



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER : Friday 2nd March at 2.00 pm. St. George's Church in High Street Beckenham will be hosting this service which is open to all churches in Beckenham. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname and is on the theme "**All God's Creation is Very Good**". All are welcome and there will be light refreshments served after the service.

CHURCH WALK TODAY - Bromley Common. We will meet on the junction of Magpie Hall Lane and Holbrook Way at 2 pm. It is mostly on proper paths but the middle bit could be very muddy so appropriate footwear is essential! Just the 4 miles this time so we are back before dark!



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. They are very short of Long life milk at the moment. 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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News & Notices

4th February 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 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

Wednesday 7th February

11.15 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 11th February

10.00 am **All Age Worship** - Rev'd Scott Smith

Special Prayer for the 5th Sunday before Lent

*God of truth,
 we have seen with our eyes
 and touched with our hands the bread of life:
 strengthen our faith
 that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
 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 5th February

2.00 pm FOCUS

Tuesday 6th February

10.00 am The Ark

8.00 pm Central Prayer  (see note opposite)

Wednesday 7th February

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 9th February

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 |
| - Viola Rollinson (Clari's mum) recovering from hip replacement operation. | |

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

Joan Martin'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

- Older people at home - retired people
- Residents in Manor Way



Today we pray for the persecuted church in
Bhutan

- For strength for believers who violate the anti-conversion law by leaving the Buddhist faith
- That efforts to persecute Christians will actually unite them
- That God will soften the hearts of those who know Christians and make them receptive to the gospel.



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.



The next Traidcraft stall will be held on Sunday 11th February for all your fairly traded goods

Lent Course & Home Groups:

Due to the cancellation of the planned CTiB Lent Course, 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.

Lent Meetings - we have also been notified of a couple of CTiB groups who will be meeting during Lent.:

St. George's, Beckenham is running a Pilgrim course on the Bible during Lent. There are 2 sessions to choose from each week, either Wednesday morning at 11.30am or Thursday evening at 7.45pm. The course lasts for 5 weeks and each session is around an hour. It starts on Thursday 15th or Wednesday 21st February. If you would like to attend this course, please contact St. George's: 020 8663 6996

Penge Congregational Church are running a Lent course on "The Bible Through Art" with Chris McShane. We will meet from 7.30-9.00pm in the Vestry at PCC on 5 Tuesdays in Lent: 20th and 27th February; 6th, 13th and 20th March. If you would like to join in this course, please contact Penge Congregational on: 020 8659 2010



CHARITY CONCERT - Saturday 3rd March at 7.30 pm

We look forward to welcoming Bromley Concert Band and Sol Community Choir at our annual Charity Concert which this year will be in support of Christians Against Poverty. Please make a note of the date and plan to come along and join us for this enjoyable evening of musical entertainment!