



PARISH NEWSLETTER



The Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist
Palmers Green

November Edition

Dear Friends,

Vicar's Letter

November is a time of remembrance. We remember loved ones who have departed this life, as well as those who have given their lives in the service of their country. On 8th November at 11 'o'clock people young and old will gather round war memorials to remember the fallen. As we watch the news on our televisions or read our newspapers we are constantly made aware of the conflicts that are going on in the world today, so this is a time when it is important to show solidarity.

On Remembrance Sunday the poppy offers a symbol that speaks volumes. Thousands of poppies grew in the soil churned up by fighting on the battlefields of the First World War, and this humble flower has become a symbol of remembrance. We think of the sacrifices made by our armed forces, and the red petal of the poppy reminds us of bloodshed, of lives lost, of human greed, and of countless lives marked forever by pain and fear.

In St John's Gospel Jesus says *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends"* so it is right that we should honour these gallant people who put their lives on the line for us.

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them"

The green leaf of the poppy reminds us of the possibility of new life, a new start. In remembering the past let us do all we can in the present to bring an end to fighting and disunity, so that all people may know God's peace and loving provision each and every day.

Everyone is invited to join us at St Johns on the 8th November for our Remembrance Service.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

Rev Julie

St John's in Action despite Covid

...or how a church has grown and changed...

What was a choir vestry is now St John's Pantry for Palmers Green that distributes food to 100s of people a month and is supported by the community and local organisations e.g. Dog and Duck.



What was a kitchen that offered tea and coffee after a Sunday service feeds many people hot meals and packed lunches each week on a Friday for our Heart Rock Café.



What was the meeting room and a place for Bible study and meeting is now St John's Boutique - a clothes bank that offers clothes to those in need.



What was a small garden in the church grounds now supports children who live in flats.



What was a Vicarage is a drop of centre for those who give so generously to support human kindness.



How does a church become a haven in a pandemic?

It becomes an Ark for people to find safety, rest and provisions as they ride out the storm. Thank you to everyone for their support, the giving of their time, their resources and donations. We appreciate them from the bottom of our heart.

Rev Julie

Thank You

Harvest Sunday

We wanted to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for their kind harvest contributions! They included foods, toiletries and clothes. Many thanks. They will be used as part of our St John's Pantry for those in need. Many thanks also to our wonderful flower fairies. The church looked beautiful on Harvest Sunday!



New Paint for the Parish Centre

This is a big shout out to the APO Group. These amazing guys and their company have painted the parish centre in support of the outreach we are doing. It has all been headed up by Chris from our congregation. A massive thank you!



Heart Rock Café

Our amazing volunteers from the St John's Pantry and the Heart Rock Café are still hard at work every Friday. Here a couple of snapshots from October's home deliveries!

Thank you

A big shout out and thank you to the residents of Derwent Road, N13 who have helped us collect food and clothes for our St John's Pantry and outreach projects. Amazing donations that have been dropped by Eleanor, Karen, Maria, Brian, Julie, Peter, Natalie and many others also made donations. Thank you!

There is so much kindness around that needs to be celebrated despite all the worry, anxiety and sadness we are facing at present. Thank you everyone!



Coming Up

Vicar's 2nd Anniversary

During our 2nd year together you have loved, supported, tolerated, seen me bald and been there for me when I needed you. I thank you for your prayers, words of wisdom, and your advice. I appreciate how you tell me when I'm wrong in love and offer words of encouragement and Scriptures to lift my spirits when needed.

I truly believe that as we step into our third year together we are on our way to becoming fully devoted followers of Christ. You are a great people and I want to thank you for modelling unity during a difficult year as we fight against Covid-19.

I believe God is using us all at St Johns to show the world three things:

- 1) How to clothe ourselves in Christ.
- 2) How to be faithful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- 3) How to reach out to the marginalised and vulnerable.

I love you in Christ and pray that God will prosper us in every endeavour He sends our way.

Rev Julie



Still happening - St John's Community Care with Cake

Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help by baking cakes, the cakes can be dropped off at St John's Parish Centre (adjacent to the church) in Palmers Green on a Thursday between 1pm and 4pm or a Friday morning between 9am and 10am. If you would like to do deliveries please come to the parish centre at 10.30am on Friday.



Church Cleaning

Can you spare some time on a Saturday morning once a month? Do you have a special skill at polishing, hoovering, mopping, eradication of spider webs in high places, dusting and generally sprucing-up.

I NEED YOUR SKILLS. I would like to put together a Cleaning Team to give the Church a monthly spruce-up. We usually start at 9.00am and are finished by 11.00am. At the moment, the only recompense that I can offer is the satisfaction of a job well done and my grateful thanks (not even a cup of tea or a digestive biscuit during these unusual times - Sorry!).

Please e-mail me at SJPGoffice@gmail.com or give me a text / call on 07974 706 371. Thank you in advance and I look forward to making a lot of spiders very unhappy.

Cathy Godfrey xx

St John's Pantry

If you or anyone you know are self-isolating or in need of groceries, we are here to support you.

Contact us on
SJPGoffice@gmail.com or
contact the office on
020 8886 0847.

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New Work Number

Rev Julie has changed her work mobile phone number:

Whenever possible, please use the vicarage number on 020 8886 9557 to contact Rev Julie and in emergencies please use her new work mobile number 07702 749987. We are kindly asking you to change the number in your contacts. Thank you.



NEW PHONE NUMBER



Live-streaming Services

For those of you who are unable to come back to St John's at present, we want you to know we are always thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

From 1st November 2020, we can live stream our services so you can log in on Sunday mornings and join us in worship and prayer at St John's. For the time being, we will stream via Facebook at 10.00am as this is the only platform we can use easily at present but we will look into using other more accessible platforms later. In order to watch services live you need to have a Facebook Account, so please join us wherever you are. Thank you.

Weekday Communion Services

After October Half Term, starting on Tuesday 3rd November, Rev Julie will also be celebrating Holy Communion services (Book of Common Prayer) during the week for those who prefer to come to church when there are less people around or those who have to take extra care as they are vulnerable. The Holy Communion services will be held in the lady chapel and will have a maximum capacity of 6 people (first come first serve). Strict social distancing rules will be followed, the lady chapel will be cleaned after each service and everyone attending will be required to sign in, in case we are contacted by NHS Track and Trace and of course, wear a face covering.

The Holy Communion services will take place on the following days at the following times:

Tuesdays	9.30am
Wednesdays	9.30am
Thursdays	10.30am
Fridays	9.30am



Debbie Peaty and 3 other artists associated with St John's will be exhibiting their work in this online exhibition of the Enfield Art Circle and Debbie thought you might be interested in looking at this amazing exhibition from the comfort of your homes. Enjoy!

Enfield Art Circle Online Art Exhibition 2020

Enfield Art Circle invites you to our first online exhibition, which will showcase the artistic talents from over 30 of our members made up of local painters and ceramicists. Works range from creative abstract works, stunning landscapes and figurative styles, all well worth exploring.

Enfield Art Circle was started back in 1932 by some local artists and continued, without a break, even throughout the war years. Ever since its foundation, it has held exhibitions annually.

For the last 10 years, we have organised a summer exhibition held at Capel Manor. Their generosity in providing us with facilities has been invaluable, however, due to the coronavirus, like many others, we cannot offer an open exhibition this year, so, undaunted, we are putting our skills to the test with an online show.

We are always keen to welcome new members both experienced and inexperienced, professional and amateur with an interest in exploring the creative arts. So do consider joining us as a way of expanding your interests. During normal times, we offer a range of activities such as talks, demonstrations, practical sessions, occasional workshops, outings to places of artistic interest and we also support some local art classes.

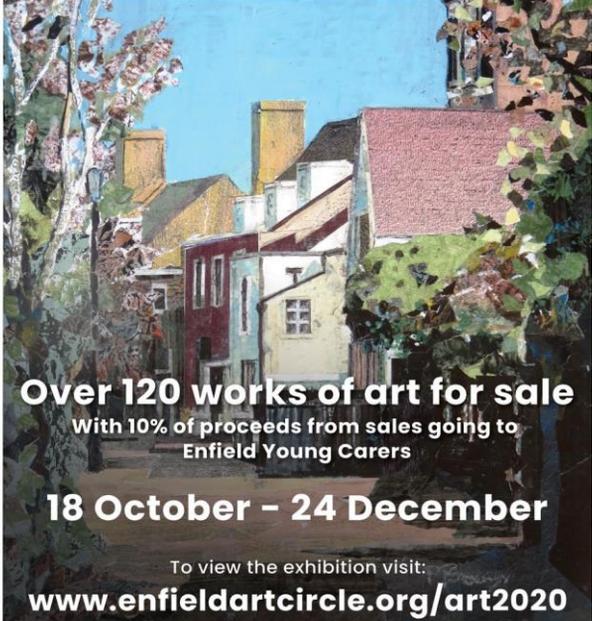
Details of how to join us,
our history and what we do
are on our website www.enfieldartcircle.org

Visit the Enfield Art Circle's online art exhibition
at www.enfieldartcircle.org/art2020

The exhibition will be open from October 18th -
24th December 2020.
You can browse our paintings and ceramics at your
leisure and many works will be available to
purchase.

A charitable donation taken from a percentage of
sales proceeds will go to Enfield Young Carers, so
each sale will make a difference to them.

We hope you will enable us to support others by
purchasing from this exhibition.



Enfield Art Circle
Online Exhibition 2020

Over 120 works of art for sale
With 10% of proceeds from sales going to
Enfield Young Carers

18 October – 24 December

To view the exhibition visit:
www.enfieldartcircle.org/art2020

Enfield Art Circle offers a range of creative activities for anyone interested in the arts from amateur to professional.

EAC
Enfield Art Circle
Founded in 1932

Painting by Peter Brown – Collage of Gentlemen's Row Enfield

A Prayer for Remembrance Day

Father God,
Remind us, lest we forget,
of the debt we owe –
the life made possible through the death of
others.

Help us to cherish and nurture
the things they died for –
liberty, justice and peace –
so that their sacrifice
will not have been in vain.

Amen.



Information and Directory



Regular Services

Sunday

10.00am Service with Holy Communion

Weekly Holy Communions

Tuesdays 9.30am

Wednesdays 9.30am

Thursdays 10.30am

Fridays 9.30am

Morning and Evening Prayer will take place at 9.30am and 5.30pm but will be clergy only due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Directory and Contacts

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Find and follow us on Social Media:



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For information regarding weddings, baptisms and funerals, please get in touch with Rev Julie Coleman. Thank you.

Please check our website for full details

www.stjohnspg.org