

This Week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday Worship
Monday 9:30am Churchyard 7pm Bellringing
8pm Mandolin Monday
Tuesday 12Noon Jazz 6.30pm Office Hour 7:30
pm Accordion Band
Wednesday 9:00am Church cleaning 12:30pm
Funeral 1.30pm Knitting
Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer 12noon Jazz
8pm worship Group practise
Friday 10am Let's Go 12noon Jazz 7:45pm
Bellringing
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 28 Jan 2018

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

**Youth Breakfast in the Meeting
Room 9:45am**

Theme: Kingdom Teaching

Readings:

Mark 4:21-34

A lamp on a stand

He said to them, 'Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.'

'Consider carefully what you hear,' he continued. 'With the measure you use, it will be measured to you – and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.'

The parable of the growing seed

He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

The parable of the mustard seed

Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all

seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Point to Ponder: How does the Kingdom of God grow, and how do we help that to happen? Are you spreading darkness or Light?

Today-

Youth Breakfast 9:45am in the Meeting Room

The Holy Communion Bread and Wine has been kindly donated by Hugh and Joyce Marshall.

Coffee is served by: Michelle and Christine

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

For your prayers: Stephen Gavigan who died in tragic circumstances on 16th Jan aged 43. prayers for his parents Frank and Mary, for his two sisters Nicola and Emma and his whole family.
Joyce Marshall who is in Grange Ward, Hillingdon Hospital following a stroke.
Tony Sheffield who has recently been moved to a nursing home.

Theme for Jan, Feb, Mar

The planning team thought it would be good for us to have a good look at Mark's Gospel which is one of 4 gospels in the New Testament, it is the shortest with 16 Chapters. It is a fast-paced account! We will look at 3 main sections of the book, as given above, taking a section for each month January, February and March.
For an overview, please watch the You Tube introduction from The Bible Project to be found at this Link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGHqu9-DtXk&t=229s>

Electoral Roll. We are currently updating and revising the Electoral Roll. if you have joined St John's in the last 12 months and you have been baptised, you will be asked to complete a form so that your name can be added to the Roll.

ECO News



The Green Group are meeting on Monday. If there any environmental issues that you would like them to find out about for you, or if you have any suggestions, please speak to one of the group today, (Brenda Thomas, Chris Rodrigues, Christine Bartlett).

This week's tip:
If you check the bottom of any plastic container, you'll see a number (1 - 7) inside a triangle made of arrows. The worst plastics are:
#3 – Polyvinyl Chloride, #6 – Polystyrene, #7 – Polycarbonate/Other category.

Request from the Cleaning Team: please could everyone make sure they know the correct way to recycle rubbish. There are labels on the bins to help you. Please note in particular:
left over food and tea bags go in the little dark green compost bin.
Plastic bottle and drinks cans go in the recycling bin.
Tissues and paper towels cannot be recycled.
Paper plates and paper cups that have food/drink on them cannot be recycled.

Recycling event organised by the West London Waste Authority from 19th to 25th February, where people can take any small unwanted electrical items to Uxbridge library. More info westlondonwaste.gov.uk or from Uxbridge library. (Recently in The Hillingdon People magazine)

General News

Hillingdon Hospital would be very grateful for any amount of Fidget/Twiddle blankets/muffs for patients with Dementia. They are given to the patients who take them home with them when they leave. They are a lap sized blanket not more than 24" x 24", can be knitted or sewn, with various textured materials sewn on i.e. buttons, ribbon, zips, fur, beads etc. if anyone would be interested in participating in making some, or donating wool or bits and pieces that can be sewn on. Please see Brenda Thomas for information or the link to the website. Win from the Wednesday knitting group is happy to make some and offer help to anyone who would like to help too.

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.