

This Week

Easter Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday Worship, 3pm LGBT Meet.

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.

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, 7:45pm Bellringers.

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 28th April 2019

Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us

Youth Breakfast from 9:45am in the Meeting Room.

Theme: Jesus' Journey to the Kingdom.

Readings: Luke 24: 36-49 & 50-53

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Question/Point to Ponder? The disciples were frightened by the appearance of the risen Christ. What is your response to Jesus resurrection?

Today-

Coffee is served by Sue and Lesley

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

Prayers from around the World.

Freedom to Worship Remember Christians whose freedom to worship is restricted by their family or society. Give thanks for the freedom we have to come to church and worship in our communities, and pray that we will not take this for granted.

Syria Pray for a new 'Widows' Project' that delivers home-cooked meals to widows and elderly people who have been side-lined by the war. "The response has been great so far," says Maria, "People are enjoying their food and are happy to have hot meals... especially the rice and chicken specialty that the area enjoys most!"

Iraq Ask God to bless the peacemakers working to bring peace to Iraq after decades of war. Pray for an end to sectarianism and extremist ideologies which prevent Iraqis from living together in peace.

UK & Ireland Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, has launched a review into UK support for persecuted Christians. Please pray that God would guide the review team and give them wisdom and insight. Pray that the review will result in the UK doing more to support persecuted Christians around the world.

Praying for the Planet

Saturday, **May 4th**, is the day we particularly remember our beautiful planet in prayer, meditation, awareness or involvement, with love, hope and gratitude. Jane Upchurch.

'Whatever mechanism – greenhouse gases, deforestation, or solar fluctuations – climate change is sending us an important message. We and Earth are one. As above, so below: what we do to each other, even to the smallest animal or plant, we do to all creation. Perhaps all our small, invisible acts imprint themselves upon the world in ways we do not understand.'

Charles Eisenstein. *The more beautiful world our hearts know is possible*. North Atlantic Books, 2013.

Theme for May: God's Presence Storyline.

5th May– Introduction, The Garden of Eden/The Burning Bush.

12th May– The Tabernacle.

19th May– The Temple.

26th May– Emmanuel The Presence Is With Us, The Heavenly Presence

ECO News



Go green - Food shopping reduce plastic - take your own bags with you when shopping. If using plastic, use recycled plastic and reuse the bags as many times as possible. Cotton production also harms the environment, so use cotton bags as many times as possible. Make your own bag from pre used fabric. Buying fruit and veg, try a veg box, they come in various sizes, delivered in a cardboard box. Buy local, support local shops, visit farm markets, uses less fuel. Check the origin of fruit and veg to reduce the distance travelled.

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.

Monday Group—will be meeting on the 13th May and not the 6th May. More details next week.

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

★ All Stars returns Friday 10th May 2019

Kings Kids returns Sunday 19th May 2019

Alpha



Wednesday 1st May

**8pm – 9:30pm
in Church**

Meal, Video, Discussion, Exploration

Away Day

Saturday 11th May

10.30am - 3.30pm

(leaving St. John's at 10am and returning 4pm)

All Saint's Church, Dedworth, SL4 4JW

(We will be sharing lifts and there is free car parking at the church)

Please bring a packed lunch

Tea, coffee & cake will be provided.