

**KINGFISHERS** - Calling all 4 to 7 year olds! Boys & Girls - come and join us on Wednesday evenings from 5.30 - 6.30 pm in the Meeting room for fun, activities and games. Please speak to Liz Bligh about Kingfishers (8650 5653)

**SOL CHOIR** is our Community Choir who meet here at St. John's every Monday evening at 8.00 pm. and is led by Becky Sowter. If you love to sing and would like to join us, please do come along for a free taster session. You do not have to be able to read music and there are no auditions. We sing all types of music including gospel, pop, rock, songs from musicals etc. We are especially looking for some more men to join our group, but all are very welcome. If you would like to know more about Sol Choir, do speak to Liz King or Becky Sowter.

**EXERCISE GROUP** - Just a reminder that our weekly exercise group run by Mark Goldsmith meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm. This group is specifically for 'older people' or those who might need some extra care when exercising. Mark is especially qualified to work with those who have special medical needs including joint replacements, heart problems, etc. so you can feel confident as you exercise. Do come along and try the group - it's great fun!

**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

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 1st October by members of Clive Ellery's group.



Vicar: Rev'd Liz Lander ☎ 8650 6110 ✉ [landerliz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:landerliz@yahoo.co.uk) (Liz's day off is Thursday)

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

## News & Notices

24th September 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 24th September

10.00 am Holy Communion - Wesley Guy  
**What do Christians believe? - God the Son**  
 Readings: Matthew 16: 13 - 17 and Philipians 2: 4 - 11

NO EVENING SERVICE

### Wednesday 27th September

11.15 am Holy Communion - Dr. David Plummer

### Sunday 1st October

10.00 am All Age Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander  
**Harvest**

followed by Fellowship Lunch (see note inside)

### ***Special Prayer for sixteenth Sunday after Trinity***

*Lord of creation,*

*whose glory is around and within us:*

*open our eyes to your wonders,*

*that we may serve you with reverence*

*and know your peace at our lives' end,*

*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 25th September**

2.00 pm FOCUS - 'Volcanoes & Earthquakes'  
8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

### **Tuesday 26th September**

10.00 am The Ark  
8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

### **Wednesday 27th September**

11.15 am Holy Communion  
12.30 pm LINK  
1.30 pm Art Class  
2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities (see back page)  
5.30 pm Kingfishers (see note on back page)  
8.00 PM HOMEGROUPS

### **Friday 29th September**

8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- Joan Jones
- Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole)
- Graham Kembey
- Stan Elsey
- Keith Shelley
- Kit Grant
- Brian & Rosemary Clayton
- Jane Newman
- Paul Allen
- Essie Grives

*Jim Cruse would like to thank everyone for their kind prayers, visits and cards while he has been in hospital. He is home now, but has very little mobility. Please continue to pray as he adjusts and engages with daily visits from the Reablement and Rehabilitation Therapy Teams.*

### **Special prayer topics**

- Homemakers - those caring for families at home
- Residents who live in Creswell Drive



Today we pray for the persecuted church in

### **Libya**

- With the country in a state of anarchy, Islamic radicals are able to attack Christians with impunity. Ask God to change the hearts of these militants, and protect Christians in Libya
- Although there aren't many, the number of Libyan believers from Muslim backgrounds is growing. Pray they will grow in faith and find fellowship with others
- Pray that many would hear the gospel through the internet and social media and

### **HARVEST - next Sunday 1st October**

Our service of All Age Worship will take place next Sunday Morning as we focus on Harvest.

Following the service, we invite everyone to join us for a Fellowship Lunch. This will be a simple meal of homemade soup, bread, cheese. Followed by fruit, yoghurts and biscuits with tea or coffee.

Donations to our Tear Fund project will be collected at the lunch.

Please sign up in the coffee area if you are coming along to Lunch.

**Church Walk - next Sunday** (1st October) following the Fellowship Lunch you are invited to join in a gentle walk on Harvington. All are welcome.

### **ORDINATION SERVICE**

Next Saturday 30th September, Jef Foulger will be ordained as Deacon in a service at Rochester Cathedral, conducted by Bishop James. Jef will commence his ministry as Curate at St. Barnabas in Beckenham from the 1st October. Please be praying for Jef and for Julia as he prepares for this amazing new chapter in his life!

**Rev'd Ted Baines** - We are sad to hear of the death of Ted Baines who was Vicar here at St. John's from April 1967 to January 1974. A memorial service is being held at St Paul's, Brackley Road on Friday 6th October at 2.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Mary and the family.

### **St John's Bookstall**

Bible reading notes starting in October are now in the Bookstall. Could those church members who have them please collect them and sign off on the tick sheet.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - This year we will be holding a Christmas Craft Fair on **Saturday 9th December** from 1.00 - 4.00 pm. 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.

### **CLERGY DAYS OFF**

Please note that Rev'd Liz Lander will now be having Thursdays as her day off. Rev'd Scott Smith will continue to have Fridays as his day off.

**Office Hours** are also changing. Office contact hours are now 9.00 am - 1.00 pm. Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri. Office is closed on Tuesdays.