



## Everyone has questions....

We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view...

The new **ALPHA** course has started, but it is not too late to come along. 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 speak to Liz or Scott if you would like to come along, or if you know someone who you would like to invite to join this group.

Following Liz's sermon on '**Giving**' recently (*do listen on the website if you missed it*) there are standing order forms available on the Information Table, or speak our Treasurer, Elizabeth Clarke.

**FOODBANK** - Don't forget our regular food bank collections continue throughout the year. Tinned and packet foods, cereals, washing products, toiletries etc. are all very welcome. You can bring items in on Sunday mornings, or any weekday when the church office is open. All donations are very gratefully received.

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

## News & Notices

28th January 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 28th January

10.00 am **Morning Worship & Thanksgiving** - Fi Nichols  
**'What gifts do I have?'**

Readings: Exodus Ch.35: v. 4, 10, 20 - 35 & 36: 1  
and John 6: 1 - 14

### Wednesday 31st January

11.15 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Scott Smith

### Sunday 4th February

10.00 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Scott Smith  
**'How do I live as a Christian seven days a week?'**

Readings: Romans 12: 1 - 18 and Luke 13: 10 - 17

### Special Prayer for the 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Generous Lord,

*in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:*

*help us so to live out our days*

*that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;*

*through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

Amen

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

**Monday 22nd January**

2.00 pm FOCUS

**Tuesday 23rd January**

10.00 am The Ark

**Wednesday 24th January**

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

7.30pm ALPHA - (see back page)

**Friday 19th January**

8.45 am Parish Prayers

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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| - Ron Jepp                        | - Bob Baldwin   |
| - Margaret Murrell                | - Ann Galliver  |
| - Marion Bradbury                 | - Joan Jones    |
| - Joyce Foulger                   | - Jane Newman   |
| - Rod Bassett                     | - Keith Shelley |
| - Stan Elsey                      | - Paul Allen    |
| - Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole) | - Jim Cruse     |
| - Nancy Day                       | - Essie Grives  |

Patrick Grant's funeral service will be held on Friday 9th February at 3.45 pm at East Chapel, Croydon Crematorium, Mitcham Road, Thornton Heath. The family will come back to the Lounge Room here following the service for light refreshments to which all are invited to join them.

Also, Joan Martin, a long time member of Women's Focus and a regular at Link, died recently. She was also a great friend of Patrick's who used to look in on Joan regularly and give her lifts to Focus etc. Joan's funeral will be held on Monday 12th February at 12.45 pm at Beckenham Crematorium. Afterwards the family invite you to join them in the Lounge Room here at St. John's for light refreshments.

**Special prayer topics**

- Children and young people in our community
- Residents in Lodge Gardens



Today we pray for the persecuted church in **Tunisia**

- For comfort and strength for Christian youth who are rejected for their faith and face pressure from non-believing family members
- The church here is very young. Pray for those training a new generation of leaders to shepherd the growing church
- That the Lord will hinder the plans of Muslim extremists, and turn them to Himself.

Today, we especially welcome friends and family of Abby Smith, Scott & Jane's youngest daughter, who, together with her big sister Zoey, join us for a celebration of 'Thanksgiving', which also falls on the occasion of her 1st birthday! We send our love, good wishes and prayers to the family on this very special day.



**CENTRAL PRAYER** (in The Lounge every first Tuesday of the month from 8pm)

It's been said that prayer is 'rebellious against the status quo.'

In 2018, we're making the first Tuesday all about 'rebellion' as we gather together for our monthly prayer event. Each month we will pray for our community and for God's world that, 'His will be done on earth as in heaven.' Come and join us each month as we pray together, listen together and engage with God's heart for Eden Park and beyond. Join us on 6th February for our first 'Central Prayer'.

**Lent Course & Home Groups:**

Due to the cancellation of the planned CTiB Lent Course, it has not been possible to plan an 'all-together- gathering' this year. Home Groups will continue to meet in the 2nd & 4th weeks of the month, and this term they are looking at 'Characters from the New Testament.'

**Home Groups** continue to form the heart of St John's. They are the place where friendships are built, relationships with God are deepened, and equipping for the Christian life takes place. If you would like more information, or would like to join a Home Group, then do speak to Scott in the first instance.

Dear church family,

Rod and Jackie would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support over the past few months.

Just as an update I am now 3 months in on a 6 months course of treatment and responding well with the mix of steroids and chemo. I find it very humbling and amazing the amount of phone calls, conversations of support, visitors to hospitals and home we have had,

Just goes to show how Gods love shines through everything.

Praise the lord,

Love Rod and Jackie