

CTiB Lent Course will be taking place here at St. John's on the following dates: Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April.

The aim of the course is for us meet with members of other churches in the deanery. These evenings offer a great opportunity to get together, to hear and understand both similar and diverse viewpoints and experience worship and fellowship together.

The format of the evening is as follows:

- 7.30 pm Arrival, coffee and fellowship
- 8.00 pm Welcome and opening worship
- 8.10 pm - 9.00 pm Lent Course Workshops
- 9.00 pm - 9.15 pm Closing worship

There are 5 workshops to choose from:

- **Come and Sing 'Messiah' choruses** led by David Storey
- **Exploring the Bible through Art** led by Chris McShane
- **Franciscan Spirituality** led by Tina Kelsey
- **The Lord's Prayer** led by Maggie Wilkinson & Andrew Jones
- **Decisions, decisions** led by Neil Draisey

Forms are available on the Information Table for you to sign up for the Lent Course, alternatively register with Liz King by email: office@sjep.org stating which workshop you would like to do (also give a 2nd choice).

Please note - The Traidcraft stall will be closed for 2 or 3 months whilst Judy recovers from her surgery.

LIVING WELL - would like to thank St. John's for their continued support of the Food Bank - especially welcome at this time of year.
All the usual foodstuffs - dried goods, tins of vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat. Pasta, rice, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, etc. Also laundry items and toiletries.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 5th February by members of Clive Ellery's group.



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

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

Church Office: Liz King ☎ 8650 3515 ✉ office@sjep.org Website: www.sjep.org

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

News & Notices

29th 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 29th January

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith
Petition (Give us this day)
Psalm 86 and Luke 11: 9 - 10

NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday 1st February

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 5th February

10.00 am All Age Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander
Petition (Give us this day)

6.30 pm Hour of Prayer & Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander

Special Prayer for 4th Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven,

you send the gospel to the ends of the earth

and your messengers to every nation:

send your Holy Spirit to transform us

by the good news of everlasting life

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 30th January

2.00 pm Focus

Tuesday 31st January

10.00 am The Ark

Wednesday 1st February

9.00 am Parish Prayers
11.15 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm LINK - (*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
7.30 pm Alpha (See note opposite)

Friday 3rd February

8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- Judy Bedford - recovering from surgery at home
- Margaret Murrell - recovering at home after her surgical procedure.
- Dave King - recovering from heart surgery in the London Bridge Hospital
- Clive Porthouse - very poorly at home
- Alasdair Cameron - going into hospital on 30th January for surgery.
- Wilf Orton - having a hip replacement on 4th February.
- Oliver (8 months old) nephew of Louise Savage diagnosed with infantile scoliosis. Please pray for parents Chris & Rachel during this worrying time.
- Brian & Rosemary Clayton
- Jane Newman
- Graham Mountford
- Paul Allen
- Keith Shelley
- Essie Grives

As mentioned in church last Sunday, we were sad to hear of the death of Joan Robinson last weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan's daughter Wendy and family and also her mum Kathleen. Joan's funeral service will be held at Beckenham Crematorium on Monday 13th February at 1.30 pm.

Special prayer topics

- Older people at home - retired people
- Residents who live in Merlin Grove

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

Since the middle of last year (2016) St John's PCC has been undertaking a review of 'Mission' and the agencies and charities that we financially support as a church.

The aim of the review was to enable everyone at St John's to become:

- **More aware** of the agencies/charities that we support
- **Better informed** about their work
- **More equipped** to engage with them and pray for them

Please look carefully at the leaflet enclosed with these notices - we'd really like to know what you think!

Please think and pray about the whole area of mission and do please let us know your thoughts and any suggestions you might have about future mission support. Thank you for your help.



Alpha is starting at St John's at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

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

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you like.

How does it work?

Alpha is eleven sessions with a day away in the middle. Each session includes food, a short talk and discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow up.

How much is it?

There's no charge to do Alpha, though we do ask for a contribution towards food.

For further information please speak to Liz or Scott or contact the Church office.