

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday Worship 3pm LGBT meeting.

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

**Tuesday** 11am Funeral 12:30noon Jazz 6.30-7:15pm Wedding Bookings 7:30pm Accordion Band

**Wednesday** - 9:30am Church Cleaning 12noon Words and Music 1.30pm Knitting Group 7:30pm Deanery Mapping exercise, St Matthews Church West Drayton

**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 7:15pm Bellringers

**Saturday** Grundon room hire. 3pm Bellringing Quarter Peal.

## 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 27th January 2019

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

**Youth Breakfast 9.45am  
in The Meeting Room.**

**Theme: Sermon at Nazareth**

## Readings:

**Luke4: 14-30 (NIV)**

## Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the  
prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

<sup>24</sup> "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

## **Isiah61: 1-2a and 8-10 (NIV)**

### **The Year of the LORD's Favor**

61 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,

### **Isaiah 61:8-10**

8 "For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.  
9 Their descendants will be known among the  
nations  
and their offspring among the peoples.  
All who see them will acknowledge  
that they are a people the LORD has blessed."  
10 I delight greatly in the LORD;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**Question/Point to Ponder?** Jesus came to proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind. In what ways are you needing release from regrets, hurts, unforgiveness, fear or broken relationships that are holding you as a prisoner emotionally and in your mind?

## **Today-**

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

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

**For your prayers:** Marigold and Rick who are both recovering from surgery.

**LGBT Group Today at 3pm 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.

**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 at 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**



Guppy friend bag- This eco friendly washing bag captures micro fibres and hinders them from making their way into the marine ecosystem. After a while you can peel out a ball of fibres and discard it in the plastic recycling bin. Available online from Ethical Superstore.com.

## **General News**

**Today** We welcome Steve Bunn as our Guest speaker on behalf of Compassion.

**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.

**Street Angels are Recruiting** now in Hillingdon. If you are interested in becoming a Street Angel please read the information leaflet at the back of Church. There is also a pack giving more details available. Paul Clevett will also be able to answer any questions you may have.

**Church Growth & Church Planting** Last term Jacqueline, Caroline, Alan, Rick and Carol went on the 'Church Growth Learning Communities' weekend run by 'The Centre for Church Growth and Church Planting' at St. Edmunds Church, Lombard Street.

This is so that we can then look towards the 'Growing' part of our 'Loving, Growing, Sharing' vision with an emphasis on growing Deep & Wide. The team will do a similar weekend 4 times over two years and we will be developing specific areas with everyone.

Last term Caroline & Alan went to 7 sessions on the Church Planting course, also at St. Edmunds. After giving a presentation to a panel, we were encouraged to 'go for it' in terms of planting a new Church on the old RAF base at St. Andrew's. We will be sharing soon how everybody can be involved in this 'Sharing' part of our vision. And so we are developing St. John's and a new Church together and in parallel with each other. Watch out for more news.