

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am –1pm Sunday Worship, 10am APCM

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

**Tuesday** 12:30pm Jazz, 6:30pm-7:15pm Wedding Bookings, 7:30pm Accordion Band

**Wednesday** 9:30am Church Cleaning, 12noon Words and Music, 1:30pm Knitting Group 8pm Alpha Course

**Thursday** 9:30am Morning Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 6:30pm HYB, 8pm Worship Team Practice.

**Friday** 10am Let's Go, 7pm St John's Singers.

**Saturday** 12noon Anniversary 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 17th March 2019

## Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us

## Our Annual Church Meeting

### Reading: Matthew 28:19-20

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Question/Point to Ponder?** What Have you learnt today that surprised or encouraged you?

### Theme for March:

**Church — and God's Kingdom!**

24th March — Everybody gets to play!

31st March — Mothering Sunday

### Theme for April:

**Jesus' Journey to the Kingdom**

**7th April** – The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree, lament over Jerusalem.

**14th April** – Palm Sunday.

The triumphal entry.

**21st April** – Easter Day Resurrection

**28th April** – Jesus appears to his disciples.  
The Ascension of Jesus

## Today-

**During the AGM** activities will be on in the meeting room for our Junior Church group.

**After the AGM**—Alyson, Gill and Christine will be serving cakes to raise money for Comic Relief.

**Coffee is served by Liz and Diana**

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

**For your prayers:** Marigold who is recovering from surgery.

**Prayers for our world:**

### India

Around 20 children's centres have been closed down after false accusations of abuse and forced conversion spread via newspapers and social media. Pray for vindication for those who have been falsely accused and ask God to provide for the 2,000 children who have been forced to go to government childcare institutions.

### India

Give thanks that Reena, who was drugged and kidnapped by extremists two years ago, is making good progress in her education. "I finished my two years of computer training six months ago," she says. "I am now looking for work in a nearby city."

### Kyrgyzstan

Pray for Eldos (15) who was badly beaten by radical Muslims because of his faith. Relatives of those who attacked Eldos have now threatened his family. Please pray for protection.

### UK and Ireland

Give thanks that Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt has commissioned a review into the plight of persecuted Christians around the world and how much help they are receiving from the UK. Pray that the review will lead to concrete change that positively impacts the lives of persecuted Christians.

### Nigeria

Remember Christian schoolgirl Leah Sharibu (15), abducted by Boko Haram a year ago. Her captors have refused to release her because of her refusal to deny her faith. Ask God to protect her and pray for her safe release.

### Annual Meeting

Pray for all the candidates being elected to serve St John's



## ECO News

**Lent Plastic challenge 3:** Psalm 104:25-30 'There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.' By 2050 we could have more plastic than fish (by weight) in the sea. Avoid over packaged, processed and convenience foods, take your own bags and where possible containers for dry food, Lobby shops and food companies to reduce their packaging. Join the challenge at <http://www.churchofengland.org/environment>.

### Instead of giving up something for Lent, how about doing something positive instead?

Living Lent is an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we live and the impact our lifestyle has on the world and the environment. [www.livinglent.org](http://www.livinglent.org)

**Leaving a Legacy:** if you are considering leaving a legacy in your will to St. John's please email our Stewardship Officer Di Newman on [illam@live.co.uk](mailto:illam@live.co.uk) for further info.

**Earth Hour 2019-** Saturday 30th March. Join in with people around the world by turning your lights off for one hour at 8.30pm and/or come to St John's and enjoy a fun-filled "Scattergories by Candlelight" with wine and nibbles. Arrive by 8.15pm Please speak to Brenda Thomas or Christine Bartlett if you need further information.

**The Children's Society:** Thankyou to everyone who made donations to The Children's Society either through house boxes, advent candles or the Christmas Eve collection. A magnificent total of £1425.37 was raised. Thankyou.

**Churchyard News:** thanks to some very generous contributions by church members, we are now able to proceed with work on some of the trees in the churchyard. As we are in a conservation area, 6 weeks notice has to be given to the council that the work is going to take place. Once that time has passed, the work will proceed. Thankyou to those who have made this possible.

**Alert:** Watch out for "scam" emails and phone calls. Please be on your guard.

## Alpha

on Wednesday evenings  
during Lent



Join us for our next meeting  
on Wednesday 20th March

8pm – 9:30pm  
in Church

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions  
exploring life, faith & purpose

Each session includes a meal

Please let Anne know for numbers