

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday Worship 7pm LGBTI Meet.

**Monday** 9:30am Churchyard 7pm Bellringing  
8pm Mandolin Monday

**Tuesday** 6.30pm Office Hour 7:30 pm Accordion Band

**Wednesday** 9:00am Church cleaning 12noon  
Words and Music 1.30pm Knitting

**Thursday** 9.30am Morning Prayer 12 noon Jazz  
6:30pm HYB 8pm Worship Group practise

**Friday** 10am Let's Go 12noon Jazz

**Saturday** 10am– Lent Course Grundon room  
Hire 8pm Earth Hour Event

### 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

### Holy Week and Easter Services

**25th March**– Palm Sunday 8am, 9:30am 10am &  
11:30am

**29th March** Maundy Thursday– 8pm The Last  
Supper Experience 10pm The Watch

**30th March**– Good Friday 9:30am Churches  
together Service 10:30am Churches together  
Walk of witness 2pm Journey to the Cross

**1st April**–Easter day 8am, 9:30am, 10am  
&11:30am

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The Link 

Sunday 18 March 2018

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

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

**Theme: The Prophetic Jesus**

### Readings:

**Mark13: 9 – 13** You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. 'Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

**Mark 13:1 – 4, 21 - 37**As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.' As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?'

At that time if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Messiah!" or, "Look, there he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. So be on your guard; I have told you everything in advance. But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the

door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"'

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**Question Point to Ponder:** How reassuring do we find it that despite Jesus prophesying that there will be great difficulties to be faced, he promised that God, through his Holy Spirit, will be with us at all times.

## **Today-**

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

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

**LGBT Group Tonight 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

**For your prayers:** Tony Sheffield

The family and friends of Daphne Breakspear

## **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=HGHu9-DtXk&t=229s>

## **ECO News**

**Eco Tip:** Clean silver foil can be recycled in your clear plastic recycling bags. However, you can't recycle the foil inner lid on plastic milk bottles.



**Earth Hour Event-** Join us in Church on 24th March at 8:30pm, as we like millions of people around the globe come together to shine a light on the need for climate change. we will use tea lights and candles to light the Church. Just remember to switch off at home and bring a blanket!

## **General News**

**St John's Lent Course** Difficult Questions of the Faith on the following Saturday's 10am-12pm 24th Feb , 3rd March, 10th March ,17th March and the 24th March.

**The funeral for the late Daphne Breakspear**, who died suddenly on Monday 26th February, will take place on Monday 26th March at 3.15pm Breakspear Crematorium and afterwards at The Barn Hotel Ruislip. Daphne was a long standing member of the Monday Group and Words & Music and will be much missed

**Maundy Thursday 29th March 8pm** if you would like to book your place for The last Supper Experience please contact Nikki via Email or place a note in the communications box.

**Brass cleaning**– Could you spare one day per month to help clean the brass in church? If so speak to Christine B or Nikki.

**AGM** -As we look forward to our annual general meeting at the end of April, the electoral roll is being reviewed and updated over the next few weeks. If you don't think you are already on the roll and would like to added, please ask one of the welcomers for a form.

**Ringin' Remembers**– 1,400 Bellringers died during WW1. Honour their memory by becoming one of 1,400 new Bellringers this year, and be part of a nationwide moment by ringing on the centenary of the Armistice 11th November 2018 find out how to take part by emailing [bells@big-ideas.org](mailto:bells@big-ideas.org)