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St. John's Church Hillingdon

**The Link** 

Sunday 17, 24 & 31 Dec 2017



Welcome to St John's.  
We hope you enjoy  
worshipping with us.



## Themes:

### 17th Love

**Advent Wreath Prayer-** Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help us to grow deeper with the love of Christ, and help us to show that love in new and practical ways to those we don't like and to those we hate, as well as to those we are friends or family with.

Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by loving others as Christ loves us. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### 24th Joy

**Advent Wreath Prayer-** Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us.

Help us to grow into deeper joy through understanding what Joy really is, and through trusting in Christ to deepen us in inner joy.

Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### 25th Christmas Day

**Birth of Christ-** We lit the first candle to pray for hope.

We lit the second candle to pray for peace.

We lit the third candle to pray for love.

We lit the fourth candle to pray for joy.

Now we light the Christmas candle and we rejoice that Jesus is born. He is hope, peace, joy and love for all the world.

A Saviour is born to us today. Alleluia!

Lord Jesus Christ, you bring the life of God into the world. Fill us with your light, now and always. Amen.

## 31st Worship

**Theme for December— Advent Preparing your Heart for Christmas** We will be using the following advent wreath themes. Week 1 **HOPE** week 2 **PEACE** week 3 **LOVE** advent week **JOY** Christmas day **Birth of Christ** and 31st December **WORSHIP**

**For your prayers:** Tony Sheffield who is in hospital pray for strength to guide him through this difficult time.

Prayers for Marriage Blessing of Douglas and Sylvia Furnell on 23rd December here at St John's

## Communion Bread and Wine 25th December

Julia and Sylvia have kindly paid for the communion Bread and wine for in Loving memory of their Brothers:

John William David Roberts who died on Christmas day 2016

Alexander Joseph Roberts who was tragically taken from them July 2002

## 31st December

Linda and Bill White have kindly paid for the communion wine In thanksgiving for their **63rd** Wedding Anniversary on Monday 1st January.

**LGBT Group will be meeting on 17th and 31st December at 7.30pm in church** for any Christians and those interested in Christianity, for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and their straight friends, for mutual support

**Refreshments will be served on :**

**31st December by:** Christine

**New 2018 stewardship envelopes** are available at the back of the church. Please take your envelope if you are in the scheme.

## ECO News



Wondering what you can put in your recycling bags over Christmas? For the definitive guide -[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling). Remember, cards or wrapping paper with glitter on should not be placed in the recycling bags. Merry Christmas from the St John's Eco Team.

To save on Christmas cards, we are once again providing a GIANT Christmas card for everyone to write their Christmas message in for all your friends at St John's. The giant card is at the back of the Church by the prayer Chapel

**The Churchyard team are in need of a wheelbarrow. Does anyone have one in their shed that they no longer need? Please speak to Ken Sweetman if you can help.**

## General News

**Words and Music 20th December– 12:00-1:30pm**  
Open to all Christmas songs and poetry please feel free to join in bring along any Christmas poems. Children welcome.

**Children Society collection** We will be supporting this charity again at our Christingle service please pick up a box from the back of the Church if you do not have one.

## Care of Possessions: Stolen from Church on Sunday

Unfortunately, we have had valuable personal item(s) stolen from Church on a Sunday morning recently. We are implementing a number of extra security measures. Although we are a family worshipping together please also treat the church as a 'public place' and assess what you bring to and where your possessions are during various times during a service.

## Christmas

**Dates for your Diary:**



**Sun 17th Dec– 4pm Carols for all**

**Thurs 21st Dec– 12-2:30pm Christmas live Jazz**

**Fri 22nd Dec– Christingle making 6:30pm**

**Christmas Eve- 3:30pm & 5pm  
Christingle and Carol services**

**Midnight Holy Communion- 11:30pm**

**Christmas Day– 10am Holy Communion**

**New years Eve– 10am Holy communion**