

This Week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday Worship. 9:45am Youth Breakfast, Harvest Service.

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

Tuesday 12noon Jazz 6.30-7:15pm Wedding Bookings 7:30pm Accordion Band

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

Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer 12noon Jazz 8pm Worship Team Practice

Friday 10am Let's Go 12noon Jazz 7:45pm S & W District Bells Practice.

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: 11.45am, 12pm
with lunch @ 12.30pm

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The Link 

Sunday 23rd September

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

**Youth Breakfast today at 9:45am in
the Meeting room.**

**Theme: Harvest Service of
Thanksgiving.**

Readings:

Acts 9:1-12, Saul's Conversion

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

John 15-16(NIV)

Jesus Said,

"I am the true vine and my father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

I am the vine; and you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit- fruit that will last.

Then Jesus' disciples said "Now you are speaking clearly. Now we see that you know all things and that you do not need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you come from God."

"You believe at last!" Jesus answered.

"But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me. Yet I am not alone, for my father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)
Generosity Encouraged**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

**2 Samuel 22:1-7 and 18-20
David's Song of Praise**

David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation.

He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—
from violent people you save me.

"I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and have been saved from my enemies.

The waves of death swirled about me;
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

The cords of the grave coiled around me;
the snares of death confronted me.

"In my distress I called to the LORD;
I called out to my God.

From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came to his ears.

He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes, who were too strong for me.

They confronted me in the day of my disaster,
but the LORD was my support.

He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Question Point to Ponder: What Does Harvest mean for us Spiritually?

Today-

Coffee is served by: Nikki & Chris

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

For your prayers: Father Roy Wormald Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination this weekend.

Theme for September: 'My Journey'

For September at early morning, for 'Songs of Praise' and for late morning services the theme for is 'My Journey'.

We will be exploring our faith journey (at the moment, recently, or in the past).

How have we journeyed and grown. For the 10am Services the Theme is 'Vicars Choice'

23rd September— Harvest Service of Thanksgiving.

30th September— Full Immersion Baptism and Macmillan coffee morning.

ECO News



For locally grown produce try Wingroves farm Shop, Langley park Road, Iver. Open Thursday and Friday mornings only. tomatoes, peppers, chilli's, aubergines, peppers and yellow courgettes are grown less than 100 metres from the shop!

The Green Group invite you to the Big Bug House Build on Saturday 6th October 10am-1pm in the churchyard. The main activity for the morning is to build a habitat for insects from recycled materials, and there will also be creepy-crawly crafts for children plus coffee and cake. Everyone welcome—please join us.

General News

Father Roy Wormald who was Associate Vicar at St John's in 1990's, is celebrating 50 years of ordination this weekend. He asks for your prayers of thanksgiving for his ministry.

Dates for your Diary: Family Quiz and Tea – Saturday 13th October 4:30pm –7:30pm St John's will be holding a Family Quiz and Tea. All are welcome Please sign up at the back of Church.

Mandolin Monday –Saturday 20th October
Mandolin Monday will be performing here at St John's 7:30pm-Late Tickets £10 at the door. Half of the proceeds will be donated to St John's.

World War 1- Hillingdon Village Remembers. On Saturday 10th November 9.30am-4.30pm. During the day there will be prayers and poetry plus stories of the 91 men of Hillingdon who gave their lives during WW1 plus a display of WW1 memorabilia. If you know of any descendants of anyone listed on the war memorial, please contact the Church Office.

If you are able to support this event by having an estate agents board outside your home. Please contact the Church office or place a note in the Red Posting box.

'REMEMBRANCE100'

On 4th August 1918, King George V called a National Day of Prayer. 100 days later, on 11th November, the war ended.

The 4th August 2018 started 100 days leading to the 100th anniversary for the end of the First World War. We are looking at ways to mark the Armistice Remembrance Sunday Centenary Anniversary. Meanwhile, we are joining with 'Remembrance100' in marking the 100 days with prayers for peace and hope. Please join in praying with us each day, wherever you are. *100 Days of Peace and Hope* is available with Bible readings, reflections and prayers for each week to download at www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days Anne is also posting the prayers on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Ringling 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