

The **CTiB Lent Course** is now under way and will continue on Tuesdays 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April. If you would like to join in with the Lent Course, please speak to Liz King or Julia Johnson as soon as possible so that your name can be added to the list for the Workshops which are as follows:

1. **Come and Sing 'Messiah' choruses** led by David Storey
2. **Exploring the Bible through Art** led by Chris McShane
3. **Franciscan Spirituality** led by Tina Kelsey
4. **The Lord's Prayer** led by Maggie Wilkinson & Andrew Jones
5. **Decisions, decisions** led by Neil Draisey

## "Paul's Path" - a concert for the future.

A concert will be taking place on Sunday 9th April at 7.30 pm at The Bob Hope Theatre in Eltham organised by friends of Paul Allen, to raise funds for a garden project which will allow Paul to enjoy the outside area when he comes home. Paul as many of you will know, suffered a catastrophic stroke nearly 5 years ago which has left him severely physically disabled. Liz has been working really hard getting the bungalow adapted to allow Paul to finally come home. Tickets (£11.50) for this concert from the Box Office 0208 850 3702 or online at [www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk](http://www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk).

**Can you help?** We have had a message about an elderly lady who lives locally in Merlin Grove. She was discharged from hospital two weeks ago after suffering a severe stroke. Her daughter is struggling to get social services agency staff to prepare and/or cook her one main meal a day such as a salad or scrambled eggs and vegetables. She is looking for someone to cook a simple meal three times per week (paid) in Merlin Grove for ninety-year old; please ring Vivian Pick 07847 280197

**The Bookstall now has The Real Easter Egg** in stock and will be on sale on the table at the back of the church. £3.95 for the milk chocolate version which is 5p cheaper than Tesco and £5.50 for the dark chocolate version which is not available in the shops.



### Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 19th March by members of Clive Ellery's group.



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

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

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

Church Office: Liz King ☎ 8650 3515 ✉ [office@sjep.org](mailto:office@sjep.org) Website: [www.sjep.org](http://www.sjep.org)

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

## News & Notices

12th March 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 March

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

**Perseverance** - *Your will be done*

Psalm 55: 1-5, 16-17 and Mark 14: 32 - 46

3.30 pm



Especially for families with younger children. Lots of crafts, activities, music, Bible story and afternoon tea!

### Wednesday 15th March

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

### Sunday 19th March

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander

**Listening** - *Our daily bread* (Prayer Course Video)

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20 and John 2: 13 – 22

### Special Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Almighty God,*

*by the prayer and discipline of Lent*

*may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,*

*and by following in his Way*

*come to share in his glory;*

*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 13th March**

- 12.30 pm LINK Cafe - no need to book (see note overleaf)  
2.00 pm Focus - Rev'd Liz Lander

### **Tuesday 14th March**

- 10.00 am The ARK  
7.30 pm CTIB Lent Course

### **Wednesday 15th March**

- 9.00 am Parish Prayers  
11.15 am Holy Communion  
12.30 pm LINK Lunch - (*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 17th March**

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

#### **Please pray for:**

- *Alasdair Cameron*
- *Nancy Day (in the PRUH) having tests*
- *Les Marshall (in the PRUH)*
- *Mark Watson*
- *Clive Porthouse*
- *Baby Archie in Australia (son of Fiona Gould) in hospital with Bronchiolitis*
- *Judy Bedford*
- *Margaret Murrell*
- *Wilf Orton*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Keith Shelley*
- *Essie Grives*

#### **Special prayer topics**

- **Homemakers - those caring for families at home**
- **Residents who live in Stanhope Grove**

**TRAINING IN PRAYER MINISTRY** - Saturday 1st April & 13th May at St. Mary's, Wyndham Place, London W1. 9.45am for coffee, 10.15am-1.15pm  
*This training is for those who want to learn how to pray for other people in the power of the spirit. Each session involves a time of worship, teaching about the theology of ministry and a chance to give it a go. The two dates will include different teaching so it is recommended attending both. There are a few people from St. John's attending this Training. If you feel this is something you would be interested in, please speak to Liz or Scott who will be able to give you more details.*

**Easter 24/7 Prayer** - Enclosed with these notices is a sheet giving more information about our Easter 24/7 Prayer event which will take place from 3.00 pm on Good Friday and run through to 10.00 am on Easter Sunday. We would love people to sign up and commit to '1 hour' of prayer in our dedicated 'Prayer Room' which will be set up in our side Chapel. Please take time to read the leaflet and prayerfully consider if you would like to sign up to join us for this special extended time of prayer.

**APCM - Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on Thursday 20th April at 8.00 pm. This is a very important meeting in the life of our church so please make a note of the date and plan to come along.

If you are not currently a member of St. John's (i.e on our Electoral Roll) and would like to be, please pick up an Electoral Roll Form from the Information Table. When it is completed, please return it to David Johnson, our Electoral Roll Officer, or to Liz King in the Office.

There are three vacancies on PCC for 3 years; four vacancies on Deanery Synod for 3 years, two Church Wardens for 1 year; and our Sidespeople will be re-elected.

If you would like to find out more about what is involved being a member of PCC or Deanery Synod please do speak to our Churchwardens or Liz King (Administrator). Also, if you have ever thought about taking on a role as one of our Sidespeople, then again, please speak to Liz King.

All people nominated must read the forms before signing them. Pam Gann our PCC Secretary holds the New Diocese 2017 handbook on Church Representation Rules if anyone has a question about the various positions.

#### **NEW CHAIRS**

You will see in amongst our chairs in church that we now have 6 new chairs with arms. These are meant for those people who would find the chairs with arms more helpful to use. The chairs do not have to stay in the position where they have been placed - they can be moved to an area or row as necessary. If you feel you would like to make use of one of the chairs, do please speak to the Wardens on duty who will be happy to move one for you.