

**Christian Aid Week** this year runs from 14 to 20 May. Once again I am looking for volunteers to help deliver and collect. This is a really valuable way in which we can serve Christ and bear witness to His love for the poorest people in our world with the focus this year on refugees. If you have helped deliver or collect envelopes in the past, thank you, and an even bigger thank you if you can help again. If you have never done this before, then please do consider it. It would be good if we could match last year's total of around £2000. If you would like to volunteer or would like further information please speak to me after the service or on 0208 776 2676. Martin Bedford

### **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. 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

#### **Refreshments**

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 16th April by members of Judith Parry's group.



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

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

## **News & Notices**

**9th 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 9th April - Palm Sunday**

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Liz Lander

**Warfare** - *Deliver us from evil*

*Ephesians 6: 10 - 18a and 1 Peter 5: 6 - 11*



6.30 pm Holy Communion - Dr. David Plummer

**Taxes to Caesar, Lawful or Not?**

*Romans 13: 1 - 7 and Mark 12: 13 - 17*

### **Wednesday 12th April**

11.15 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander

### **Thursday 13th April - Maundy Thursday**

7.00 pm Fellowship Supper - Rev'd Liz Lander

### **Friday 14th April - Good Friday**

2.00 pm Around the Cross - Rev'd Scott Smith

### **Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday**

10.00 am Family Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander



#### ***Special Prayer for Palm Sunday***

*True and humble king,*

*hailed by the crowd as Messiah:*

*grant us the faith to know you and love you,*

*that we may be found beside you*

*on the way of the cross,*

*which is the path of glory. Amen*

*If you would like prayer today - please speak to the person leading the service who will find someone to pray with you.*

### **Monday 10th April**

- 12.30 pm LINK Cafe  
2.00 pm Focus - Easter Reflection - see opposite

### **Wednesday 11th 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

### **Thursday 13th April**

- 7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Supper

### **Friday 14th April**

- 2.00 pm Around the Cross

#### **Please pray for:**

- *India Peters (18 months) daughter of Paul & Anna, granddaughter of Tony & Astra - in hospital and waiting for further diagnosis of a cancerous tumour on her kidney.*
- *Celeste Hitching - Please be praying for Celeste at this time. She is quite unwell at the present time and with her special difficulties it is very hard for the family to comfort her when she cannot tell them how she is feeling.*
- *Clive Porthouse - in Guys Hospital and very unwell. Pray also for Marion and the family at this very difficult time.*
- *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 following Les's funeral which took place last Monday.*

*Also, please remember Celia Mills and family in your prayers following her daughter Janet's funeral last week.*

#### **Special prayer topics**

- People going out to work
- Residents who live in Upper Elmers End Road

### **FOCUS EASTER REFLECTION** - Monday 10th April at 2.00 pm.

All are invited to join us for an Easter Reflection with Liz Lander as we move into Holy Week. We will be meeting in the Lounge Room and even if you are not a regular at Focus, you will be very welcome to join us.

**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. If you have already signed up for the Prayer Vigil, please collect your information sheet with further instructions regarding the event.

### **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.

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. The 2017 draft Roll is available at the back of church, so if your details have changed in the last year or you have recently completed an application, please check that you have been correctly entered.

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 (Administrator). 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.