

February at St. John's



For God so loved . .

I am really excited about what we are going to be looking at as our theme in our services for February. We shall look at the relationship between God and humans! We will look at the big picture, although it will also be personable and relevant to you!

Here's one way of expressing what we will be looking at (although I know our gifted team of preachers will use much better language!): God is so full of love that he wants to share

the love of the community that is the Trinity with others, and so he created the human race. Something tarnished the relationship between humans and so Father God sent one of the Trinity (his Son) to earth to show us the way back to God. The Son died on the cross and was resurrected to enable us to be with God again. Then Father God sent the third member of the Trinity (The Holy Spirit) to live with, and within, human

beings and to guarantee through faith an eternal home.

I encourage you to take part as we explore these ideas together. We will be encouraging the faith that we have, and also renewing our faith.

Please join us at, for example, our mid-morning service at 10am to explore, to be encouraged and to strengthen your faith. Other opportunities exist of course at 8am and 11.30am. I would encourage you to be a part of each Sunday if at all possible, or as much as you can, as we are looking at foundational building blocks which will make a real difference to your life.

Please feel free to also email me about any questions you may have as we travel through February. I would love to hear from you, and to know how you found faith or came to be part of the St. John's Church family.

Faith Stories

Many of us have found faith and would call ourselves 'Christians', whilst many of us may be exploring or have serious doubts. I would love

to hear from you about something of your journey, whatever that is.

Maybe you've experienced a good deal of pain, and God has (or hasn't) helped you through that! It might be you came to know God gradually through coming to church, or it could be you had a 'conversion' at a point in time. Maybe you have hurts you are working through, or doubts. Maybe you have joined St. John's from a different church. It could be you've had an answer to prayer somehow, and the opportunity to share that would encourage others. I would love to hear from you. All in confidence, of course, so do email me or write something down, even if it's just in rough or draft form. Thank you.

Our Verse for 2017

We want to encourage everyone in prayer. Our verse for this year encourages us to seek to be with God throughout each day. Let's encourage one another to become more connected with our Heavenly Father.

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
(John 15v5 NIV)

In God's love & blessings,
Alan

Other News in Brief

The Winter Night Shelter in Hayes is in urgent need of mens toiletries. Please bring donations to church and we will deliver.

We are looking for people who are interested in environmental issues to help take St John's forward as an eco church. Please contact the church office

Diary

1st March -Ash Wednesday communion 8pm

19th March -joint service with North Hillingdon Methodist Church

25th March -Stardust Concert

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*at St Margaret's
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