

SPONSORED WALK - Jill Harris is taking part in a sponsored walk on Saturday 17th March raising funds for BCCS (Bromley Community Counselling Service) who have lost vital funding recently.

BCCS provide support to people who need long-term counselling for a range of life difficulties and who find it hard to access counselling they can afford. Their counselling service is provided by around 60 professionally-trained volunteer counsellors, and as such are a vital counselling charity in the Borough. Please support Jill if you can. You can access her fundraising page on JustGiving.com (go to Jill Harris BCCS). There is also a sponsor form on the Information Table where you will also be able to sponsor Jill. Finally, if you happen to shop in Waitrose, Bromley, BCCS are one of the nominated charities throughout February, so look for your green disc and help by posting it in their box. Thank you.



EASTER EGGS

The Bookstall now has The Real Easter Egg is stock and will be on sale on the table at the back of the church. £3.95 for the milk chocolate version which is 5p cheaper than Tesco and £5.50 for the dark chocolate version which is not available in the shops.



A congregation member has a good quality dining room table and four chairs that they would like to find a good home for.

Please contact the Church office and they will put you in touch.

A member of the congregation has a close relative anxious to rent a room in the area. If you have a spare room and would like to consider taking in a lodger please contact the office and they will ask the person concerned to call you.

CAN YOU HELP? We are missing a number of items from the main kitchen, i.e. two round tablecloths, white lasagne dish, plastic containers, stainless steel serving spoons. If you have borrowed any of these items, or might have seen them somewhere on site, please can you let Sue Rogers know. Many thanks

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News & Notices

4th March 2018

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 March

10.00 am **Holy Communion** - Rev'd Liz Lander
Sharing my story - June George

Readings: Psalm 121 & Isaiah 40 v 25-31

Wednesday 7th March

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

Sunday 11th March - Mothering Sunday

10.00 am **All Age Worship** - Rev'd Liz Lander
Sharing my story

Readings:

Special Prayer for the third Sunday of Lent

*Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
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 March

8.00 pm CYFA

Tuesday 6th March

10.00 am The Ark

12.30 pm Service of Thanksgiving for Jane Newman

8.00 pm Central Prayer - see opposite

Wednesday 7th March

11.15 am Holy Communion

12.30 pm LINK

1.30 pm Art Class

2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities

7.30pm ALPHA

Friday 9th March

8.45 am Parish Prayers

Saturday 10th March

10.00 am Coffee morning - see notice opposite



There will be a **Fairtrade coffee morning** on Saturday 10th March from 10 - 12 with Fairtrade teas and coffees and lots of cake. There will also be a Traidcraft stall. All money raised will go to Traidcraft Exchange's Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal which helps some of the world's poorest people and all donations will be doubled by the government. We do hope you will be able to come along.

A 'Service of Thanksgiving' in celebration Jane Newman's life will take place on Tuesday 6th March at 12.30 pm here at St. John's to which you are warmly invited. If you are hoping to attend please come in light or bright colours as were Jane's wishes. In church today, you will find a Book of Condolence for Jane. If you would like to leave a message for the family, do please take a moment to add your memories of Jane.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| - Celeste Hitching | - Joan Jones | - Margaret Murrell |
| - Ron Jepp | - Keith Shelley | - Stan Elsey |
| - Marion Bradbury | - Paul Allen | - Rod Bassett |
| - Jim Cruse | - Joyce Foulger | - Essie Grives |
| - Nancy Day | - Alan Abbott | |

We were very sad to hear that Ken Fisher, Jeanette's husband, passed away suddenly on Tuesday 13th February. Please remember Jeanette and her family in your prayers at this difficult time. Ken's funeral will be on Thursday 15th March

We have also heard that Margaret Brown, mother of Tiffany Birch has died in hospital following a heart procedure. Please pray for Tiffany, Martin and the family at this sad time. Margaret's funeral will be on Tuesday 13th March.

Special prayer topics

- Older people at home - retired people
- Residents in Overstand Close



Today we pray for the persecuted church in
Tajikistan

- For comfort and strength for Christians who are beaten and pressured to renounce their faith by their families
- That pressure from the regime would lessen and that the country would become more open to Christianity



CENTRAL PRAYER Tuesday 6th March at 8.00 pm in the Lounge. 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.

GT's (Growing together) are holding an meeting on Tuesday 27th March from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm in the Lounge Room (includes a sandwich lunch). GT's is our group for the 'more mature' and whatever our age we have so much to give and receive from each other and this meeting gives us the opportunity to meet people and to work as part of the extended family of St. John's to help people along their own particular journey. . we have a list of those who have attended in the past and have sent an invitation but if you have not received yours or would like to come then everyone of any age is welcome. Do please speak to Liz King who will have spare invitations.



Maundy Thursday Meal (29th March). We will be joining together in Easter week for a fellowship meal on Maundy Thursday evening. Please sign the list on the Board in the coffee area if you would like to join us. All are welcome.