

Sunday Morning Worship

8.00am to 1pm

"Come when you can & Go when you like"

8.00	Morning Prayer
8.30	Traditional Communion
9.00	Refreshments
9.30	Songs of Praise
10.00	Welcome, Worship, Word
10.30	Communion www.com
11.00	Refreshments
11.30	All Age Worship
12.00	All Age Communion
12.30	Food & Friendship

Sunday Mornings for Children & Youth

Today is an all-age interactive service.

Next week- Family Service and Youth Breakfast

Prayer

Prayer ministry is available in the Prayer Chapel during Communion in the 10.30 slot and at other times by arrangement - please ask.

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Sunday 9th July 2017

Welcome

Welcome to St John's, especially if this is your first visit here. We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us. Our worship programme is outlined on the back of this sheet.

Today's Theme

Today's Readings

Matthew 25: 14 – 30

¹⁴ 'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

²¹ 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

²² 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."

²³ 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

²⁴ 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

²⁶ 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?'

I said, 'Sovereign LORD, you alone know.'

Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."'

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. Then he said to me: 'Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off." Therefore prophecy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

Today's Conversation Question:

What is the best way for people to hear and act on the good news of the gospel?

For your prayers

Members of our church family who are unwell especially James Mullally and Evelyn Tinsley
Leon Thomas Elliott and Amelia Luisa Shudall who are being baptised today.

The Archdeacon's Visitation on Monday

Today

Coffee is served by Peter and Lynda

Prayer Ministry is available in the Prayer Chapel during mid morning communion

Theme for July

We are continuing through the rest of July with the theme of **A User's Guide to the Bible**. We will be illustrating sections of the Bible by looking at a specific passage from each genre. Each week, there will be a brief 'top-down' look and then a look at a specific 'story, lives within the lives and context of the people in that era at that time.

This Week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday Worship

Monday 7pm Bellringing 7pm Archdeacons visitation
7.30pm Mandolin Monday

Tuesday 6.30pm Office Hour

Wednesday 9:30am Theme meeting 12noon Words & Music 1.30pm Knitting 8pm Junior Church Meeting

Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer 6.30pm HYB (church hire) 8pm Music Group practise

Friday 10.30am Let's Go (Vicarage, Church if wet)
12noon Funeral

Saturday 12noon-4pm Guitar lessons (Grundon Room)

Eco News & Advice

COMING SOON! Eco Festival at St John's: weekend of 30th September/1st October. Crafts, music, fun things, quizzes, talks, food, children's activities. The whole weekend will be focused on celebrating creation, wildlife, and looking after God's earth. It promises to be a great weekend, so please write it in your diaries. More details coming soon.

General News

As part of our "Health & Safety for All" policy, we will be having a fire drill on a Sunday morning sometime over the next few weeks. We will try not to disrupt the worship too much. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with the fire exits and meeting place (outside on the grass by the red phone box) and if in doubt, please ask one of the Welcome Team, Churchwardens, Alan or Christine.

Charity Coffee Morning Paul Andrews is celebrating his 25th 'Born-Again' Birthday on July 29th between 10.30am & 1.30pm. There will be cake & biscuits so bring your appetites. There will be a raffle so bring your bank account! All monies will be shared between the Save The Children & TearFund charities. If you can, please let Paul or Linda know if are coming for ensuring there are cakes for all, but just turn up on the day if not. Ring 01895 255062 and leave a message. Venue:- 72 Misbourne Road, Hillingdon, UB10 0HW.

Message from Christine: Christine was overwhelmed by everyone's love and generosity last Sunday. Thank you very much for the gifts prayers and messages.

Tea towels: Thank you to everybody who has supplied us with Tea Towels we now have plenty. Next Sunday 16/7- Alan is on Holiday he will be consecrating before he goes and Carol Williams and Lucy Pike will be leading our communion (they both have permission from the Bishop for this)

9:30 sheet: From this week there will be no 9.30 sheet as we gradually move towards using the screen for our worship. If anyone is having difficulties with the screen please let Alan know.