits. Also toiletries and laundry items. Thank you all so much for your help with the Food Bank.

St Paul's Community Choir presents a Passion-tide concert, to include Fauré's Requiem, on Sunday 5th March, 4pm, at St Paul's Church, Brackley Road. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a retiring collection for Church Funds.

Contact List amendments:

Eileen Gerrish new phone number: 020 8650 4125