

This Week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday worship, 10am Baptism, 3pm Mandolin Monday/ LGBT Meeting
Monday 9:30am Churchyard Team, 7pm Bellringing, 8pm Mandolin Monday.
Tuesday 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band.
Wednesday 12noon Words and Music, 1:30pm Knitting Group.
Thursday 9:30am Morning Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 8pm Worship Team Practice.
Friday 12noon Jazz, 7pm St John's 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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Sunday 21st July 2019

Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us

Theme: Parables: The Talents

Readings: Matthew 21: 28-32 & Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

²⁹ "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, ^[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard

man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?' ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Question/Point to Ponder? What talents are buried for you that need to be discovered or uncovered?

Today-

Welcome to the friends and family of Arthur being baptised today during our 10am service.

Coffee is served by: Lesley and Chris

For Paul's Birthday this afternoon Mandolin Monday are playing from 3pm ish all welcome.

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

For You Prayers: Arthur Being baptised today during our 10am service.

India

Jenita's husband was murdered for his faith leaving her with three children to raise (aged 5, 3 and 18 months). Pray for wisdom for Christian charities such as Open Doors who have been supporting the family. Abishek, a support worker, says, "I went to that family and I cried with them, I encouraged them, I comforted them from the Word of God. [Jenita] was telling me, 'Thank you so much. Nobody has come like that and comforted us.'"

Sri Lanka

Pray for God's comfort for the many believers bereaved in the Easter bomb attacks which killed over 250 people. Pastor Kumaran, whose 12-year-old son Malkiya was killed, says: "I'm not asking God why, I'm only asking how I can pass through this, and how long."

Bangladesh

Pray for a Youth Camp being held in July which will bring together young people from different backgrounds and denominations. Pray for unity, for openness to learn from each other, and for Christ centred lives that will impact their communities.

ECO News



Go green- in the kitchen. Food waste is a huge issue in the UK, with an estimated £13bn of edible food being thrown away from homes every year, according to the governments waste advisory board. Help to cut this down by putting foods like bubble and squeak or homemade chutneys back on the menu. Planning meals for the week ahead will also help to cut down the amount of food wasted and money that you spend.

General News

Uxbridge Odeon will be showing a Christian film **BREAKTHROUGH** (12A) for Silver (aged 55+) Screen. Tickets are just £3 inc tea/coffee & biscuit. The last showing is at: 11am on Tues 23rd July. It's well worth going if you can - good-value admission! Take some friends. For trailer and details see www.breakthroughtickets.co.uk "Tremendously inspiring...A highly compelling movie" - CBN.

The Battle of Britain Bunker are running fun family activities every Friday during the summer holidays Free admission to under 18's and Hillingdon first card holders. Find out more: battleofbritainbunker.co.uk

Care assistant/support worker required to support 32 year old young woman, based in Hillingdon for 24 hours a week. I am looking for an empathetic and patient person with a genuine interest in caring for a vulnerable individual. Whilst experience would be helpful it is not essential as full training will be given. Please email Nikki or call the office if you are interested or know someone who would be able to support.

Summer Theme: For July and August we will be focusing on Parables.

The disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. This is why I speak to them in parables."

Matthew 13:10-13

28th July The Unforgiving Servant
4th August The Sheep and the Goats
11th August The Prodigal Son
18th August The Great Banquet
25th August The Ten Virgins

