

APCM & CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 29th April immediately following the morning service. 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.

We have two vacancies on the PCC for Church Wardens, who are elected annually, and three vacancies for PCC members, who serve for a minimum of three years. Currently our Church Wardens are Julia Lewis and Tony Peters. Wardens can serve for six consecutive years but Julia Lewis has decided not to stand for re-election due to pressure of work. David Johnson, Astra Peters and Rachel Winn have completed a three-year term of office on the PCC - David and Rachel are eligible to stand again. Please consider prayerfully if you feel committed to serve on the PCC - there are a minimum of six evening meetings per year. If you require any further information please speak to Liz Lander or Scott Smith. Nomination forms are on the table at the back of church. Please complete and return to Pam Gann (PCC Secretary) or to Liz King in the church office.

WALK OF WITNESS on Good Friday.

CTiB are looking for volunteers willing to act as stewards on Friday 30th March. You will be needed immediately after the service at St. Edmonds, Village Way. The service starts at 11am and then at 11.15 we walk to St George's Green (this year probably via The Drive to avoid congestion with the on-going road works) for a short open-air service. If you are able to help, please can you contact Julia Johnson by email: juliajohnson127@talktalk.net

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.

CHURCH OFFICE - Liz King is away next week and the office will only be open for a short time each day. Messages, emails will be dealt with but if you have an urgent matter, please speak Liz or Scott.

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

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

News & Notices

18th March 2018

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 March

10.00 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Scott Smith
Sharing my story - Felix Nettey

Readings: Psalm 34:1-18 and John 14:1-14

Wednesday 21st March

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

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

10.00 am **Morning Worship** - Rev'd Liz Lander
Sharing my story - Dave King

3.30 pm



Crafts, Activities and lots of fun for children and families. All are welcome.

Special Prayer for the fifth Sunday of Lent

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. 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 March

1.00 pm FOCUS LUNCH - our guest speaker will be Neil Peters (see note opposite)

8.00 pm CYFA

Tuesday 20th March

10.00 am The Ark

Wednesday 21st March

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 March

8.45 am Parish Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| - Celeste Hitching | - Joan Jones | - Margaret Murrell |
| - Ron Jepp | - Keith Shelley | - Stan Elsey |
| - Marion Bradbury | - Paul Allen | - Rod Bassett |
| - Jim Cruse | - Joyce Foulger | - Essie Grives |
| - Nancy Day | - Alan Abbott | |

We were very sad to hear that Kit Grant died recently. Please pray for the family at this difficult time. Kit's funeral will be on Tuesday 27th March in Eastbourne

Special prayer topics

- Homemakers - those caring for families at home
- Residents in Ronald Close

Today we pray for the persecuted church in



Turkey

- For believers from Muslim backgrounds to minister graciously and wisely to their families
- For strength and encouragement for those who are treated as traitors after embracing the Christian faith.
- For hope for all who are experiencing persecution, and that they will be able to put their trust in God.

TRAIDCRAFT - Thank you so much to everyone who supported the coffee morning last weekend. A total of £325.60 was raised, which will be doubled by the government. The money will go to Traidcraft's Hidden Entrepreneurs appeal which will help some of the world's poorest people to make a living. Judy Bedford

FOCUS on 19th March - You are invited to join us for our monthly Focus lunch meeting at 1.00 pm on Monday 19th March. We'll be having a 'Fish & Chip' lunch together before hear from Neil Peters who will be coming along to tell us about his work with the Samaritans organisation. If you would like to join us - please do speak to Sue Rogers so that we can order your food. All are welcome!

EASTER LEAFLET for our parish is available today. There are the usual bundles that need to be delivered so if you are one of our regular helpers - do pick up your bundle. There are also a number of bundles for which we have no deliverers and your help with these will be very much appreciated. There are only around 25 - 30 leaflets in a bundle.

GT's (Growing together) are holding an meeting on Tuesday 27th March from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm in the Lounge Room (includes a sandwich lunch). GT's is our group for the 'more mature' and whatever our age we have so much to give and receive from each other and this meeting gives us the opportunity to meet people and to work as part of the extended family of St. John's to help people along their own particular journey. We have a list of those who have attended in the past and have sent an invitation but if you have not received yours or would like to come then everyone of any age is welcome. Do please speak to Liz King if you would like to come along to this session.

Maundy Thursday Meal (29th March). We will be joining together in Easter week for a fellowship meal on Maundy Thursday evening. Please sign the list on the Board in the coffee area if you would like to join us. All are welcome.

24/7 PRAYER at St. John's - During Holy Week leading up to Easter Day, we will be undertaking a commitment to keep a prayer vigil from the afternoon of Good Friday right up until the morning of Easter Day. There will be a dedicated 'Prayer Room' in our side chapel and we hope many of you will be able to come along and join our chain of prayer.

More details about this event can be found on the leaflet enclosed with these notices.