

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. The aim of the course is for us meet with members of other churches in the deanery. These evenings offer a great opportunity to get together, to hear and understand both similar and diverse viewpoints and experience worship and fellowship together.

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 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.

Forms are available on the Information Table for you to sign up for the Lent Course, alternatively register with Liz King by email: office@sjep.org stating which workshop you would like to do (also give a 2nd choice).

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 19th February by members of Heather Freeman'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

12th 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 12th February

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rachel Winn
Petition (Give us this day)
 Luke 11 5-13 in the NEW LIVING TRANSLATION VERSION
 and Philipians 4:6 in the NIV

6.30 pm Evening Worship - Roger Clarke
 Matthew 23: 1 - 4 and 23 - 28 & Ephesians 5: v 1 – 17

Wednesday 15th February

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 19th February

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Scott Smith
Intercession (Your Kingdom come)

3.30 pm Messy Church -
 Fun for all the family



Special Prayer for 4th Sunday before Lent

*Lord of the hosts of heaven,
 our salvation and our strength,
 without you we are lost:
 guard us from all that harms or hurts*

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

Monday 13th February

- 1.00 pm Focus - Valentines Lunch at 1.00 pm followed by afternoon entertainment.
1.30 pm Funeral of Joan Robinson at Beckenham Crematorium
8.00 pm Homegroups

Tuesday 14th February

NO ARK - Half term

- 8.00 pm Homegroups

Wednesday 15th February

- 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)
8.00 pm Homegroups

Friday 17th February

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- *Judy Bedford - recovering from surgery at home*
- *Margaret Murrell - recovering at home*
- *Clive Porthouse - very poorly at home*
- *Alasdair Cameron - waiting for a new date for his surgery*
- *Wilf Orton recovering after hip replacement*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Keith Shelley*
- *Essie Grives*

As mentioned recently, we were sad to hear of the death of Joan Robinson. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan's daughter Wendy and family and also her mum Kathleen. Joan's funeral service will be held at Beckenham Crematorium on Monday 13th February at 1.30 pm.

Special prayer topics

- Homemakers - those caring for families at home
- Residents who live in Oakfield Gardens

'Breakfast' - Saturday 25th February 8.15 am in the Lounge at St John's.

This is a breakfast for everyone, men and women. There will be an open discussion of social media and the internet-here for good? Cost £3.00. Please let Keith Harris keithjharris2003@yahoo.com know if you can come.

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.

'Big Breakfast' for Pathfinders & Explorers
next Sunday morning (19th February) please
bring £1 and please don't eat before you come...!



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.



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.

NEW CONTACT LIST

Available today is a new contact list with addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of our church family. please pick up your copy. A voluntary donation of £1 towards printing cost will be appreciated. If you prefer to receive a pdf. copy via email, please drop me a line to the office address: office@sjep.org and I will forward you one.