

Christian Aid Week this year runs from 14 to 20 May. Once again I am looking for volunteers to help deliver and collect. This is a really valuable way in which we can serve Christ and bear witness to His love for the poorest people in our world with the focus this year on refugees. If you have helped deliver or collect envelopes in the past, thank you, and an even bigger thank you if you can help again. If you have never done this before, then please do consider it. It would be good if we could match last year's total of around £2000. If you would like to volunteer or would like further information please speak to me after the service or on 0208 776 2676. Martin Bedford

St John's: PCC Review of 'Mission' and Global Engagement

Firstly, a HUGE thanks to everyone who replied with thoughts and suggestions during February. After considering all options, at the March meeting, PCC decided to support the following agencies for the years 2017 | 2018 | 2019:

Local: Christians Against Poverty

CAPs vision is to bring freedom and good news to the poor in every community through 1,000 CAP projects by 2021. Our local CAP centre is based at St. John's, Penge.

Individual: The Newnham family (via Mission Aviation Fellowship)

Mark and Sarah Newnham moved to Liberia in March 2016, a new MAF programme that started in 2015. Mark works as the chief engineer and is responsible for the maintenance of the aeroplane which operates out of Liberia. Sarah is helping with administrative tasks and hospitality within the programme as well as looking to develop opportunities to use her Speech and Language Therapy skills in the local community.

International: Open Doors

Open Doors exists to strengthen the church to be the church in the most hostile places. In over 50 countries, Open Doors supplies Bibles, trains church leaders, delivers Bible-based literacy programmes and supports Christians who suffer for their faith. Most recently working in Syria where war is still raging, Open Doors is providing aid and relief. But, despite the conflict, Open Doors' long-term commitment to support the church with Bibles and Christian literature also continues.

You'll be hearing more from us shortly, but we wanted to let everyone know the PCC decision as soon as possible. If you would like to get involved, in praying for, or in helping to organise events, or would just like to know more, then do speak to Scott, in the first instance. Thanks

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 23rd April 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

Church Office: Liz King ☎ 8650 3515 ✉ office@sjep.org Website: www.sjep.org

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

News & Notices 16th April 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 16th April - Easter Sunday

10.00 am Family Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander
Easter Day
Luke 24:1 - 9 and John 10: 10 - 11

NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday 19th April

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 23rd April

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

NO EVENING SERVICE

Special Prayer for Easter Sunday

*God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

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

Monday 17th April

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Tuesday 18th April

10.00 am The ARK

Wednesday 19th April

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

Thursday 20th April

7.45 pm for coffee 8.00 pm start for APCM - in church (See note opposite)

Friday 21st April

8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- *India Peters (18 months) daughter of Paul & Anna, granddaughter of Tony & Astra - undergoing chemotherapy for a tumour on her kidney.*
- *Celeste Hitching - Please be praying for Celeste at this time. She is quite unwell with vasculitis and with her special difficulties it is very hard for the family to comfort her when she cannot tell them how she is feeling.*
- *Clive Porthouse - in Guys Hospital and very unwell. Pray also for Marion and the family at this very difficult time.*
- *Alasdair Cameron*
- *Brenda Webb (Becky James mum)*
- *Nancy Day*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Henry Kirkman (Elizabeth Wycherley's dad) in hospital.*

Special prayer topics

- Homemakers - those caring for families at home
- Residents who live in Village Way

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. The 2017 draft Roll is available at the back of church, so if your details have changed in the last year or you have recently completed an application, please check that you have been correctly entered.

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.

VICAR ON LEAVE

As mentioned in church a few weeks ago - Liz will be going on a period of compassionate leave beginning in on April 21st after the APCM on the previous night. She will be back working on Sunday June 4th. You will see her around as she will still be living at the vicarage during this time, but she will not be doing any of my normal duties and responsibilities as vicar. Scott will be taking on these extra duties and he will be the first point of contact for pastoral or any other relevant matter. You can contact Scott by phone: 020 289 4819 or by email on smithscott@hotmail.com

Please pray for Liz as she takes this break during what is a very difficult time for her and the family.



Congratulations to Becky Segal & Tom Manville who announced their engagement recently. We rejoice with them and Helen & John and send our love and prayers as they prepare for their wedding next year here at St. John's.

NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER:

David White, 21 Chatsworth Lodge, Wickham Court Road, West Wickham BR4 0LY
Tel: 020 8776 1391

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

Matt & Jacqui Proctor: theproctors71@virginmedia.com