

This Week

Sunday 8am-1pm Sunday worship.
Monday 9:30am Churchyard Team, 7pm Bellringing, 8pm Mandolin Monday.
Tuesday 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band.
Wednesday 9am Cleaning, 12noon Funeral 1pm Words and Music, 1:30pm Knitting group, 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service.
Thursday 9:30am Morning Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 6:30pm HYB.
Friday 10am Let's Go, 3:30pm All Stars.
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 23rd February 2020

Welcome to St. John's

We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

**Youth Breakfast from 9.45am
in The Meeting Room**

**Theme: Questions to ask, questions
Jesus asked.**

Readings: John 1:35-48 & Matthew 8:23-27.

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Matthew 8:23-27

²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" ²⁶ He replied, "You of little faith,



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so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Question/Point to Ponder: What do you need to ask God for?

Today-

Coffee is served by: Beryl and Karen

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

For Your Prayers: Irene, Tony and the family and friends of their beloved son Mark, whose funeral takes place on Monday 24th February.

The family and friends of Jean, whose Funeral takes place at St John's on Wednesday 26th February.

For those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Father,

You know our hearts and share our sorrows.

We are hurt by our parting from those whom we loved.

When we are angry at the loss we have sustained, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Praying for the Planet

Today, the 23rd February, is the new moon, the day we particularly remember our beautiful planet in prayer, meditation, awareness or involvement, with love, hope and gratitude.

Trees are the skin of this world, the guardians of the Earth in many ways and vital to humanity and to life. Trees produce ecosystems, they control weather, they reduce flooding and soil loss, they oxygenate the air, they absorb pollution, they give us food and medicine, they are home to a myriad of wildlife that cannot exist without them. And they offer more than their physical attributes. They contribute to our mental and spiritual health with their strength and calmness, their beauty and their natural connection to the source of all life. All trees are important but we especially need to value and preserve large trees and our forests.

Jane Upchurch

Fundraising

Cedar Tree. On 28th July a substantial section of the mature cedar tree fronting the Uxbridge Road fell to the ground. Fortunately, no damage was caused to the church building, or the boundary wall. However, the tree does require work due to it being unsafe as there is a large part of the tree overhanging the Uxbridge Road. The tree can be made safe by reducing the lateral branches by about 50% to sound timber, at a cost of £1,200 + VAT (£1,440). We have been granted permission by the council to go ahead with the approved tree surgeons report. If you would like to donate to the cost of the works to tree it would be very much appreciated. You can do this by Bac's transfer, (See Nikki for details), Contactless, cash or by cheque.

Theme for March 2020: The Word of God is Living and Active.

1st March—Jesus Washes Feet.

8th March—Eco Group Green Communion.

15th March— Jesus & Pilate.

22nd March— Mothering Sunday.

29th March—St John's APCM/AGM

ECO News



In the garden- Look after wildlife. Winter can be a difficult time for wildlife. Habitats are disappearing so they need our help. We can put up bird boxes, the RSPB website has more information and instructions. Make bug boxes or create a place for small creatures to stay protected in winter. Leave an area as a wild garden, put out water and feed the birds. This can not only be good for the wildlife but good for us, adding to our well being and increase awareness of which creatures live around us. **Lent 2020 Resources-** *Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. We are urged by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Go Green for Lent. There are resources available for groups and individuals along with a 40 day reflection booklet for adults and children If you would like a copy a copy please sign up at the back of church £1.99 for Adults and £1.49 for Children. You can also download the app for Android and iOS, email reflections and a social media campaign with daily posts. Sign up for the reflections at churchofengland.org.*

General News

Flowers in Church Flowers in Church this week have been kindly donated by Irene and Tony in remembrance of their beloved son Mark.

If anyone would like an arrangement of flowers to remember a loved ones birthday anniversary etc please ask a member of the Flower Guild and they will be happy to help. Donation of approx. £20 would be appreciated towards cost of flowers.

Ash Wednesday Service & Lent Course

"Five Vital Keys For Your Future!" Mini talks, Videos, exploration, discussions to really help you!
Wednesday 26th February, 7.30pm



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

with Holy Communion

7.30pm

Wednesday 26th February
St. John's Church

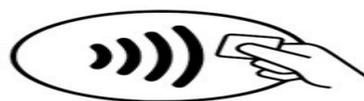
World Day of Prayer will be held on 6th March 2020 at 2pm at Salvation Army, 125 Uxbridge Rd. Hillingdon. UB10 0LQ.

★ **All Stars** returns this Friday 28th February for a pancake special! From 3:30pm in church.

Kings Kids returns on next Sunday 1st March from 10:30am at St Andrews Park, John Locke Academy, Bader Way. UB10 0FW.

Revision of the Electoral Roll will take place for 2 weeks if you are not on the Electoral and would like to be, please speak to Nikki or Alan.

Tap 'n' Go Contactless Giving This is available near the sound desk. Use your contactless card as you come in or during the peace. You may there pick up a card as shown below so you still physically put something in as the collection basket comes around.



As part of my worship today I give using tap 'n' go