



FLOWER ARRANGING - Starting on Thursday 5th October (7.00 pm). A four week course for anyone who loves to arrange flowers, or, would like to learn a little more. Beginners also welcome! If you are interested in joining this course, please contact Pat Freeman by email: patriciafreeman1938@gmail.com

SOL CHOIR is our Community Choir who meet here at St. John's every Monday evening at 8.00 pm. and is led by Becky Sowter. If you love to sing and would like to join us, please do come along for a free taster session. You do not have to be able to read music and there are no auditions. We sing all types of music including gospel, pop, rock, songs from musicals etc. We are especially looking for some more men to join our group, but all are very welcome. If you would like to know more about Sol Choir, do speak to Liz King or Becky Sowter.

EXERCISE GROUP - Just a reminder that our weekly exercise group run by Mark Goldsmith meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm. This group is specifically for 'older people' or those who might need some extra care when exercising. Mark is especially qualified to work with those who have special medical needs including joint replacements, heart problems, etc. so you can feel confident as you exercise. Do come along and try the group - it's great fun!

FOOD BANK - The Food Bank continues to run and needs your support so please try to remember to bring your donations which are all gratefully received. Dried and tinned goods, laundry products, toiletries etc. all donations welcome.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 17th September by members of Andy Avery's group.



Vicar: Rev'd Liz Lander ☎ 8650 6110 ✉ landerliz@yahoo.co.uk (Liz's day off is Saturday)

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

Churchwardens: Julia Lewis ☎ 8462 3508 and Tony Peters ☎ 8402 1876

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

News & Notices

10th September 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 10th September

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Vision Sunday

Readings: Ephesians 1: 15 - 23
and 1 Corinthians 12: 14 - 18 with Hebrews 10: 23 - 25

6.00 pm Confirmation Service at St. John's Penge
with Bishop James of Rochester
(see note inside)

Wednesday 13th September

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Sunday 17th September

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Scott Smith
What do Christians believe?

Readings: Isaiah 40: 18, 21-31; Psalm 139: 1-18; Luke 15: 11-24

3.30 pm



Fun crafts & activities.
Suitable families with children.

Special Prayer for fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,

your Son came to save us

and bore our sins on the cross:

may we trust in your mercy and know your love,

rejoicing in the righteousness

that is ours through 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 11th September

2.00 pm FOCUS - Hearing Dogs for the Deaf (see note opposite)

8.00 pm Homegroups

Tuesday 12th September

10.00 am The Ark

8.00 pm Homegroups

Wednesday 13th September

11.15 am Holy Communion

12.30 pm LINK

1.30 pm Art Class

2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities (see back page)

5.30 pm Kingfishers (see note opposite)

8.00 pm Homegroups

Friday 15th September

8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- Joan Jones
- Jim Cruse
- Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole)
- Graham Kembey
- Stan Elsey
- Keith Shelley
- Kit Grant
- Brenda Webb (Becky James mum)
- Brian & Rosemary Clayton
- Jane Newman
- Paul Allen
- Essie Grives

Special prayer topics

- Older people at home - retired people
- Residents who live in Bucknall Way



Today we pray for the persecuted church in

Yemen

- IS and AQAP members are able to move freely in Yemen, and actively target and kill Christians. Pray that God will change the hearts of radical Islamists, and protect Christians from attack
- Praise God for the Yemenis who have turned to Christ - ask God to help them grow in faith
- 80 per cent of Yemenis currently rely on aid - pray for provision for them.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

This evening at 6.00 pm there will be Confirmation Service at St. John's, Penge with Bishop James. We are delighted that Charlie Terry is being confirmed at this service. Do pray for him as he takes this next step on his journey of faith.

HOMEGROUPS recommence this week. This term we will be following a series on 'Learning to hear God's voice'. If you are not currently part of a Homegroup and are interested in joining one, please take a look at the notice board in the coffee area which gives you lots more information about Homegroups and where they currently meet, or speak to Scott.

ORDINATION SERVICE

On Saturday 30th September, Jef Foulger, our former Churchwarden and long time member of St. John's will be ordained as Deacon in a service at Rochester Cathedral, conducted by Bishop James. Jef will commence his ministry as Curate at St. Barnabas in Beckenham from the 1st October. The Ordination service at Rochester Cathedral will be at 3.00 pm. It is a ticket entry service although there will be some general admittance available should you wish to attend the service.

Please be praying for Jef and for Julia as he prepares for this amazing new chapter in his life!

FOCUS on Monday at 2.00 pm

We are delighted to be welcoming Catherine Broughton who will be coming along with her very special dog, Beni. Beni is a 'Hearing Dog' and helps Catherine to cope with her disability.



"Beni has transformed my life by restoring me to the person I was before I was condemned to silence all those years ago – he has given me back my personality, for which I am eternally grateful." Catherine Broughton and Beni

Do come along to hear Catherine's story - all are welcome!

KINGFISHERS - Calling all 4 to 7 year olds!

Boys & Girls - come and join us on Wednesday evenings from 5.30 - 6.30 pm in the Meeting room for fun, activities and games.

Please speak to Liz Bligh about Kingfishers (8650 5653)

