

WALK OF WITNESS - Good Friday (14th April)

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday will start with a short service at St. Edmunds on Village way at 11.00 am and then the procession will go along the High Street and up to Beckenham Green next to St. George's Church. We are looking for some people willing to act as road stewards, keeping people safe on the walk. If you are able to volunteer for this task, please do speak to Julia Johnson who will be able to give you some more information. Thank you.

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.

TOY TRAIN SHOW Saturday 1st April 2017**10.00 am - 5.00 pm**

Come along to St. John's on 1st April to see working layouts from the golden era of toys trains (1920 to 1980). Lots of working layouts with amazing attention to every detail of buildings and landscapes. Vintage Toy Train Dealers will also be displaying their wares. Adults £5 and Children (up to 14) are free with an adult. Do come along and see these amazing layouts. Refreshments also available. For more details check out their website: Beckenham & West Wickham Model Railway Club (www.bwwmrc.co.uk)



FOOD BANK - Don't forget your regular donations of dried foods, tins, long life milk, toiletries, laundry items etc. There are boxes at the front of church and also in the corridor near the church office.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 26th March by members of Liz King'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 March 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 March

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander
Listening - *Our daily bread* (Prayer Course Video)
Exodus 33: 5 - 11

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith
Ephesians 6: 10 - 20 and John 2: 13 - 22

Wednesday 22nd March

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Sunday 26th March - Mothering Sunday

10.00 am All Age Worship - Fi Nichols

NO EVENING SERVICE

Special Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,

give us insight

to discern your will for us,

to give up what harms us,

and to seek the perfection we are promised

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.

Monday 20th March

- 12.30 pm LINK Cafe
2.00 pm Focus - 'Spring is sprung!' A celebration of spring in art and craft.

Tuesday 21st March

- 10.00 am The ARK
7.30 pm CTIB Lent Course

Wednesday 22nd March

- 9.00 am Parish Prayers
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
5.30 pm Kingfishers
7.30 pm Alpha

Friday 24th March

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- *Clive Porthouse - now in Guys Hospital and very unwell. Pray also for Marion and the family at this very difficult time.*
- *Alasdair Cameron (Hilary & Alasdair would like to send sincere thanks you for all the help with lifts and prayers over the last few months. It has meant so much and been appreciated by them and their family who are not near and work full time.)*
- *Margaret Murrell - awaiting test for possible blood clot*
- *Brenda Webb (Becky James mum) - Has had a 2nd hip replacement and now has a possible infection. Please pray that a 3rd operation is not necessary.*
- *Nancy Day (in the PRUH)*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Les Marshall (in the PRUH)*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Henry Kirkman (Elizabeth Wycherley's dad) in hospital.*

We are very glad to hear that Brian & Gill Allen's son, David, is now out of intensive care following his critical condition with a collapsed lung

We are very sad to hear that Ruth Meakins' brother Wendimew has sadly died in Ethiopia. Wendimew has had a number of health problems recently but his death in his late 30's comes as a big shock for the family. Ruth has flown out to Ethiopia to be with the family and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this very sad time.

We are also very sad to hear that Celia Mills' daughter Janet has died. Please do remember Celia and the extended family at this difficult time.

EMERGENCY APPEAL

The DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) has launched an emergency appeal in response to the crisis looming across East Africa. Drought and conflict have left 16 million people on the brink of starvation and in urgent need of food, water and medical treatment. DEC member charities are already delivering life-saving assistance in all affected countries. But, they need more money to help reduce the scale and severity of the crisis.

You may have already responded personally to this Appeal and here at St. John's we will be donating our collections taken on Sunday 26th March (Mother's Day) to this appeal. If you would like to give to the Appeal, please be ready with cash offerings on Mother's Day. Envelopes will be available in order that you can Gift Aid your donation. If you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make them payable to: **DEC East Africa Appeal**. Please be praying for this terrible situation and thank you for our support.

Easter 24/7 Prayer - If you did not receive a leaflet last week, do pick up a spare one from the Notice Board in the Coffee area giving more information about our Easter 24/7 Prayer event which will take place from 3.00 pm on Good Friday and run through to 10.00 am on Easter Sunday. We would love people to sign up and commit to '1 hour' of prayer in our dedicated 'Prayer Room' which will be set up in our side Chapel. Please take time to read the leaflet and prayerfully consider if you would like to sign up to join us for this special extended time of prayer.

APCM - 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.

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 (Adminstrator). 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.