

ALPHA - STARTS AT ST JOHN'S ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JANFor more information call 020 8650 3515 or visit sjep.org and alpha.org

Please be praying about our new Alpha Course starting in January. Is there someone you would like to invite along? Are there questions which you yourself would like to ask? Alpha is for anyone who is curious and would like to explore the basics of Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Please pick up an invitation card (or cards) from the Information Table.

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.

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 3rd December by members of Claire Dullaway's group.



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

News & Notices**26th 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 26th November

10.00 am Morning Worship (Contemporary) - Rev'd Scott Smith
'What is worship?'

Readings: Romans 12: 1 - 2 and John 4: 19 - 26

6.30 pm Hour of Prayer - Rev'd Scott Smith

'In the long history of Christian spirituality, community prayer is more important, than individual prayer.'

Eugene Peterson (Writer of The Message)

Wednesday 29th November

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday

10.00 am Morning Worship - Roger Clarke
'Why read the Bible?'

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1 - 2 & 6 - 11 and 2 Timothy 3: 10 - 17

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Dr. David Plummer

Isaiah 11 v 1 - 9 and Revelation 22 v 12 - 21

Special Prayer for the Sunday next before Advent

God the Father,

help us to hear the call of Christ the King

and to follow in his service,

whose kingdom has no end;

for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, one glory. Amen

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

Monday 27th November

- 2.00 pm FOCUS - A musical afternoon with Marion Blakeley
- 8.00 pm CYFA
- 8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

Tuesday 28th November

- 10.00 am The Ark
- 8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

Wednesday 29th 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
- 8.00 pm HOMEGROUPS

Friday 1st December

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Special prayer topics

- People going out to work
- Residents who live in Ernest Grove & Ernest Close



Today we pray for the persecuted church in
Qatar

- Migrant workers are often treated as slaves. Pray that Christian migrant workers will be able to show the love of Christ to their employers
- That Christian converts would have boldness and discernment to share their faith with Muslim family members
- That BMBs would find ways to be discipled and have fellowship with other believers.



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.

Our Christmas leaflet is available today and ready to be delivered this week. If you are a regular deliverer, please pick up your pack of leaflets. If you are not a regular deliverer but are able to help with the delivery of these leaflets, please do collect an unnamed pack/s from the table. If you would like to commit to regularly delivering our parish leaflets, which happens 3 or 4 times a year. please sign your name against one or more spaces on the list which you can find on the Information Table.

We also have posters to advertise this event. If you are able to display one in your window - do please pick one up from the Table. Also, if you usually visit local shops - please could you offer them a poster to display in their window. Many thanks.



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.