

## 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 <a href="http://www.com">www.com</a>
11.00	Refreshments
11.30	All Age Worship
12.00	All Age Communion
12.30	Food & Friendship

## Sunday Mornings for Children & Youth

*Junior Church is now on a Summer break but will be back in September.*

10am PACT TODAY in Café Area  
Puzzles And Colouring Together or Parents And Children Together!

## 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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# St John's Church, Hillingdon

# The Link

**Sunday 16th 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

*Faith In Action*

## Today's Readings

### **Acts 13: Verses 49 – 52 & Acts 14:1 – 7 (GN)**

The word of the Lord spread everywhere in that region. But the Jews stirred up the leading men of the city and the Gentile women of high social standing who worshipped God. They started a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and threw them out of their region. The apostles shook the dust off their feet in protest against them and went on to Iconium. The believers in Antioch were full of joy and the Holy Spirit.

The same thing happened in Iconium: Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of Jews and Gentiles became believers. But the Jews who would not believe stirred up the Gentiles and turned them against the believers. The apostles stayed there for a long time, speaking boldly about the Lord, who proved that their message about his grace was true by giving them the power to perform miracles and wonders. The people of the city were divided: some were for the Jews, others for the apostles. Then some Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, decided to mistreat the apostles and stone them. When the apostles learned about it, they fled to the cities of Lystra and Derbe in Lycaonia and to the surrounding territory. There they preached the Good News.

### **Acts 17, 1 – 9 (GN)**

Paul and Silas travelled on through Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue. According to his usual habit Paul went to the synagogue. There during three Sabbaths he held discussions with the people, quoting and explaining the Scriptures, and proving from them that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from death. "This Jesus whom I announce to you," Paul said, "is the Messiah." Some of them were convinced and joined Paul and Silas; so did many of the leading women and a large group of Greeks who worshipped God. But some Jews were jealous and gathered worthless loafers from the streets and formed a mob. They set the whole city in an uproar and attacked the home of a man named Jason, in an attempt to find Paul and Silas and bring them out to the people. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city authorities and shouted, "These men have

caused trouble everywhere! Now they have come to our city, and Jason has kept them in his house. They are all breaking the laws of the Emperor, saying that there is another king, whose name is Jesus.” With these words they threw the crowd and the city authorities in an uproar. The authorities made Jason and the others pay the required amount of money to be released, and then let them go.

#### **Acts 10: 34 – 48 (NIV)**

Then Peter began to speak: ‘I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ‘Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.’ So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

#### **Today's Conversation Question:**

We have heard in Acts how the Disciples took the message of the Gospel out into the wider world; do we demonstrate in our own lives that the Gospel is for everyone?

#### **For your prayers**

Members of our church family who are unwell especially James Mullally, Evelyn Tinsley, Sheilah Everest (in Hillingdon Hospital)

#### **Today**

**Coffee is served by Beryl & Karen**

**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**

*Alan is unavailable today.*

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday Worship LGBT meeting  
7:30pm

**Monday** 9am cleaning 7pm Bellringing 7.30pm  
Mandolin Monday

**Tuesday** Jazz 12pm 6.30pm Office Hour

**Wednesday** 9:30am Theme meeting 10:30am Church

wardens AGM 12noon Words & Music 1.30pm Knitting

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

**Friday** 10.30am Let’s Go (Last session) 7pm singers

**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 25<sup>th</sup> ‘Born-Again’ Birthday on July 29<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday 2nd July. Thank you very much for the gifts prayers and messages. There is a letter from Christine on the notice board at the back of the church.

**Next Sunday 23/7**– Alan is unavailable he will be consecrating the bread and wine before he goes and Carol Williams and Lucy Pike will be leading our communion (they both have permission from the Bishop for this)