

St John's: PCC Review of 'Mission' and Global Engagement

Firstly, a HUGE thanks to everyone who replied with thoughts and suggestions during February. After considering all options, at the March meeting, PCC decided to support the following agencies for the years 2017 | 2018 | 2019:

Local: Christians Against Poverty

CAP's vision is to bring freedom and good news to the poor in every community through 1,000 CAP projects by 2021. Our local CAP centre is based at St. John's, Penge.

Individual: The Newnham family (via Mission Aviation Fellowship)

Mark and Sarah Newnham moved to Liberia in March 2016, a new MAF programme that started in 2015. Mark works as the chief engineer and is responsible for the maintenance of the aeroplane which operates out of Liberia. Sarah is helping with administrative tasks and hospitality within the programme as well as looking to develop opportunities to use her Speech and Language Therapy skills in the local community.

International: Open Doors

Open Doors exists to strengthen the church to be the church in the most hostile places. In over 50 countries, Open Doors supplies Bibles, trains church leaders, delivers Bible-based literacy programmes and supports Christians who suffer for their faith. Most recently working in Syria where war is still raging, Open Doors is providing aid and relief. But, despite the conflict, Open Doors' long-term commitment to support the church with Bibles and Christian literature also continues.

You'll be hearing more from us shortly, but we wanted to let everyone know the PCC decision as soon as possible. If you would like to get involved, in praying for, or in helping to organise events, or would just like to know more, then do speak to Scott, in the first instance. Thanks

NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER:

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Matt & Jacqui Proctor: theproctors71@virginmedia.com

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 30th April by members of Gill Newman's group.



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

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Office Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri 8.00 am-4.00 pm **CLOSED TUESDAYS**

News & Notices**23rd April 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 23rd April

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith
Readings: Daniel 10: 1 - 14 and Ephesians 6: 10 - 18

NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday 26th April

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Sunday 30th April

10.00 am Holy Communion - Roger Clarke

NO EVENING SERVICE

Special Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

If you would like prayer today - please speak to the person leading the service who will find someone to pray with you.

Monday 24th April

12.30 pm LINK Cafe
2.00 pm Focus

Tuesday 25th April

10.00 am The ARK

Wednesday 26th April

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

Friday 28th April

8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- *India Peters (18 months) daughter of Paul & Anna, granddaughter of Tony & Astra - undergoing chemotherapy for a tumour on her kidney.*
- *Alasdair Cameron*
- *Brenda Webb (Becky James mum)*
- *Nancy Day*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Henry Kirkman (Elizabeth Wycherley's dad)*

As mentioned last week, Clive Porthouse died in the early hours of Easter Sunday after a long period of illness. As many of you know, Clive was Vicar here at St. John's from June 1974 to November 1986. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marian and the family at this sad time. Clive's funeral will take place on Friday 5th May at 2.00 pm at Christchurch, Beckenham.

Special prayer topics

- hand young people in our community
- Residents who live in Wellhouse Road

Christian Aid Week this year runs from 14th to 20th May. Once again I am looking for volunteers to help deliver and collect envelopes. This is a really valuable way in which we can serve Christ and bear witness to His love for the poorest people in our world with the focus this year on refugees. If you have helped deliver or collect envelopes in the past, thank you, and an even bigger thank you if you can help again. If you have never done this before, then please do consider it. It would be good if we could match last year's total of around £2000. If you would like to volunteer or would like further information please speak to me after the service or on 0208 776 2676. Martin Bedford



Congratulations to Vikki & Will Foulger on the safe arrival of a baby son 'Huck Levin Abraham' born on Thursday 20th April. A new brother for Iris, Jonah and Jesse and an 8th Grandchild for Jef & Julia!

VICAR ON LEAVE

As mentioned in church a few weeks ago - Liz is now on a period of compassionate leave. She will be back working on Sunday June 4th. You will see her around as she will still be living at the vicarage during this time, but she will not be doing any of her normal duties and responsibilities as vicar. Scott will be taking on these extra duties and he will be the first point of contact for pastoral or any other relevant matter. You can contact Scott by phone: 020 289 4819 or by email on smithscott@hotmail.com

Please pray for Liz as she takes this break during what is a very difficult time for her and the family.

FOOD BANK - URGENT APPEAL

The stocks at our local food bank are really low at present following the Easter holidays. They are in need of all the regular tins and packets, tea, coffee, pasta, rice, soups, vegetables, tinned fruit, breakfast cereals. Also toiletries: shampoo, shower gel, deodorant etc. and laundry items.

Did you know that the weekly **Exercise Class** which takes place in the Large Hall on **Wednesday afternoons** runs every week throughout the year.

We meet at 2.00 pm and the class lasts for one hour. It is led by Mark Goldsmith who is a qualified instructor working with Bromley's Heart Smart and Primetime programmes. Mark is especially qualified to work with those people who need to take a little extra care when exercising. It is suitable for both men and women and can be done at your own level including seated. Do speak to Liz King if you would like to know more about the class, or come along on Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm to join in this with this fun but valuable activity.

