



PARISH NEWSLETTER



The Parish Church of
St John the Evangelist
Palmers Green

May Edition

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

'For Nothing Changes Here?'

What will the world be like in fifty years' time? Sixty years? Seventy?

When I was about seven years old, we knew what the world of the future would look like. We had seen it in all the best science fiction books and films. We would all wear long, flowing robes, and live in houses that looked like large glass bubbles. Cars would be streamlined, a little like the racing cars of the day, but most people would have swapped their cars for aeroplanes or helicopters. Holidays would be taken on the moon or Mars...

I often wonder how that seven-year-old girl would react if I could bring her into the world of 2021. She would, of course, be amazed at the things that had changed. Laptops, mobiles, and DVDs would all astonish her, to say nothing of the wonders of I-pads and Kindles. But I think she would be even more surprised to see how many things had stayed the same. Fashions in cars and houses may have changed, but the basic design is similar. This is especially true of St Johns. Look at some of the old photographs (like the ones displayed in church by John Peace) and you will find much that hasn't changed at all.

It isn't just places that change over time. People change as well. Some of the changes are physical, as I personally am all too aware. Others affect the way we live our lives. For example, starting school, your first kiss, marriage, divorce, bereavement and, later, retirement, in all cases for the better and some for the worse. But possibly the most important change I have ever experienced was when I became a Christian.

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For some time, I had been interested in Christianity. I had read books on it, I had attended youth clubs, church services from time to time, and I had talked to friends who were Christians. None of it made much difference to my life, until the evening when I suddenly realised that all the things I had been reading about were true, that God did love and care for me, and that he did want to bring me into a richer and more rewarding life with his Son Jesus Christ. That was a turning point in my life, and a change I shall never regret or forget.

I've little or no idea what the world will look like in fifty years' time. Perhaps it will be better, perhaps it will be worse. Thinking about it, I'm reminded of the old saying: "It isn't a question of what the future holds, it's a question of who holds the future". I know who holds my future, and that's good enough for me. Who do you want to hold your future?

With love in Christ,

Rev Julie

Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) Date Change

St John the Evangelist APCM will be held on:
Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7pm

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the APCM will take place via Zoom. All reports and Audited Accounts will be circulated on the day. Although the audited accounts as per regulations are in the Church if you would like to see them beforehand.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Becky via email at SJPGoffice@gmail.com or by telephone on 0208 886 0847

We are sincerely sorry for any inconvenience the change of date may have caused you.

Thought's for the day:

How you treat others...

The poet Maya Angelou said, "People will forget what you say, but they will never forget how you made them feel." This quote is worth reflecting on.

Stay humble:

There are many people who, because they've been given a car that takes them to work, will forget where they came from. We'd all do well to remember that we all breathe the same air.

Declutter your life:

Don't hang onto memories and photos of relationships unless they were happy times. It's the same with grudges – if you refuse to let them go, they will weigh you down and stop you from flying.

4th Southgate Scouts sponsored by St Johns.

1919 until ????

We need some HELP!!!!

For the last few months Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have not been able to meet face to face due to covid restrictions, but as matters are starting to ease the Scout section has begun meeting and Cubs are planning to start again on Monday May 10th.

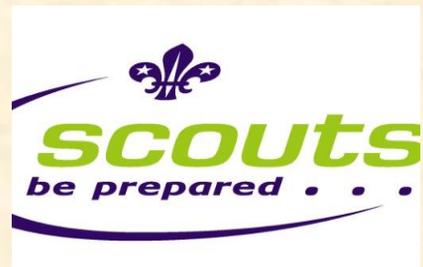
Whilst all sections could use some help there has been a leadership crisis in the Beavers and until we can find enough Leaders and helpers the section will not be able to meet. So I ask would you like to volunteer to help and stop this section for 6 to 8 year old young people from closing? We currently meet in the Church halls on Monday evenings.

If you are interested please contact any scout leader our email addresses are:-

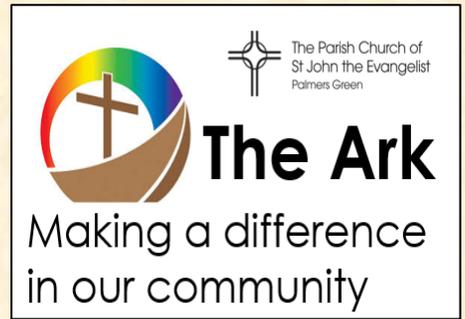
Cub Scout Leader Roger Gardner rogerthelighter@hotmail.co.uk

Scout Leader Laurence Monk laurencewilliammonk@gmail.com

Group Scout Leader Dave Arnold southgatescouts@live.co.uk



A huge thank you to our local community for their generous donations, especially to The Twelve Apostles Greek Orthodox Church who regularly donate to our food bank. Donations are still needed and can be dropped off to the Parish Centre on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. We always need long-life foods and drinks, e.g. snacks and drinks for packed lunches, tinned veg, tinned fruit, a meal in a tin, soups, jams, pasta and fresh fruit on a Thursday/Friday morning.



Welcome to our new organist Leandro who is a talented 16 year old musician.





Volunteers Needed!

If you are a budding singer or musician and would like to sing/play at one of our Church services please get in touch!

Also if you have any experience in sound or are technical and are able to help with the occasional service please get in touch!

SJPGoffice@gmail.com or rev.jcoleman@hotmail.com



Help Needed!

Rev Julie has been cleaning our Church halls for the past month because this saves the Church £500 per week which we are not able to pay anymore. We need your help as Rev Julie only has one pair of hands! Are you able to spare an hour? Please contact Becky in the Parish Office at SJPGOffice@gmail.com

Would you like to be Confirmed?



Confirmation 2021 has been booked for the 12th September at 10am. We have asked Bishop Rob to confirm all those who sought to be confirmed last year or those who are thinking of being confirmed. If you feel God is calling you to this sacrament, please contact me on 02088869557 or email me at rev.jcoleman@hotmail.com.

Please keep those who come forward in your prayers.

Thy Kingdom Come 2021: join us in prayer

13 - 23 May

As a diocese we are marking Thy Kingdom Come with two interactive activities:

1) Morning Prayer

Our senior clergy warmly invite you to join them in Morning Prayer every day [on Facebook](#) at 8.30am. You can pray along using the liturgy and prayers found in [the TKC booklet](#).

2) A 24/10 prayer vigil

We would love Christians across the diocese to [sign up](#) for an hour slot in our virtual prayer room, so that we can continuously pray 24 hours a day, for 10 days.

You could use the hour to go on a prayer walk, or use our prayer guide to break up the time.

[Find out more on the London Diocese Website](#)

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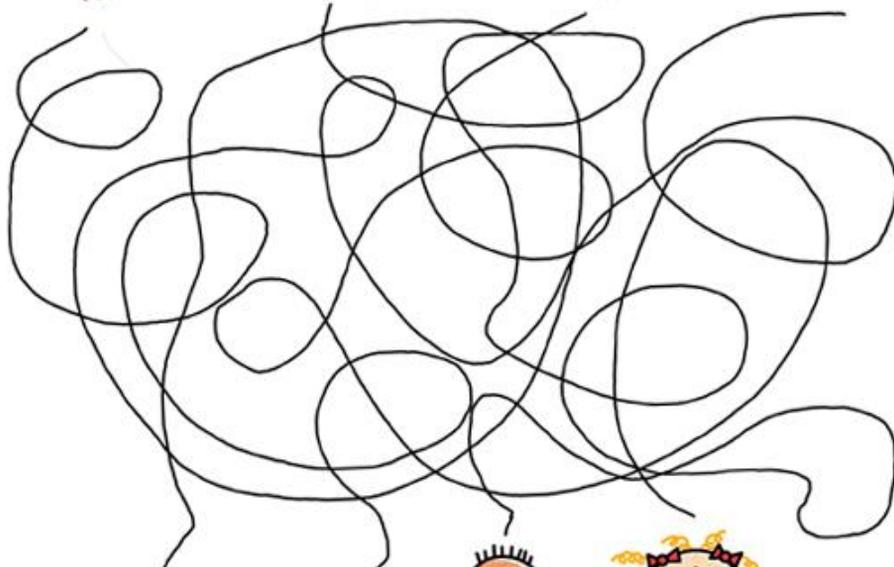
Can you spot 10 differences between these pictures?



Free printable spring puzzle!

Bug Tangle

Each of these children have a favourite bug. Follow the tangled lines to find out which bug each child likes!



www.SquiglysPlayhouse.com

Learning is fun!

Information and Directory



Sunday

10.00am Service with Holy Communion

Weekly Morning & Evening Prayer

Tuesdays 9.30am & 5.30pm
Wednesdays 9.30am & 5.30pm
Thursdays 10.30am & 5.30pm
Fridays 9.30am & 5.30pm

Holy Communion on Thursdays 10.30am

Directory and Contacts

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Jonathan Esposito

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