

# St John the Evangelist Newsletter: August 2019



## Vicar's Letter



### Happy holidays!

Dear Friends,

I love a good holiday. The chance to kick back and spend time with family and friends, to soak up the sun and enjoy good food and drink somewhere away from home. Whether you're by the sea or the pool, staying in a tent or a hotel, two hours from home or a long-haul flight, there's something very special about getting away from it all.

This year I plan not to go online, read emails, or tweet when I'm on holiday. And I think it's a shame that anyone would stay in touch with work while they're away, barring genuine emergencies. There are very few work situations which can't manage without you for a week or two. Is it really possible to rest if you're preoccupied with work? Many people work incredibly hard, sometimes in high-earning jobs with a lot of responsibility; this doesn't give you an excuse to stay online constantly – rather it makes it much more important that you can really switch off.

Human beings are very complicated things. If we came with an instruction booklet, you would see quite prominently a section about rest. We are not built to work until we drop, to put in 15-hour days and be in the office all weekend. There is a pattern of work and rest which is healthy; if you deviate too far from this, you will break down both mentally and physically. Perhaps you know someone who's suffered from burnout – it's debilitating and the effects are long-lasting.

One way to think of the Bible is as God's instruction booklet for how to live the best life. And right at the start of the Bible is God's model of a healthy life. When God creates the world in Genesis 1, the first chapter in the Bible, he does all the work of creation in six days and rests on the seventh. That's why we have weekends – humans need at least a day per week to rest. The same chapter tells us we are made in God's image – humans have intrinsic value. We are not just the sum of our achievements; we are human beings, not human doings.

So if you're having a holiday, I hope you have a great time, switch off and make the most of it – and don't spend too long staring at a tiny screen!

With love in Christ,

Rev Julie

# Just gone...

## Julia's Licensing

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July we were pleased to witness Julia Holder being formally admitted to the office of Licensed Lay Minister at St John's. The service was led by Rt Reverend Rob Wickham, Bishop of Edmonton and Julia's father Mike and son Miles read for us.



Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) are called to serve the Church of God and to work together with the clergy – leading public worship, preaching and teaching the word of God, assisting at the Eucharist and sharing in pastoral and evangelistic work. They are leaders in mission and ministry in their parish and are to encourage the ministries of God's people, as the Spirit distributes gifts amongst us, and are called to help the whole church participate in God's mission to the world.

And as members of the congregation our responsibility is to uphold, encourage and pray for Julia in her ministry to us.



The Bishop admits Julia to the office of LLM, presenting her with a copy of the Scriptures.

The Gospel reading was from Luke 11v 1-13, Jesus' teaching on prayer and during his sermon the Bishop challenged us all by asking us to "Describe to me your prayer life". Quite a challenging question when you think about it. The Bishop encouraged us all to use any holidays we have over the summer to give

greater attention to our prayer life so that we might "root ourselves in our daily walk with Jesus Christ".



Julia, we wish you all the very best as you move forward in this next phase of your discipleship and ministry. We will continue to hold you in our prayers.

## Baptisms

Spread the word: The world has 3 new Christians!

On 16<sup>th</sup> June Mark was baptised at St John's and this was followed, on 7<sup>th</sup> July, when Beatrix was baptised (we even had Morris dancers) and on 14<sup>th</sup> July when we welcomed Oliver into our church family. Please keep all of them, as well as their godparents and families, in your prayers. May they always find love, hope, comfort and strength in their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN!



## New Bibles

A very humble thank you to the generous, anonymous donor who has ensured St John's now has at least 2 bibles in each pew which you can take to follow the readings during the service or for quiet time and reflection before and after the services.



# Up and Coming...

## Prayer Space – August

This month the Prayer Space focuses on Colossians 2:2. “I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery”.



## Brave the Shave

Put 18<sup>th</sup> of August in your diaries! After the service Rev Julie and Jonny (and Shan?) will “Brave the Shave”. That is to say they will have their heads shaved in order to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, helping people to live with cancer. Since 2015 brave shavers have raised over £22.7m which could pay for 140 Macmillan nurses for three years. Please come and support our very own “brave shavers”. (There is no backing out now!).

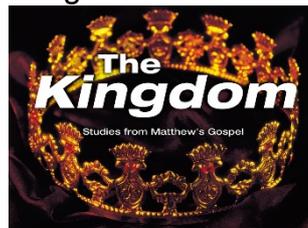


## Home Church Bible Study:

Matthew's Gospel – An Exploration of Jesus' Teaching on the Kingdom of God.

Jesus spent much of His ministry teaching about and demonstrating the good news of the Kingdom – the rule and reign of God. This study from Matthew's Gospel comprises seven sessions and explores the meaning of the Kingdom and the implications for the way we live now. The group will meet in the Parish Centre from 7:00pm to 8:15pm starting on

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and then 18<sup>th</sup> September; 2<sup>nd</sup> October; 16<sup>th</sup> October; 30<sup>th</sup>



October; 13<sup>th</sup> November and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Refreshments will be provided and everybody is welcome!

## Jazz evening with Lauren Lucille

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Lauren will be joining us to bring jazz to St John's. Please come and join in, it's a fun event for the whole family. Bar and refreshments will be available. Doors will open at 7:00pm with the concert starting at 7:30pm. We are asking for a donation of £7.50 for adult tickets. This is to raise money for the carpet and flooring in the Chancel. Tickets available online on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jazz-evening-with-lauren-lucille-tickets-66496459701>



## Children's Choir

There is a children's choir practice every Sunday at 11.30am. It will start again in September.

**I hope the following will encourage you to continue make 2019 a year of prayer.**

1. Know to whom you are speaking and who is listening. ...
2. Thank him. ...
3. Ask for God's will. ...
4. Say what you and those on your heart need. ...
5. Ask for forgiveness. ...
6. **Pray** with a friend. ...
7. **Pray** with the Bible. ...
8. Join Rev Julie for Morning or Evening Prayer.
9. Rest in the prayerful presence of the Prayer Team on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.
10. Know you are loved by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Rev Julie

# Information and Directory

## Regular services:

### Sundays

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

10.00am: Parish Holy Communion

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, prayer is available during Communion from a member of the prayer team in the Lady Chapel
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is a Healing Service with Communion.

(This service is followed by a children's choir practice at 11:30am).

### Other Service Times

Thursdays 10:30am: Holy Communion

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: Brave the Shave
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Jazz Evening with Lauren Lucille
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September: Annual Palmers Green Festival in Broomfield Park
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September: Home Church Bible Study: Matthew's Gospel
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Half Night of Prayer for Stand up to Cancer

**Please check our website for full details**

[www.stjohnspg.org](http://www.stjohnspg.org)

### **Items for September Newsletter?**

Please email any corrections, suggestions or proposed content for the next edition to: [sjpgnews@gmail.com](mailto:sjpgnews@gmail.com) by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The editor retains full editorial control!

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