

Coming soon during Holy Week

THE EXPERIENCE



A walk through Holy Week

Experience peace, calm and stillness in a unique series of representations

Stay as long as you like - simply look and think, read or pray.

Opportunities to express your thoughts and feelings in creative ways

Experience the story of the Passover and Last Supper
Thursday 9th at 6.30 pm. - suitable for all ages

Experience "the night " before Good Friday

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th April 9.00 am - 9.00 pm
Then 24 hours Thursday 9th - from 9.00 am to 9.00 am on Good Friday

Also: "The Good Friday Story in words and Music"
With the Salvation Army Band - Good Friday at 6.30p.m.

Come along as many times as you like during the week. The Thursday night vigil will be an unique opportunity to spend time quietly thinking of Jesus in his moment of loneliness after his arrest. But you will not be alone in church. There will be others with you.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to act as a Steward during "The Experience" so if you can spare some time during the week, do please speak to Julia Foulger - your help will be greatly appreciated.

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News & Notices for week commencing Sunday 29th March 2009

A very warm welcome to our services today. Please stay for refreshments after the morning service which will be available at the top end of the church and also brought around on trays. A hearing aid loop is available in all areas of the church.

Sunday 29th March

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Lang

Personalities of Holy Week : Disciples and a donkey
(Zechariah 9: 9 - 10 and Luke 19: 28 - 35)

NO EVENING SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S

6.30 pm Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity, Lennard Road

Wednesday 1st April

10.45 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Lang

Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Lang

10.00 am All Age Worship - Rev'd Nick Lang

Welcoming Jesus the king
(John 12: 12 - 15)

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Canon David Overington

The Saviour rejected
(Psalm 22 and John 17: 1 - 5)

Special prayer for the fifth 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

Is there something you would like to pray about today? Someone will be available to pray with you in the Chapel after each service.

Monday 30th March

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers
- 10.30 am The LINK – coffee followed by lunch from 12 noon
- 2.30 pm Women's Focus – The Art Game with Mr. Parkin
- 7.30 pm CYFA

Tuesday 31st March

- 10.00 am ARK

Wednesday 1st April

- 9.15 am Parish Prayers
- 10.45 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am The LINK – coffee followed by lunch from 12 noon
- 2.00 pm OPEN HOUSE
- 5.30 pm Kingfishers
- 6.30 pm Kestrels

Friday 3rd April

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Saturday 4th April

- 8.30 pm Plus

Please pray for –

- ◆ *Marcena Hrebien*
- ◆ *Michael Jones (who lives in Ernest Grove and is starting chemotherapy for lung & liver cancer).*
- ◆ *Bessie Relfe (Helen Segal's mother) in hospital.*
- ◆ *Lucy Murrell (Margaret's Great Niece)*
- ◆ *Gordon Pole*
- ◆ *Christine Kerry - Graham's sister*

We are sad to report that Beryl Corner died this week. Beryl was a member of Women's Focus and attended Link regularly - but was also a member here at St. John's many years ago. Beryl's funeral will be on Monday 6th April at 4.30 pm at Beckenham Crematorium.

***Tonight - Confirmation Service** - Please pray for our Confirmation candidates: Hayley Kembey, Karen Bagwell, Peter Nichols, Henry Terry as they go forward for Confirmation in the Service at Holy Trinity, Lennard Road tonight. The service starts at 6.30 pm.*

Special prayer topics:

- ◆ *Residents of Upper Elmers End Road*
- ◆ *People going out to work*

PHIL NEEDS HELP?

I'm looking for the following volunteers to assist me in the Summer Term.

1. One **Explorers** Leader: If you'd like to help prepare and lead simple Sunday School material from an existing resource, once a month, in May, June and July, then do please come and talk to me. **Explorers** is for our 7-10yr olds and is great fun, with Bible based teaching and fun activities in the halls.

2. Two **Kestrels** Leaders: If you'd love to join the **Kestrels** team for an hour and a half every Wednesday evening through the Summer Term, please come and have a chat with me. **Kestrels** is our uniformed group, who enjoy simple games, craft and Bible based activities each week.

If you're not already cleared through St John's Church, the above two positions require the completion of a CRB check through Karen Smithson prior to starting.

I'd love to have you on the team. Believe me you'll be blessed, challenged and thoroughly amused working with the great bunch of children we have at St John's! **Phil Sheldrake**

THANK YOU to all those who helped at the recent Ladies Pamper Evening. Not only did everyone have a lovely, relaxing evening - and were duly pampered - but we also raised £700 for Cornerstone. So well done everyone!

HOLY WEEK You will have already heard lots about "The Experience" taking place during Holy Week. (see back page). Can we also draw your attention to two other special services.

- ◆ On Maundy Thursday at 6.30 pm there will be a dramatised story of the Passover and the Last Supper (suitable for all ages)
- ◆ On Good Friday the Beckenham "Walk of Witness" starting at St. Edmunds at 11.00 am. St. John's is leading this event and so it would be good for people to come and join us..
(NB there is no other morning service at St. John's.)

LIFE IS AVAILABLE TODAY - If you are a regular deliverer, please pick up your bundle.

TERM DATES for Children's and Young People's Groups - The new list of dates for the Summer Term which starts after Easter are available to pick up today. Look for the bright orange leaflet.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - Tuesday 21st April at 8.00 pm This is an important occasion for us to consider the life and the business of our church - please do your best to join us and now is the time to be thinking and praying about whether you might stand for election or whether there is someone you can encourage to stand for the Parochial Church Council or Deanery Synod. There are 3 vacancies on the PCC and 1 vacancy on Deanery Synod. Sheets on the Information Table. Churchwarden nomination sheets also available.