



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER : Friday 2nd March at 2.00 pm. St. George's Church in High Street Beckenham will be hosting this service which is open to all churches in Beckenham. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname and is on the theme "**All God's Creation is Very Good**". All are welcome and there will be light refreshments served after the service.

SPONSORED WALK - Jill Harris is taking part in a sponsored walk on Saturday 17th March raising funds for BCCS (Bromley Community Counselling Service) who have lost vital funding recently. BCCS provide support to people who need long-term counselling for a range of life difficulties and who find it hard to access counselling they can afford. Their counselling service is provided by around 60 professionally-trained volunteer counsellors, and as such are a vital counselling charity in the Borough. Please support Jill if you can. You can access her fundraising page on JustGiving.com (go to Jill Harris BCCS). There is also a sponsor form on the Information Table where you will also be able to sponsor Jill. Finally, if you happen to shop in Waitrose, Bromley, BCCS are one of the nominated charities throughout February, so look for your green disc and help by posting it in their box. Thank you.

FOODBANK - Don't forget our regular food bank collections continue throughout the year. They are very short of Long life milk at the moment. You can bring items in on Sunday mornings, or any weekday when the church office is open. All donations are very gratefully received.

CHAMBER CONCERT at St. George's Church, Beckenham. Saturday 10th March at 7.45 pm featuring the Schubert Octet and the Mozart quintet for piano and winds. Tickets and £15 and available from The Beckenham Bookshop or the Church Office weekdays 9.30 - 2.30 pm or on the door.

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News & Notices

11th 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 11th February

10.00 am **All Age Worship** - Rev'd Scott Smith

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday

11.15 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Scott Smith

Sunday 17th February

10.00 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Liz Lander
Sharing my story - John Wood

Readings:

Special Prayer for the Sunday next before Lent

*Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, 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 12th February

2.00 pm FOCUS - Antiques afternoon (not just the people!)
 8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

Tuesday 13th February

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Wednesday 14th February

11.15 am Holy Communion
 12.30 pm LINK
 1.30 pm Art Class
 2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities
 7.30pm ALPHA - (see back page)
 8.00 PM HOMEGROUPS

Friday 16th February

8.45 am Parish Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Jane Newman - now in St. Christopher's Hospice and very poorly.
- Celeste Hitching as she continues to suffer pain, agony and unrest.
- Ron Jepp - Bob Baldwin
- Margaret Murrell - Ann Galliver
- Marion Bradbury - Joan Jones
- Joyce Foulger - Keith Shelley
- Rod Bassett - Stan Elsey
- Nancy Day - Paul Allen
- Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole) - Jim Cruse
- Essie Grives - Viola Rollinson

We have heard that Kathleen Robinson (mother of the late Joan) has passed away recently. Please remember granddaughter Wendy and family at this sad time.

Special prayer topics

- People going out to work - retired people
- Residents in Merlin Grove

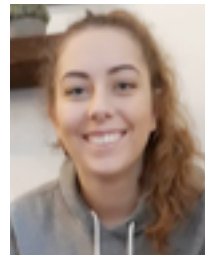


Today we pray for the persecuted church in
Malaysia

- For protection and courage for new converts who are often kicked out of their homes, isolated from their communities, and sent to Islamic re-education camps
- For change to the laws in Malaysia which prohibit conversions and evangelism
- For the safe return of abducted Christians.receptive to the gospel.



*The Traidcraft stall will open today following this morning's service
 Please come and take a look and pick up your fairly traded goods*



News of Hannah Bones - Grant writes "Hannah is settling in well to Thai life, customs and the heat. She gets on well with the team both Thai and expat. Church is good, a small but committed fellowship near where she lives.

The highs are the work with the children in the various homes which varied, challenging but rewarding, the shopping in Bangkok and the food.

The hard bits are Thai language, an older member of the team who tries to treat Hannah like a child and a little bit of home sickness although this isn't significant.

Please pray for greater understanding and use of language, patience and maturity with team members. A deepening sense of God's plan and her destiny being revealed and formed within her mind and spirit.

NEXT SUNDAY

On Sundays at SJEP through Lent, we're going to be hearing from six or so people, about how they came to faith, some of the stories of their lives, and how God is at work in their lives now.

Our prayer is that the St John's family will be encouraged and increasingly 'at ease' and more confident in telling our own stories.



CHARITY CONCERT - Saturday 3rd March at 7.30 pm

We look forward to welcoming Bromley Concert Band and Sol Community Choir at our annual Charity Concert which this year will be in support of Christians Against Poverty. Please make a note of the date and plan to come along and join us for this enjoyable evening of musical entertainment!

HOMEGROUP NOTES: The additional home group studies following the New Testament characters are available today from the Information Table. Please collect copies for your group.

Baby news - we have heard that Andy & Jill Hobbs have welcomed a new daughter this week. Lilyella Ruth - baby sister to James, Caleb and Annabelle. Andy was our Youth Worker here at St. John's and is now Vicar of St. Helen's in Cliffe.