

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday Worship  
**Monday** 9:30am Churchyard 7pm Bellringing  
8pm Mandolin Monday  
**Tuesday** 6.30pm Office Hour 7:30 pm Accordion  
Band 7:30pm PCC meeting  
**Wednesday** 9:00am Church cleaning 9:30am  
Church Gutter maintenance 12noon Words &  
Music 1.30pm Knitting  
**Thursday** 9.30am Morning Prayer 12noon Jazz  
4:00pm Stewardship Meeting 8pm worship  
Group practise  
**Friday** 10am Let's Go 3:30pm Childrens Event  
Energise and Chill  
**Saturday** Grundon room Hire.

## Services

Early Morning: 8am, 8.30am  
Mid-Morning: 9.30am Songs of Praise  
10-11am Welcome, Worship,  
Word & Communion  
Late Morning: 11.30am, 12pm  
with lunch @ 12.30pm

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The Link 

Sunday 7 Jan 2018

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

*Junior Church In the Grundon  
Room 9:45am*

**Theme: Worship Epiphany and  
Revelation**

## Readings:

### Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi visit the Messiah  
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea,  
during the time of King Herod, Magi from the  
east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is  
the one who has been born king of the Jews?  
We saw his star when it rose and have come to  
worship him.'

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed,  
and all Jerusalem with him. When he had  
called together all the people's chief priests and  
teachers of the law, he asked them where the  
Messiah was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in  
Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet  
has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of  
Judah;

for out of you will come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found  
out from them the exact time the star had  
appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and  
said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As  
soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too  
may go and worship him.'

After they had heard the king, they went on their  
way, and the star they had seen when it rose  
went ahead of them until it stopped over the  
place where the child was. When they saw the  
star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the  
house, they saw the child with his mother Mary,  
and they bowed down and worshipped him.  
Then they opened their treasures and  
presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense  
and myrrh. And having been warned in a

dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### **Ephesians 1:16-23**

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### **Psalms 111: 1-3, 9-10**

Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.  
He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant for ever –  
holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

**Point to Ponder:** What is God showing me right now about how I can journey on with him in Worship?

**Today-**Junior Church 9:45am in the Grundon Room  
**theme** Epiphany

**Coffee is served by:** Mark and Sharon

**Prayer Ministry available** in the Prayer Chapel during mid-morning communion.

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

Our Worship Leaders and our Youth Groups

### **Theme**

For the first 3 months of this year the planning team thought it would be good for us to have a good look at Mark's Gospel this will be for January-March Inclusive.

More details to follow

## **ECO News**



**New Year resolutions-** why not include a challenge to yourself to be a better recycler in 2018!

**Uxbridge Library Swish:** Saturday 13 January 2018 12:00pm - 1:30pm  
"Come join us at our next fabulous Swish at Uxbridge Library to make the most of your wardrobe. In addition to swapping your old clothes for fantastic new-to-you items, there will be some information stalls"  
More info on <http://westlondonwaste.gov.uk/events/uxbridge-library-swish> - or from Christine B or Brenda T

**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**

**Stewardship:** if you pledged a different amount and you pay by standing order- don't forget to tell your bank.  
If you are in the envelope scheme, your packs for 2018 are at the back of church.

**Energise & Chill with Tea.** Event Open to all Parents and Children on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 3:30pm sign in /4pm start until 5:30pm/6pm.

### **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 on Sunday, please also treat Sunday mornings as a 'public place' and assess what you bring to Church and where your possessions are during various times during a service.

### **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Hillingdon**

New Year Dinner Invitation  
Date and Time: **Saturday 27th January 2018 at 5:15pm**

Venue: Baitul Amn Mosque  
Royal Lane, Uxbridge, UB8 3QU

Web: <https://dinner2018.eventbrite.co.uk/>  
*Parking facilities are available on site*  
*Nearest bus stop is "Hillingdon Hospital"*  
*Free event*