



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** : Friday 2nd March at 2.00 pm. St. George's Church in High Street Beckenham will be hosting this service which is open to all churches in Beckenham. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname and is on the theme "**All God's Creation is Very Good**". All are welcome and there will be light refreshments served after the service.

**SPONSORED WALK** - Jill Harris is taking part in a sponsored walk on Saturday 17th March raising funds for BCCS (Bromley Community Counselling Service) who have lost vital funding recently. BCCS provide support to people who need long-term counselling for a range of life difficulties and who find it hard to access counselling they can afford. Their counselling service is provided by around 60 professionally-trained volunteer counsellors, and as such are a vital counselling charity in the Borough. Please support Jill if you can. You can access her fundraising page on [JustGiving.com](http://JustGiving.com) (go to Jill Harris BCCS). There is also a sponsor form on the Information Table where you will also be able to sponsor Jill. Finally, if you happen to shop in Waitrose, Bromley, BCCS are one of the nominated charities throughout February, so look for your green disc and help by posting it in their box. Thank you.

A congregation member has a good quality dining room table and four chairs that they would like to find a good home for. Please contact the Church office and they will put you in touch.

A member of the congregation has a close relative anxious to rent a room in the area. If you have a spare room and would like to consider taking in a lodger please contact the office and they will ask the person concerned to call you.

**CAN YOU HELP?** We are missing a number of items from the main kitchen, i.e. two round tablecloths, white lasagne dish, plastic containers, stainless steel serving spoons. If you have borrowed any of these items, or might have seen them somewhere on site, please can you let Sue Rogers know. May thanks

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**News & Notices**

**18th 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 18th February**

10.00 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Liz Lander  
**Sharing my story** - John Wood

*Readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 and John 15: 1 - 11*

**Wednesday 21st February**

11.15 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Scott Smith

**Sunday 25th February**

10.00 am **Morning Worship** - Rev'd Scott Smith  
**Sharing my story** - Azuka Agbai

*Readings: tbc*

3.30 pm



*Lots of crafts and fun activities.  
Suitable for families with young children.*

**Special Prayer for the first Sunday of Lent**

*Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
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 19th February

- 1.00 pm FOCUS LUNCH - followed by a talk from Jane Green, former deputy Mayor of Bromley  
8.00 pm CYFA

### Tuesday 20th February

- 10.00 am The Ark

### Wednesday 21st February

- 11.15 am Holy Communion  
12.30 pm LINK  
1.30 pm Art Class  
2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities  
7.30pm ALPHA

### Friday 23rd February

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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| - Celeste Hitching                |                   |
| - Ron Jepp                        | - Bob Baldwin     |
| - Sylvia Hillman                  | - Joan Jones      |
| - Brenda Tyndall                  | - Keith Shelley   |
| - Margaret Murrell                | - Stan Elsey      |
| - Marion Bradbury                 | - Paul Allen      |
| - Joyce Foulger                   | - Jim Cruse       |
| - Rod Bassett                     | - Viola Rollinson |
| - Nancy Day                       | - Essie Grives    |
| - Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole) |                   |

*We were very sad to hear that Ken Fisher, Jeanette's husband, passed away suddenly on Tuesday 13th February. Please remember Jeanette and her family in your prayers as they come to terms with this unexpected loss.*

### **Special prayer topics**

- Homemakers - those caring for families at home
- Residents in Monks Orchard Road



Today we pray for the persecuted church in  
**Mali**

- For peace across Mali after increased violence and terrorist attacks
- For provision and comfort for Christians who have been displaced from their homes by Islamic militants
- For strength and protection for believers from Muslim backgrounds who struggle to live out their faith in hostile communities.

**STARTING TODAY** - *On Sundays through Lent, we're going to be hearing from six or so people, about how they came to faith, some of the stories of their lives, and how God is at work in their lives now. Our prayer is that the St John's family will be encouraged and increasingly 'at ease' and more confident in telling our own stories.*



### **CHARITY CONCERT** - Saturday 3rd March at 7.30 pm

We look forward to welcoming Bromley Concert Band and Sol Community Choir at our annual Charity Concert which this year will be in support of Christians Against Poverty. Please make a note of the date and plan to come along and join us for this enjoyable evening of musical entertainment!



*As mentioned last Sunday, Jane Newman passed away on Saturday 10th Feb in St. Christopher's Hospice following a long and brave battle with cancer. Husband Roy, children Emily & James and brother John were all with her.*

*Jane had been a member of St. John's almost all of her life and was very involved in various youth groups over the years; she also worked with young children in our Eagles group; a former Church Administrator; a willing volunteer for numerous events and latterly, organising our Church Prayer rota. Please remember Roy and the family in your prayers as they cope at this difficult time.*

*A 'Service of Thanksgiving' in celebration Jane's life will take place on Tuesday 6th March at 12.30 pm here at St. John's to which you are warmly invited.*

There will be a **Fairtrade coffee morning** on Saturday 10th March from 10 - 12 with Fairtrade teas and coffees and lots of cake. There will also be a Traidcraft stall. All money raised will go to Traidcraft Exchange's Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal which helps some of the world's poorest people and all donations will be doubled by the government. We do hope you will be able to come along.

**Ron and Lyn Jepp** would like to thank our lovely family at St Johns for all your support over the past few weeks. For all your prayers, cards and messages which have kept us strong and trusting our Lord. Ron is now in Orpington Hospital undergoing physio which is a slow process so please keep praying for him. God bless you all.