

This Week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday Worship, 12:30pm Burial of Ashes in the garden of remembrance 3pm LGBT meet, 3:30pm Baptism Zachary.
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, 1pm Jazz, 1:30pm Knitting Group, 8pm Alpha Course.
Thursday 9:30am Morning Prayer, 8pm Worship Team Practice..
Friday 12noon Jazz 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 7th April 2019

Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us

Theme: Jesus' Journey to the Kingdom— Preparation

Readings: Luke 13:1-9 & 31-35

Repent or Perish

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

⁸ "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your

house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Question/Point to Ponder? What have we done recently to help build the kingdom of God?

Today-

Coffee is served by Mark and Sharon

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

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

For your prayers: Marigold who is recovering from surgery.

Welcome to the friends and family of Zachary who is being baptised today at 3:30pm.

Prayers from around the World.

Nigeria Give thanks that Esther, who became pregnant after being enslaved by Boko Haram, is on the road to healing after receiving trauma care. "I had no idea how I would ever be able to love [my] child," she says, "but she has become my joy and laughter."

Indonesia Ahok, a Christian and the former governor of Jakarta, has thanked Christians around the world for their prayers and support following his early release from prison on 24 January. Pray for wisdom and strength for Ahok as he moves back into normal life Pray that Indonesia's rulers will do more to protect religious freedom.

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.

Brexit Pray for our government, our politicians and the UK at this testing and trying time!

Alpha Pray for all those who are on the Alpha course on Wednesday evenings.

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



Coffee cup recycling scheme Hillingdon Council is to partner with Simply Cups, who are dedicated to recycling paper and plastic cups and turning them into second-life materials. Bins are located at the Civic Centre and following venues:- Uxbridge, Ickenham, Ruislip Manor, Eastcote, Harefield, Northwood, Yiewsley, Botwell Green Library and the Battle of Britain Centre.

Residents can pop into any of the venues to recycle takeaway cups, and each bin is dedicated to separating the lids, cups and liquids to allow them to be recycled efficiently.

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 for further information or leave a note in the red posting box

Easter Lilies, if anyone would like to contribute towards the cost of lilies to decorate the Church at Easter, please hand your donation to Carol Toombs. Many thanks

£201.08 raised for Comic Relief with the Red Nose Day Cake Sale. Well done to all who helped raise this fantastic figure!

Answers to Prayer –Please chat or email Alan if you have had any answers to prayer in the last few weeks.



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. If you would like to attend the lunch at Hillingdon Park Baptist Church please sign the form at the back of Church.