

"Here for Good"

Our Christmas Craft Market will be held on Saturday 9th December from 1.00 - 4.00 pm with a "Stay & Play" area for young children, with face painting and fun craft activities. There will be light refreshments available and carol singing during the afternoon. In the large hall there will be around 30 craft stalls selling a variety of goods for Christmas!

We will need some help with a few of the activities, so if you think you are able to help, even if it is just for one hour, please take a look at the board in the coffee area and sign up if you can. Thank You!

Annual 'Children in Need' Charity Concert Friday 17th November at 7.00 pm.

Do come along to enjoy an exciting evening of musical entertainment including performers from: Croydon Steel Band, St. David's Prep Children's Choir, The Kentones Barbershop Chorus and SOL Choir - our Community Choir for Eden Park. The evening starts at 7.00 pm and entry is £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. All are welcome.



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



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Office Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri 9.00 am -1.00 pm **CLOSED TUESDAYS**

News & Notices

12th November 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 November - Remembrance Sunday

- 10.00 am Morning Worship - Dr. David Plummer
'What about the Church?'
Readings: Exodus 19: 1 - 8 and 1 Peter 2: 1 - 10
- 3.00 pm Thanksgiving Service - Rev'd Liz Lander
(see note overleaf)

Wednesday 15th November

- 11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 19th November

- 10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander
'What about this Church?'

3.30 pm



For families with younger children. Lots of fun crafts and activities, with Bible story, singing, prayers and finishing with afternoon tea together! All are welcome.

Special Prayer for the 3rd Sunday before Advent

*God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
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 November

2.00 pm FOCUS - Colour in Art and Science - David & Ruth Plummer

8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

Tuesday 14th November

10.00 am The Ark

8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

Wednesday 15th November

11.15 am Holy Communion

12.30 pm LINK

1.30 pm Art Class

2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities

5.30 pm Kingfishers

8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

Friday 17th November

8.45 am Parish Prayers

7.00 pm **CHILDREN IN NEED CONCERT** (see back page)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Stan Elsey in King's College Hospital*
- *Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole)*
- *Carole Abbott*
- *Nancy Day*
- *Joan Jones - becoming very frail*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Keith Shelley*
- *Hilary Cameron*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Jim Cruise*
- *Kit Grant*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Essie Grives*

Special prayer topics

- Children and young people in our community
- Residents who live in Eden Way



Today we pray for the persecuted church in

Kenya

- That believers who have lost loved ones in raids by al-Shabaab would know God's comfort
- For Open Doors workers providing support and relief to victims of persecution in Kenya
- For Christians in the political arena. Pray for wisdom to counter the growing influence of radical Islamic groups in northeast Kenya..

"Service of Thanksgiving" this afternoon - for the lives of those who have meant so much to us. Our service commences at 3.00 pm will be followed by tea in the church hall. This time together will be another opportunity to give thanks for the lives of those we have lost. Please feel free to come with members of your family and friends.

FOCUS - Monday 13th November - a fascinating presentation by David & Ruth Plummer on 'Colour in Art and Science' from early uses to great masterpieces!. All are welcome to join us at Focus. We start at 2.00 pm in the Lounge Room.

FOCUS LUNCH - at 1.00 pm on Monday 20th November. Judy Bedford will be coming to tell us more about **Traidcraft** who work alongside small scale farmers around the world making sure they are paid fair and sufficient prices to enable workers to earn more than enough to meet their day-to-day needs. Judy will also be bring along a selection of goods such as cakes, biscuits, tea and gifts available to purchase. If you would like to come along to our lunch at 1.00 pm on Monday 20th November, please do speak to Liz King or Astra Peters. All are welcome.

BIBLE READING NOTES

If you want to read the Bible and don't know where to start or if you want a deeper understanding about what God is saying to you and to His church today why not try using Bible Reading Notes. Come and talk to Jenny and John in the Bookstall and we will find something that will suit you as there are publications for all ages. We will be ordering the January 2018 editions soon and if you pay for the year we will deduct 5% from the total.

HAVE YOU NOTICED..... that our grounds, car park areas, oak church doors, some inside rooms, the rear garden at the back of the large hall - have all been worked on and improved over recent weeks. We currently have a Community Payback Team who have been coming to us on Thursdays for the last 12 weeks. These men and women have been given a Community Service sentence and must work on local community projects to 'payback' for the crimes they have committed. We get the benefit of significant 'free' labour and they get to fulfil part of their commitment to local communities. Their work has been excellent! Everyone who has seen the group working have commented how good they have been. We hope that seeing what a difference they have been able to make and also the warmth of welcome from various people on site when they are around, might impact on them also.