

"Here for Good"

Our Christmas Craft Market will be held on Saturday 9th December from 1.00 - 4.00 pm with a "Stay & Play" area for young children, with face painting and fun craft activities. There will be light refreshments available and carol singing during the afternoon. In the large hall there will be around 30 craft stalls selling a variety of goods for Christmas!

We will need some help with a few of the activities, so if you think you are able to help, even if it is just for one hour, please take a look at the board in the coffee area and sign up if you can. Thank You!

Annual 'Children in Need' Charity Concert Friday 17th November at 7.00 pm.

Do come along to enjoy an exciting evening of musical entertainment including performers from: Croydon Steel Band, St. David's Prep Children's Choir, The Kentones Barbershop Chorus and SOL Choir - our Community Choir for Eden Park. The evening starts at 7.00 pm and entry is £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. All are welcome.



FOOD BANK - The Food Bank continues to run and needs your support so please try to remember to bring your donations which are all gratefully received. Dried and tinned goods, laundry products, toiletries etc. all donations welcome.

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 12th November by members of Gill Newman's group.



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News & Notices

5th November 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 5th November

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Scott Smith
Open Doors Presentation
with guest speaker Brian Scully
Readings: Psalm 8 and Matthew 25: 31 to end

NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday 8th November

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am Morning Worship - Dr. David Plummer
'What about the Church?'
Readings: Exodus 19: 1 - 8 and 1 Peter 2: 1 - 10

3.00 pm Thanksgiving Service - Rev'd Liz Lander
(see note overleaf)

Special Prayer for the 4th Sunday before Advent

*God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
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 6th November

2.00 pm FOCUS - Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse

Tuesday 7th November

10.00 am The Ark

Wednesday 8th November

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

Friday 10th November

8.45 am Parish Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Stan Elsey in King's College Hospital
- Alan Abbott (stepson of Carole)
- Carole Abbott
- Nancy Day
- Joan Jones - becoming very frail
- Jane Newman
- Keith Shelley
- Hilary Cameron
- Paul Allen
- Jim Cruise
- Kit Grant
- Brian & Rosemary Clayton
- Essie Grives

Please remember Mark Watson and family in your prayers at this current time. The funeral of Mark's mum takes place tomorrow (Monday 6th November).

Special prayer topics

- Homemakers - those caring for families at home
- Residents who live in Eden Park Avenue



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

- Ask God to comfort the families and friends of the three believers killed for their faith
- The government is working hard to monitor churches and curb the growth of Christianity. Pray for a loosening of restrictions and increased freedom.
- For family members pressuring their relatives to return to traditional faiths. Pray that they would see Christ through their Christian relatives.



We extend a very warm welcome to Brian Scully who joins us today from

OPEN DOORS, the charity we support as part of our world mission focus. Every week we have been listing prayer pointers for one of the countries on the World Watch List where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. **Open Doors'** mission is to help people who live in terrible fear around the world.

"If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it."

1 Corinthians 12:26

Open Doors dream of a world in which every Christian who is persecuted is remembered and supported by other Christians

THE TRAIDCRAFT STALL is open today after the service this morning. The new catalogue is available with lots of Christmas ideas, a great way to help some of the poorest people in the world.

We will also have some Real Advent calendars which will also be sold on the bookstall.



On Monday 20th November, Judy Bedford will be coming along to our Focus lunch to tell us more about **Traidcraft** who work alongside small scale farmers around the world making sure they are paid fair and sufficient prices to enable workers to earn more than enough to meet their day-to-day needs. Judy will also be bring along a selection of goods such as cakes, biscuits, tea and gifts available to purchase. If you would like to come along to our lunch at 1.00 pm on Monday 20th November, please do speak to Liz King or Astra Peters. All are welcome.

"Service of Thanksgiving" for the lives of those who have meant so much to us. Our service will be here at St. John's at 3.00 pm on Sunday 12th November and will be followed by tea in the church hall. This time together will be another opportunity to give thanks for the lives of those we have lost. Please feel free to come with members of your family and friends.



CHURCH WALK TODAY - We will be doing the Farnborough circular walk. It starts from the triangle at Farnborough village high street at 1:45pm and is about 4.5 miles. It should take about 2hrs, so we are back before it gets dark. There is parking on local roads or use the 358 bus which stops just after the 'change of horses' pub. Don't forget sensible shoes as it might be muddy in 1 section!