



FLOWER ARRANGING - Starting on Thursday 5th October (7.00 pm). A four week course for anyone who loves to arrange flowers, or, would like to learn a little more. Beginners also welcome! If you are interested in joining this course, please contact Pat Freeman by email: patriciafreeman1938@gmail.com

SOL CHOIR is our Community Choir who meet here at St. John's every Monday evening at 8.00 pm. and is led by Becky Sowter. If you love to sing and would like to join us, please do come along for a free taster session. You do not have to be able to read music and there are no auditions. We sing all types of music including gospel, pop, rock, songs from musicals etc. We are especially looking for some more men to join our group, but all are very welcome. If you would like to know more about Sol Choir, do speak to Liz King or Becky Sowter.

EXERCISE GROUP - Just a reminder that our weekly exercise group run by Mark Goldsmith meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm. This group is specifically for 'older people' or those who might need some extra care when exercising. Mark is especially qualified to work with those who have special medical needs including joint replacements, heart problems, etc. so you can feel confident as you exercise. Do come along and try the group - it's great fun!

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

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 24th September by members of Gill Newman's group.



News & Notices

17th September 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 17th September

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Scott Smith
What do Christians believe? - God the Father
 Readings: Isaiah 40: 18, 21-31; Psalm 139: 1-18; Luke 15: 11-24

3.30 pm  Fun crafts & activities.
 Suitable families with children

Wednesday 20th September

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 24th September

10.00 am Holy Communion - Wesley Guy
What do Christians believe? - God the Son
 Readings: Matthew 16: 13 - 17 and Philipians 2: 4 - 11

NO EVENING SERVICE

Special Prayer for fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Lord God,
 defend your Church from all false teaching
 and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
 that we may enjoy eternal life
 in 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

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**

Monday 18th September

- 1.00 pm FOCUS LUNCH at 1.00 pm followed by a presentation on the 'Blue Plaques of Bromley' (see note opposite)
8.00 pm Sol Choir Community Choir (see back page)

Tuesday 19th September

- 10.00 am The Ark
8.00 pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 20th September

- 11.15 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm LINK
1.30 pm Art Class
2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities (see back page)
5.30 pm Kingfishers (see note opposite)

Friday 22nd September

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- Joan Jones
- Jim Cruse - now back at home
- Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole)
- Graham Kembey
- Stan Elsey
- Keith Shelley
- Kit Grant
- Brian & Rosemary Clayton
- Jane Newman
- Paul Allen
- Essie Grives

Special prayer topics

- People going out to work
- Residents who live in Coppice Close



Today we pray for the persecuted church in

Eritrea

- Ask God to change the hearts of President Afewerki and his government and reveal Himself to them
- For comfort and strength for imprisoned Christians, and that God will use them as witnesses to their captors
- For protection for Christians who have fled Eritrea and are often at risk of trafficking and attack.

Rev'd Ted Baines - We are sad to hear of the death of Ted Baines who was Vicar here at St. John's from April 1967 to January 1974. At Ted's first ever Annual Meeting in 1968 he spoke of his first impressions of St. John's that there were "*watertight compartments in the church - whereas we are called to show the sort of fellowship that breaks down barriers*" He encouraged the growth of Homegroups with the emphasis on fellowship, encouragement and mutual support within the group - our Homegroups still meet today! Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Mary and the family.

ORDINATION SERVICE

On Saturday 30th September, Jef Foulger will be ordained as Deacon in a service at Rochester Cathedral, conducted by Bishop James. Jef will commence his ministry as Curate at St. Barnabas in Beckenham from the 1st October. Please be praying for Jef and for Julia as he prepares for this amazing new chapter in his life!

FOCUS LUNCH - Monday 18th September at 1.00 pm.

We will be meeting to enjoy lunch together in the Lounge Room. There is a choice of menu and the course for your two course meal is £3.50. Following lunch, we will be having a presentation of the Blue Plaques issued by English Heritage. Did you know there are 34 blue plaques in Bromley commemorating people and events? If you would like to come along and join us for lunch, please do speak to Liz King or Astra Peters today so that we can work out number for catering. All are welcome.



Congratulations to Catherine & Mike du Plessis on the safe arrival of James Michael born on 9th September (7lb 3oz.) Sister Emily is very pleased to have a baby brother and Bill & Melinda Tucker are delighted to have their second grandchild.

KINGFISHERS - Calling all 4 to 7 year olds! Boys & Girls - come and join us on Wednesday evenings from 5.30 - 6.30 pm in the Meeting room for fun, activities and games. Please speak to Liz Bligh about Kingfishers (8650 5653)

St John's Bookstall

Bible reading notes starting in October are now in the Bookstall. Could those church members who have them please collect them and sign off on the tick sheet.