



EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

- Palm Sunday (9th April) Morning Worship at 10.00 am
- Maundy Thursday Supper at 7.00 pm
- Good Friday Walk of Witness at 11.00 am (St.Edmunds)
- Good Friday 'Around the Cross' at 2.00 pm
- Easter 24/7 Prayer (from Good Friday to Easter Sunday)
- Easter Sunday - Family Communion - 10.00am

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place on Thursday 20th April at 8.00 pm. This is a very important meeting in the life of our church so please make a note of the date and plan to come along.

If you are not currently a member of St. John's (i.e on our Electoral Roll) and would like to be, please pick up an Electoral Roll Form from the Information Table. When it is completed, please return it to David Johnson, our Electoral Roll Officer, or to Liz King in the Office.

There are three vacancies on PCC for 3 years; four vacancies on Deanery Synod for 3 years, two Church Wardens for 1 year; and our Sidespeople will be re-elected.

If you would like to find out more about what is involved being a member of PCC or Deanery Synod please do speak to our Churchwardens or Liz King (Adminstrator). Also, if you have ever thought about taking on a role as one of our Sidespeople, then again, please speak to Liz King. All people nominated must read the forms before signing them. Pam Gann our PCC Secretary holds the New Diocese 2017 handbook on Church Representation Rules if anyone has a question about the various positions.

Louise Savage is supporting the Hunger Project by living on £1 a day during Lent. The Hunger Project is a global organisation committed to the sustainable end of world hunger, empowering people in both developing and developed countries to build a just world where everybody can fulfil their potential and build lives of self-reliance and dignity. If you are able to support Louise by donating to the Hunger Project, please go to her fundraising page on Just Giving. Thank you.
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louise-savage3

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 9th April by members of Heather Freeman'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

2nd 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 2nd April

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith

Listening - *Our daily bread*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 and John 10: 1 - 18

6.30 pm Hour of Prayer & Worship - Rev'd Scott Smith

Wednesday 5th April

11.15 am Holy Communion - Roger Clarke

Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander

Warfare - *Deliver us from evil (Prayer Course video)*

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Dr. David Plummer

Special Prayer for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father,

you gave up your Son

out of love for the world:

lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,

that we may know eternal peace

through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,

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 3rd April

- 12.30 pm LINK Cafe
- 1.30 pm Funeral of Les Marshall at Beckenham Crematorium
- 2.00 pm Focus (in the Meeting Room)

Tuesday 4th April

- 7.30 pm CTiB Lent Course - Final week

Wednesday 5th 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 7th April

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- *Clive Porthouse - in Guys Hospital and very unwell. Pray also for Marion and the family at this very difficult time.*
- *Pat Freeman*
- *Alasdair Cameron*
- *Brenda Webb (Becky James mum)*
- *Nancy Day*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Henry Kirkman (Elizabeth Wycherley's dad) in hospital.*

Please continue to pray for Eileen Marshall and the family as they mourn Les's passing. The funeral will take place on Monday 3rd April, 1.30 pm at Beckenham Crematorium, with refreshments afterwards in the Lounge Room here at St. John's.

Please continue to pray for Ruth Meakins' and family following the death of her brother Wendimew in Ethiopia and also for Celia Mills' and family following the death of her daughter Janet.

Special prayer topics

- Older people at home - retired people
- Residents who live in Tonge Close & Barts Close

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

CAPs 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. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support and action among Christians. 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.

THURSDAY SUPPER - During Holy Week we will be getting together to enjoy a Fellowship Meal on Maundy Thursday evening at 7.00 pm. The meal will be followed by a simple act of Communion, sharing bread and wine. Please sign up if you would like to join us for the meal in order that we can work out numbers for catering purposes. There is a list on the Board in the coffee area.

EASTER 24/7 PRAYER - There are still a few slots available if you would like to participate in our 24/7 Prayer vigil over Easter. Please look at the Notice Board in the coffee area.

WALK OF WITNESS - Good Friday (14th April)

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday will start with a short service at St. Edmunds on Village way at 11.00 am and then the procession will go along the High Street and up to Beckenham Green next to St. George's Church. We are looking for people willing to act as road stewards, keeping people safe on the walk. If you are able to volunteer for this task, please do speak to Julia Johnson who will be able to give you some more information. Thank you.