

This Week

Sunday 10:30am Summer Celebration.
Monday 9:30am Churchyard Team, 11am Jazz, 7pm Bellringing, 8pm Mandolin Monday.
Tuesday 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band Practice, 8pm PCC Meeting.
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.
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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Sunday 30th June 2019

Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us



Theme: Peter's Preaching

Readings: John3:16-17, Acts2:38 & Acts9:1-19.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Saul's Conversion

⁹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he

opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.

¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

Question/Point to Ponder? John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Probably the most famous verse in the Bible. Can you memorise it? What does it mean for you and how would you explain it to somebody?

Today-

Coffee is served by: Brenda and Chris

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

General News

 **All Stars** Returns on Friday 12th
July 3:30-6:30pm

Theme for 7th July 2019—
Preaching Continued.

Peter's

ECO News



More on personal products: In the bathroom there are many products which come in plastic containers and may not be made from entirely safe ingredients. We absorb chemicals through toiletries and cosmetics. Switch to natural and organic products, reduce the amount that you use. Check the labelling and packaging. Check out lovelula.com, nealsyardremedies.com and birchbox.com for natural brands.

Praying for the Planet

Tuesday, **July 2nd**, is the new moon, the day we particularly remember our beautiful planet in prayer, meditation, awareness or involvement, with love, hope and gratitude. Our planet is not here to use and abuse, nor just to respect and save. It offers us the gift of presence where we can step outside and appreciate.

Today as I walk distractedly down the garden the sun is calling, calling over my head and welcoming me back into favour.

Jane Upchurch

For Your Prayers:

A Personal Prayer

Father God,

I want to learn to trust you, so I am embarking on a journey today to open up my heart to get to know you in all your mystery and wonder. I believe that you are not only friendly to me but loving and kind. How I need to experience your love and kindness, for I am hungry for what is Real. This step I am taking is my first attempt at trust: I give you my life and I ask you to take me, teach me, free me, and turn me into the person you designed for me to be. I want to do the things in this world that bring blessings to others – the same transformation, peace, and joy that I am expecting from your hand as I walk with you each day. Amen.

Kuwait

Most Christians here are migrant workers. Pray for Christian female workers, who are often vulnerable to sexual abuse. Ask God to protect His daughters, and pray that their protection will be enshrined in law.

Iraq

Over 70 per cent of the infrastructure and buildings in the Christian towns were damaged or destroyed in the IS occupation. Pray that international organisations will provide more rapid support to reconstruct destroyed communities, to help speed up the return of Christians to their former homes and encourage them to not leave their country.