

St John the Evangelist Newsletter: March 2019

The Vicar's Letter

“iLent”!

Dear Friends,

No sooner have we given up trying to keep New Year resolutions than we are faced with the season of Lent and its implied deprivations!

What are you giving up for Lent? A very popular question on the lips of many but the funny thing is that most of what people seem to give up is something for their own personal benefit - to lose weight or to save money!

We are an amazing generation; we can even make ‘going without’ suit ourselves! We have made it a form of ‘iLent’.

Might I suggest that rather than giving up something, we resolve to do something; to put ourselves in an uncomfortable place. The wilderness was a brutally uncomfortable place for Jesus. This may mean reaching out to a family member with whom you have quarrelled, putting right a wrong done to a neighbour or friend, giving yourself time to be quiet, going for a walk (without an ‘iPhone’ or an ‘iPod’) and/or taking time to be still, to read the Bible - try John’s Gospel - or even join us at to church or our Lent Course if you are able to.

I’m sure there are some out there who are murmuring “who is she to tell us what to do”! And you are right. It is not for me to tell you what to do. All I ask is that you think carefully in these days of growing individualism, what it means to you to say the only “ I ” that counts is the “I believe in God ” and “I believe in my neighbour.”

Have a wonderful Lent!

God bless,

Rev Julie



Orders of service: Thank you to you all for your understanding about the need to change the orders of service in church due to some irregularities. We are in the process of ensuring all the Eucharist (Holy Communion) services are from the authorised liturgy used within the Church of England. Each order of service will be for the different seasons throughout the liturgical year and will be in large print.

Nurses get together: North London's finest nurses and ex-nurses met on Wednesday the 13th of February to share in wonderful food and a wealth of combined experiences.



As they shared home cooked food from around the world they talked about their diverse experiences working for the NHS. Amidst the conversations were laughter, emotional exchanges and the commitment each of them felt towards their patients. They all agreed to meet again and they welcome nurses of all ages to join them. Watch this space for the next lunch date!

Confirmation service: 17th February. Bishop Rob and Confirmation candidates at our wonderful Confirmation service last month.



New website: February also saw the launch of our new church website. Please visit www.stjohnspg.org for all the latest information and news about the church - and to help us rise to the top of Google analytics! If you want to be really tech savvy, why not try synchronising your calendar to our church calendar – that way you can be sure you will never miss out on a church event again!

Praise and Worship: As much as the Family Service has tried to be informal, in practice this has not been the case as it is set within the Eucharistic Service. Neither is it strictly speaking a family service as many do not have children, live away from their families or are not close to their families, etc. Therefore, after in-depth discussions with many people, we will be calling the Family Service a “Praise and Worship” service. We aim to embrace the informality and make it a time of Praise and Worship with hymns, songs, prayer, Bible readings along with a talk or drama and a “Bring and Share” lunch every 3 months.

If you are musically talented and would like to play as part of the new Praise and Worship Service please let us know, by contacting Rev Julie.

The main Eucharist on the 2nd Sunday of the month will be at the 8.30am service with Praise and Worship taking place at 10am. Please feel free to talk with Rev Julie if you have any suggestions for the Praise and Worship services that will begin on 12th May at 10am.

Up and Coming

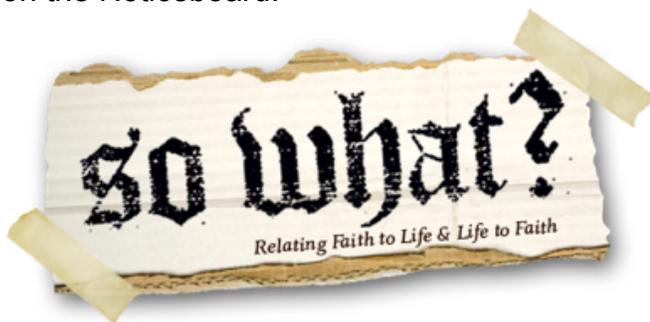
Ash
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Eucharist
7:00pm on
6th March.



St John's Lent course "The Kings Speech": The season of Lent is a time for looking at ourselves, at what we are rather than at what we do, and a time to allow God to change us into what He wants us to be. Our study course this Lent will focus our reflections on words from the Bible and the film "The Passion of Christ". Let them re-form us this Lent, changing what we are and therefore transforming what we do.

Lent Study course dates: 7:00pm to 8:15pm on Tuesday 12 March; 19 March; 26 March; 2 April; 9 April; 16 April in the Parish Centre. Please make a note in your diary and sign up via the sign-up sheet on the Noticeboard at the back of church.

Details of the **Churches Together Lent course**, which will focus on faith and mental health using well-known bible stories, are also on the Noticeboard.



Young People's Bible study:

Those aged between 7yrs to 16yrs are invited to join us for our new "So what?" Bible Study on the 2nd Sunday of each month at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre, Palmers Green from 4pm to 5pm – starting on Sunday 10th March.

So what.....does the Bible say?

Young people have questions. God's Word has answers. That's why Scripture is at the heart of each session. The young people who attend will examine what the Bible says, learn what it means, and see how it relates to their lives.

So what ... **questions does the Bible answer?** A good question has remarkable power to stimulate and engage critical thinking skills. Each session of *So What?* zeros in on one question and one answer, allowing people to focus on the truth in Scripture.

Young People's Bible study (Cont): So what ... **difference does it make?** Young people are asking, 'How does the Bible apply to my life? How can I live out what I believe? So what difference does faith in Christ make?' The question "So What?" captures in a nutshell this study group's primary purpose: that God the Holy Spirit will work through the study of his Word to bring about a person's ownership of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Posey Making: On 30 March we will be making one hundred posies for Mothering Sunday the next day.



Who could help?
Anyone including children aged 5 and over. It could be seen as a kind of kids craft activity.
Where? Parish Centre Youth Room at 11:30 a.m. – 13:30 p.m.

What to bring?
Washing up bowls, scissors, secateurs, bags of decorative foliage. For details contact: Guy Halliwell 07457 087 3749 or guyrhalliwell@gmail.com

Easter Eggs donations: We are trying to offer pastoral support to local Nursing Homes and vulnerable families in our community. As a token of this we will be taking Easter Eggs to homes/families on Easter Day. If you feel that you would like to donate an Easter egg that costs no more than £1.50 we would be truly grateful. All eggs can be left at church on a Sunday or on a Tuesday morning from 9.15am to 10.30am. With a heart felt thank you for your kindness. Rev Julie.

Getting more involved: The APCM on 3 April provides an opportunity to refresh our teams. If you would like to get more involved and join our Welcoming, Reading, Serving or Refreshment teams, or help out at Sunday School, please speak to Rev Julie. Team training will be provided.

Information and Directory

Regular services:

Sundays

8.30am: Parish Holy Communion (quieter, more reflective service in the Lady Chapel)

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

- 2nd Sunday of the month is a Family Service, with Communion
- 3rd Sunday of the month, prayer is available during Communion from a member of the prayer team in the Lady Chapel
- 5th Sunday of the month is a Healing Service

Other Service Times

Thursdays 10:30am: Holy Communion

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Dates for your

- 2nd March: JAM @ St John's, 10:00am to 12:00 noon
- 3rd March: Choral Evensong, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- 6th March: Ash Weds Eucharist, 7:00pm
- 10th March: Youth Bible Study, 4:00pm to 5:00pm
- 12th, 19th and 26th March: Lent studies 7:00pm to 8:15pm
- 27 March: Prayer meeting, 7:30pm to 8:30pm
- 30 March: Posey making 11:30am to 1:30pm
- 31st March: Mothering Sunday
- 2nd April: Lent study 7:00pm to 8:15pm
- 3rd April: Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7:00pm
- 15th May: St John's Gin tasting evening, 7:30pm
- 29 June: Summer Fete

Please check our website for full details

www.stjohnspg.org

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