

An invitation from THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER The Right Revd James Langstaff - "I warmly invite you to join me on Saturday 4 November at 1.00 pm at Rochester Cathedral for a time of worship and celebration, along with others from across our diocesan family, as we launch the vision '**Called Together**' which will shape the expression of our common calling for the years ahead. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the work already underway, as well as to look to the future as we set out our new aims."

If you are interested in attending this event, please pick up a copy of the letter from the Information Table and be sure to register your attendance online.

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.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP) are hosting their annual London Dinner. The venue is Old Billingsgate, London, EC3. The date is Saturday 25th of November, from 7.15pm. The tickets are free, but please bear in mind that this is a fundraising event. For more details please contact Rachel Williams on 07804 596226. Thank you.



MODEL RAILSHOW - Saturday 28th October - here at St. John's Church & Halls. 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Do come along and see the amazing transformation of the space in church filled with model railway layouts. Up to 18 working layouts will be displayed - many representing well known

areas and landmarks. The halls will also have trains and Model Railways Societies. Refreshments also available.

Entry: Adults £6 Concessions £5 Child £4 Family £12

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 29th October by members of Judith Parry's group.



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Associate Vicar: Rev'd Scott Smith ☎ 8289 4819 ✉ smithscott@hotmail.com (Scott's day off is Friday)

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

News & Notices

22nd October 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 22nd October

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith
Being filled with the Holy Spirit
 Readings: Luke 1:39-42, 57-58 & 67-80
 Acts 2:1-6 & 12-21

NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday 25th October

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Sunday 29th October

10.00 am All Age Worship - Fi Nichols

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Roger Clarke

Special Prayer for nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord,

whose steadfast love never ceases

and whose mercies never come to an end:

grant us the grace to trust you

and to receive the gifts of your love,

new every morning,

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 23rd October

2.00 pm FOCUS - Strictly Ballroom with Debbie Goggin (see opposite)
8.00 pm Homegroups

Tuesday 24th October

10.00 am The Ark
8.00 pm Homegroups

Wednesday 25th October

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 (see note on back page)
8.00 pm Homegroups

Friday 27th October

8.45 am Parish Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole) who has completed 6 weeks of radiotherapy but still having chemo and is now waiting for an MRI Scan.
- Carole Abbott - going into hospital tomorrow for a heart valve operation.
- Norma Swinfen - recovering at home from recent surgery
- Jane Newman
- Keith Shelley
- Colette Connor
- Hilary Cameron
- Paul Allen
- Jim Cruise
- Stan Elsey
- Kit Grant
- Brian & Rosemary Clayton
- Essie Grives

We were sad to hear of the death of Mark Watson's mother recently Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mark's Dad and the rest of the family at this difficult time.

Special prayer topics

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



Today we pray for the persecuted church in
India

- For protection and strength for Christians from Hindu backgrounds, particularly those who have been attacked and stigmatised by their families and communities
- For wisdom and guidance for those who are still choosing to evangelise, even in states with anti-conversion laws
- That a national anti-conversion law would not be passed, and that God would be at work in the hearts of India's leader



OPEN DOORS is the charity we are currently supporting as part of our world mission focus. Every week we have been listing prayer pointers for one of the countries on the World Watch List where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. On **Sunday 5th November** we will be welcoming a speaker from **Open Doors** who will be here to tell us more about their mission to help people who live in terrible fear around the world. Please make a note of this date and join us for this presentation.

"If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it."

1 Corinthians 12:26

Open Doors dream of a world in which every Christian who is persecuted is remembered and supported by other Christians



FOCUS - Monday 23rd October at 2.00 pm

Strictly Ballroom comes to Focus courtesy of our very own Debbie Goggin who is an enthusiastic and amazing dance teacher of ballroom and latin dancing. Come and join in this fun afternoon as Debbie takes us through some popular dances. Absolutely no dancing experience is required! All are welcome to join in, or just come along and watch as we 'swing' and 'sway' to the best of our ability!



Congratulations! to Liz Tucker & Stuart Bars who have announced their engagement. Liz (Bill & Melinda's daughter) & Stuart work as paramedics on the Isles of Scilly. Congratulations to the very happy couple!

ADVANCE NOTICE - This year we will be holding a Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday 9th December** from 1.00 - 4.00 pm. With 'Stay & Play' for families and afternoon tea & carol singing. This will be a *'Here for Good'* event with lots of opportunities to invite members of our local community, family and friends. More details about this event coming soon but please make a note of the date.

Rev'd Liz Lander will be away on holiday from 16th October until 30th October. Please pray for Liz whilst she is away, for rest, relaxation and recharging.