



If you are thinking of getting a real Christmas tree this year why not get it from Kings Christmas trees. This is a scheme run by Kings Church Catford who use the profits from the trees to go to their work with homeless and vulnerable people. Trees can be collected locally or delivered. Please see kingschristmastrees.org for more information or speak to Martin or Judy Bedford.

HAVE YOU NOTICED..... that our grounds, car park areas, oak church doors, some inside rooms, the rear garden at the back of the large hall - have all been worked on and improved over recent weeks. We currently have a Community Payback Team who have been coming to us on Thursdays for the last 12 weeks. These men and women have been given a Community Service sentence and must work on local community projects to 'payback' for the crimes they have committed. We get the benefit of significant 'free' labour and they get to fulfil part of their commitment to local communities. Their work has been excellent! Everyone who has seen the group working have commented how good they have been. We hope that seeing what a difference they have been able to make and also the warmth of welcome from various people on site when they are around, might impact on them also.

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 will be served on Sunday 19th November by members of Clive Ellery's group.



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 Office Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri 9.00 am -1.00 pm **CLOSED TUESDAYS**

News & Notices

19th November 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 November

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander
'What about *this* Church?'
 Readings: Acts 2:41 - 47 and Colossians 1: 9 - 18

3.30 pm  For families with younger children. Lots of fun crafts and activities, with Bible story, singing, prayers and finishing with afternoon tea together! All are welcome.

Wednesday 22nd November

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 26th November

10.00 am Morning Worship (Contemporary) - Rev'd Scott Smith
'What is worship?'
 Readings: Psalm 96 and John 4: 19 - 24

Special Prayer for the 2nd Sunday before Advent

*Father in heaven,
 who sent your Son to redeem the world
 and will send him again to be our judge:
 give us grace so to imitate him
 in the humility and purity of his first coming
 that, when he comes again,
 we may be ready to greet him
 with joyful love and firm faith; 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 20th November

1.00 pm FOCUS LUNCH - See note opposite
8.00 pm CYFA

Tuesday 21st November

10.00 am The Ark
8.00 pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 22nd November

11.15 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm LINK
1.30 pm Art Class
2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities
5.30 pm Kingfishers

Friday 23rd November

8.45 am Parish Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Stan Elsey now back home
- Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole)
- Carole Abbott
- Nancy Day
- Joan Jones - becoming very frail
- Jane Newman
- Keith Shelley
- Hilary Cameron
- Paul Allen
- Jim Cruise
- Kit Grant
- Brian & Rosemary Clayton
- Essie Grives

Special prayer topics

- Older people at home - retired people
- Residents who live in Elderslie Close



Today we pray for the persecuted church in

Turkmenistan

- For protection and endurance for believers rejected by their families and friends because of their faith. Pray that they would know that God is with them
- That security forces who are monitoring Christians will encounter the gospel. Pray that their hearts will be transformed by God's love
- For increased religious freedom in the country

FOCUS LUNCH - at 1.00 pm on Monday 20th November. Judy Bedford will be coming to tell us more about Traidcraft who work alongside small scale farmers around the world making sure they are paid fair and sufficient prices to enable workers to earn more than enough to meet their day-to-day needs. Judy will also be bringing along a selection of goods such as cakes, biscuits, tea and gifts available to purchase. If you would like to come along to our lunch at 1.00 pm on Monday 20th November, please do speak to Liz King or Astra Peters. All are welcome.



Our Christmas Craft Market will be held on Saturday 9th December from 1.00 - 4.00 pm with a "Stay & Play" area for young children, with face painting and fun craft activities. There will be light refreshments available and carol singing during the afternoon. In the large hall there will be around 30 craft stalls selling a variety of goods for Christmas!

We will need some help with a few of the activities, so if you think you are able to help, even if it is just for one hour, please take a look at the board in the coffee area and sign up if you can.

Also, our Christmas leaflet will be available and ready to be delivered in the week commencing 26th November so look out for these next Sunday.



BIBLE READING NOTES

If you want to read the Bible and don't know where to start or if you want a deeper understanding about what God is saying to you and to His church today why not try using Bible Reading Notes. Come and talk to Jenny and John in the Bookstall and we will find something that will suit you as there are publications for all ages. We will be ordering the January 2018 editions soon and if you pay for the year we will deduct 5% from the total.