

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday Worship,  
**Monday** 9:30am Churchyard Team, 2pm Monday Group Meeting, 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, 1pm Jazz, 1:30pm Knitting Group, 8pm Alpha Course.  
**Thursday** 9:30am Morning Prayer, 6:30pm HYB, 8pm Worship Team Practice..  
**Friday** 10am Lets Go, 7pm St Johns Singers, 7:45pm Bellringing.  
**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 31st March 2019

## Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us

**Theme: Mothering Sunday.**



**10am Service Led by the St John's Youth.**

## Readings: Colossians 3:12-17 & Luke 2:33-35.

### Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Luke 2:33-35

<sup>33</sup>The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup>so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

**Question/Point to Ponder?** How can I value 'Mother Church' more?

## Today-

**Coffee is served by** Chris and Michelle

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

**Communion Wine and Bread for today** has been kindly donated by Peter and Lynda Janssens, in celebration of Peters late parents Julien and Ivy Janssens Birthdays in March and April.

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

### **Prayers on Mothering Sunday for Mothers**

Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, Thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;

Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;

Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### **Turkmenistan**

Pray for Amina, an elderly lady who was interrogated and threatened by police after they found Christian books in her house. She is struggling with stress: pray for her safety and healing.

### **Indonesia**

Sarina's daughter Trinity was badly burnt in a church bomb attack in 2016. Pray for God's strength and wisdom as she helps Trinity to recover. "Trinity still undergoes surgeries and she is very short tempered," she says. "But we are grateful that so many people helped us on her way to recovery."

### **Brexit**

Pray for our government and politicians at this testing and trying time!

### **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

## ECO News



**Lent Plastic challenge 5: Psalm 24:1-2** 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it'. Clothing packaging. Take your own bags when shopping for clothes. Request zero plastic packaging if you're buying clothes. Ask retailers to reduce or remove plastic packaging.

**Join the challenge at:**

<http://www.churchofengland.org/environment>.

### **Praying for the Planet**

Wednesday, **April 3rd**, is the day we particularly remember our beautiful planet in prayer, meditation, awareness or involvement, with love, hope and gratitude.

Our link to the planet is like the air. There is only one air, all joined together. We are breathing air that has come to us from America, or Scandinavia, or sometimes Africa, still carrying echoes of those places. We are breathing oxygen formed inside green cells of leaves, and carbon dioxide formed inside red cells of other's lungs. How intimate. We are all connected and dependant, like each of us and our planet.

## General News

**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 [diane.stjohns@gmail.com](mailto:diane.stjohns@gmail.com) for further information.



**Thursday 18th April—Maundy Thursday Last Supper Experience** 8pm If you would like to attend this event please email Nikki or leave a note in the red posting box.

**Friday 19th April— 9:30am Good Friday Service and Walk of Witness.** If anyone is able to help out at the Walk of Witness service please email Nikki.

## Alpha

on Wednesday evenings  
during Lent



Join us

on Wednesday 3rd April

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**