

CTiB Lent Course will be taking place here at St. John's on the following dates: Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April. The aim of the course is for us meet with members of other churches in the deanery. These evenings offer a great opportunity to get together, to hear and understand both similar and diverse viewpoints and experience worship and fellowship together.

The format of the evening is as follows:

- 7.30 pm Arrival, coffee and fellowship
- 8.00 pm Welcome and opening worship
- 8.10 pm - 9.00 pm Lent Course Workshops
- 9.00 pm - 9.15 pm Closing worship

There are 5 workshops to choose from:

Come and Sing 'Messiah' choruses led by David Storey

Handel's 'Messiah' tells the story of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. We shall have four sessions to briefly consider the biblical texts that Handel used as we learn to sing some of the passion choruses.

Exploring the Bible through Art led by Chris McShane

Over the 4 weeks we build up a single piece of artwork exploring the imagery of the ark, the crossing of the Jordan, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and the Worship of the Lamb in Revelation, and present it on the 5th week.

Franciscan Spirituality led by Tina Kelsey

We will begin this course with a general discussion as to what spirituality means for us, and I look specifically at each of the Orders through the lives of their founders and patrons: St Francis of Assisi, St Clare of Assisi and St Elizabeth of Hungary, relating their lives to our own through discussion and a writing activity. Each session will finish with a time of silent prayer.

The Lord's Prayer led by Maggie Wilkinson & Andrew Jones

This course consists of 4 sessions exploring the Lord's Prayer by discussing and reflecting on various passages from scripture.

Decisions, decisions led by Neil Draisey

We make decisions every day – big and small, unimportant and life-changing, good decisions and wrong, easy and hard to make. In this course, we will explore different aspects of life's decisions through Bible passages, personal experiences and discussion.

Forms are available on the Information Table for you to sign up for the Lent Course, alternatively register with Liz King by email: office@sjep.org stating which workshop

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 26th February by members of Judith Parry'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

19th 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 19th February

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Scott Smith
Intercession (Your Kingdom come)
Psalm 96 and Romans 8: 24 - 28

3.30 pm



Fun for all the family with crafts activities, Bible story, Songs and food! All are welcome.

Wednesday 22nd February

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 26th February

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith
Intercession

NO EVENING SERVICE

Special Prayer for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch:

help us to show his love,

in your Church as we gather together,

and by our lives as they are transformed

into the image of 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 20th February

- 12.30 pm LINK - no need to book (see note opposite)
2.00 pm Focus - An introduction to watercolour art with Ruth Plummer
(you'll be creating your own piece of artwork!)

Tuesday 21st February

- 10.00 am The ARK

Wednesday 22nd February

- 9.00 am Parish Prayers
11.15 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm LINK - (*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
7.30 pm Alpha (See note opposite)

Friday 24th February

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- *Alasdair Cameron - recovering after surgery*
- *Mark Watson - recovering at home after angioplasty*
- *Clive Porthouse - very poorly at home*
- *Judy Bedford*
- *Margaret Murrell*
- *Dave King*
- *Wilf Orton recovering after hip replacement*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Keith Shelley*
- *Essie Grives*

Special prayer topics

- Children and young people in our community
- Residents who live in Overstand Close

'Breakfast' - Saturday 25th February 8.15 am

in the Lounge at St John's. This is a breakfast for everyone, men and women. There will be an open discussion of social media and the internet-here for good? Cost £3.00. Please let Keith Harris keithjharris2003@yahoo.com know if you can come.

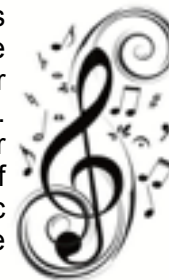
Link Cafe - opening on Mondays

The Link Cafe will now be open on the Mondays Focus meets from 20th February. It will be open from 12.30 - 1.30pm and offer homemade soup, rolls and jacket potatoes. There will be no need to book in advance.

Link on Wednesdays will run as before with a set lunch booked in advance.

MISSION CHARITY CONCERT (Invitation enclosed)

A lively and entertaining evening of music here at St John's on **Saturday 4th March at 7.30pm**. We are delighted to be joined by the Bromley Concert Band and also Sol Choir (Community Choir) for our Annual Mission Charity Concert. Come along to enjoy the evening and help us raise funds for Tearfund's appeal for emergency relief for the people of Yemen, many of whom are facing severe shortages of basic necessities such as clean water and food. No entrance charge - retiring collection for Tearfund.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017

You are invited to join together with Churches together in Beckenham for a special service to pray for the people of the Philippines at a service prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines. The service will take place on Friday 3rd March at 2.00 pm at Christ Church, Beckenham. All are welcome. Refreshments follow the service.

FOODBANK COLLECTIONS

Don't forget your regular donations of groceries etc., for our Food Bank. all the usual goods are needed: Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Squash, Pasta, Rice, Tinned Vegetables and Fruit, Cereals, Biscuits. Also toiletries and laundry items. Thank you all so much for your help with the Food Bank.

NEW CONTACT LIST - Amendments

Please amend the following entries :

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