

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday Worship  
**Monday** 9:30am Churchyard 7pm Bellringing  
8pm Mandolin Monday  
**Tuesday** 12noon Jazz 6.30-7:15pm Wedding  
Bookings 7:30pm Accordion Band  
**Wednesday** - 9:30am Church Cleaning 12noon  
Words and Music 1.30pm Knitting Group  
**Thursday** 9.30am Morning Prayer 12noon Jazz  
6:30pm HYB 8pm Worship Team Practice  
**Friday** 10am Let's Go 12noon Jazz 7pm St  
John's Singers 7:30pm Bellringers  
**Saturday** 9:30 Bellringers Anniversary Peal  
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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St. John's Church Hillingdon

The Link 

Sunday 20th January 2019

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

**Junior Church from 9.45am  
in The Grundon Room**

**Theme: Jesus' Baptism**

**Readings:**

**Luke3: 1-22 (NIV)**

**John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

**3** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—<sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation."

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

<sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup> John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"

<sup>13</sup> "Don't collect any more than you are required

to," he told them.

<sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"

He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

<sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

### **The Baptism and Genealogy of Jesus**

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**Question/Point to Ponder?** Is John the Baptist diplomatic in today's reading? In what ways are you too diplomatic, or apologetic, about your faith?

### **Today-**

**Coffee is served by:** Eunice and Sue

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

**For your prayers:** Marigold who is recovering in hospital from surgery. Rick who will be having a hip operation this week.

**Theme for January and February: Deep and Wide in Luke.** Over the next two months we will be diving into passages from Luke:

6th Jan– The Epiphany.

13th Jan– Simeon and Anna.

20th Jan– Jesus' Baptism.

27th Jan—Sermon of Nazareth.

3rd Feb—Fish for People.

10th Feb—Transfiguration of Jesus.

17th Feb -Raising the Widow's Son.

24th Feb Forgiven at Jesus' Feet.

## **ECO News**



Did you know that food waste is a huge issue in the UK, with an estimated £13bn of edible food being thrown away from homes, every year, according to the governments waste advisory board.

Help to cut this down by putting foods like bubble and squeak or homemade chutneys back on the menu. Planning meals for the week ahead will also help to cut down the amount of food wasted and money that you spend.

## **General News**

**A special plaque dedication** will take place on Friday 25th January at 6:30pm in remembrance of Evelyn Tinsley.

**Annual New Year's Dinner on Saturday, 26th January 2019.** We have once again been invited to attend the Baitul Amn Mosque

Royal Lane, Uxbridge, UB8 3QU. If you would like to attend please email Nikki or leave a note in the red posting box. Here is more detail of the programme :

17:30 Guest Arrival

18:00 Welcome by Mayor of Hillingdon

18:10 Presentations & Talks

19:30 Complimentary Dinner

**Stewardship:** Thank you to everyone who has responded. If you haven't please return your response forms as soon as possible—we are unable to make any meaningful plan for 2019 until we have more responses!. If anyone needs another response form there are plenty at the back of church. If you usually receive monthly envelopes and have not received them yet could you please contact Nikki by email or leave a note in the red posting box. Thank you.

**Electoral roll 2019** is the year in which Church Electoral rolls are renewed, which means everyone comes off the roll and must re-apply. We will be starting this process from today please pick up a pink form from the back of Church.

**Kings Kids** at St Andrew's Park on Sunday 3rd February 10:30am at John Locke Academy Bader Way UB10 0FW.