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Click on the church image above from
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What have you been up to this week, what has there been to be thankful for and is there anything you have enjoyed?

I am writing this straight after 3 consecutive meetings/get-togethers online: a meeting of the Church Trustees (Tuesday evening PCC Meeting), our Lent course discussions (Wed 10am) and

a Chapter meeting (Hillingdon Clergy together). I was encouraged by each and actually enjoyed every bit of the all. Yes, all of them, really! In between the Lent meeting and clergy meeting I had the joy of having lots of fun with Beth's dog "Cooper": running in the garden, hide & seek and lots of stroking.

Overall though, it has been a week of mixed emotions with lots of sad things to look back on after a year of the coronavirus. We are all missing being together properly as families, friends and church members.

Through the difficult times there have been new areas of realisation and discovery, and ways that we have changed and grown. For those of you who live locally and are regular church members it would be great to hear your thoughts as we move forward and and hopefully begin to put lockdowns behind us; as we begin to move towards a 'new normal'. I'm inviting you to send your thoughts via email or in writing to the following questions,

In terms of our Church life and our mission:

1. How are you feeling at this time about our life together and mission as St. John's Church?
2. What has started through the pandemic that might continue?
3. What are you learning from what has stopped or started?
4. Any other thoughts you might have as we move into the future and transition towards a 'new normality'.

It can hardly believe that it's Holy Week next week. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of our special services, either online or in the Memorial Gardens, starting with 'The Last Supper Experience' on Maundy Thursday. See details of all services later in this newsletter.

Further details of 'The Last Supper Experience' and how that will work will be sent out shortly.

Keep praying,

Alan



Prayer

God of all Hope,
you weave your love around us
with threads that connect and support.
Help us to endure the trials of life
and testing of our faith
knowing that you hold us safe.

In gratitude, let us strengthen the webs of community
so that filaments of love may surround the vulnerable,
and remind us that we are bound together in Christ.

Amen.

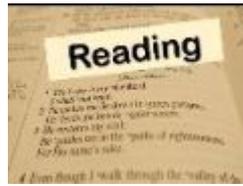
Lent reflections on life in Christ and Personal Lent reflections

We are encouraging everyone to take part in daily reflections during Lent based on the book 'Rooted in Love' written by some of our Bishops, including the Bishop of London Sarah Mullally. You can purchase the book via Amazon.

If you don't have access to the internet, or need help purchasing, please email stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com

Sunday Reading and Themes 28th February- end of March.

Sun 28 March: James1:2-4. Let perseverance finish its work. Chapter 40 p175



James1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday – 28th March

10:30am service on zoom

Maundy Thursday – 1st April

The Last Supper Experience

8pm on zoom

The Watch

light a candle and keep The Watch in your home or garden

Good Friday – 2nd April

pray for local churches, homes and businesses

Journey to the Cross

2pm reflections around the Cross in the Memorial Garden

Easter Day – Sunday 4th April

10:30am service on zoom

4pm in the Memorial Garden

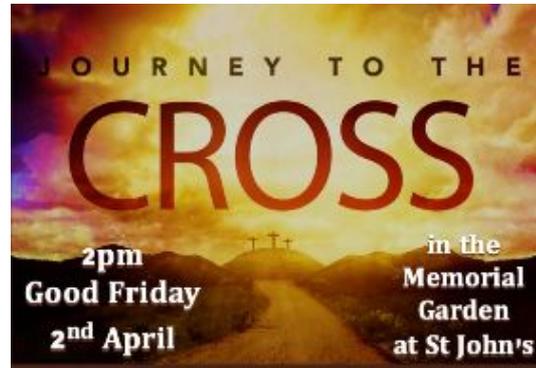
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Easter Flower Project 🌸🌸🌸

Thank you to all who have been busy knitting, crocheting and sewing flowers for our Easter project. The flowers look amazing. We are looking forward to seeing them up and them being an encouragement to the community. Thank you very much, Anne xx

Good Friday 2nd April -Walk of Witness

If you would like to complete the walk of witness on your own, with your family or in pairs please [CLICK HERE](#) for a PDF of the readings and prayers. Alternatively you may like to read through these at home.



A Fresh Start - Part 2

Carry On Cleaning!

Here are a few more green ingredients to help us with cleaning.

1 Essential oils These are obtained from the fruits, leaves and flowers and resins of plants.

Some essential oils such as tea tree, lemon or eucalyptus are antibacterial, anti fungal or antiseptic. They can be added to homemade products. Others give fragrance, lavender, orange or rose. Only a few drops need to be added and they are safe, they may be toxic in larger quantities so take care in their use. Combine 2 drops of tea tree oil, 1 drop of lavender and 3 of lemon and 2 of orange with 200ml of cold water in a spray bottle. Spray onto a surface, wipe with a damp cloth and dry with a clean cloth.

2 Hydrogen peroxide, this is a weak acid available at 3 and 6 percent dilution from pharmacies.

Use 3 percent to sanitize surfaces, clean the floor or use in the bathroom. It can be an irritant so

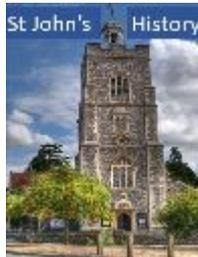
protect hands and avoid splashing.

3 White vinegar is a traditional cleaning product. It is mildly acidic. Use to clean mirrors, windows and glass. Mix 50/50 with water in a spray bottle to clean greasy marks and surfaces. Combined with baking soda it can be used to clear blocked drains

Some news from the Eco Action Group

The Eco Action Group met recently to discuss the Willesden Diocese Eco Plan and decide actions to further the mission of Eco Church. The team has lots of ideas! An event is planned to take place at St Johns in June to encourage churches in the diocese to register as an Eco Church and work towards the awards. *Christine Rodrigues*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
From 'Oh Lord my God' Stuart .K. Hine



A Tour around the Church Monuments.

The next memorial on the tour is tucked away right at the back of the north transept next to the Toddler Corner. It's an extremely ornate brass plaque and one that is very difficult to clean, so we must be grateful to Gail Simms, "brass cleaner extraordinaire" for keeping this one clean and shiny.

The plaque is to the memory of Emily Elizabeth Micklethwait 1826-1891. Emily was baptised at St George's Church Hanover Square when her parents Charles and Emily Mills were living at New Norfolk Street, London. Just before Emily was born, her father Charles, a partner in the city bank Glyn Mills & Co. purchased a house on the east side of Vine Lane, Hillingdon and then later purchased an adjacent property. He had them both knocked down and employed architect Phillip Charles Hardwick to design a brand new mansion, which was completed in 1855. He named it Hillingdon Court and we know it today as the American Community School. Whilst the new mansion was being built, the Mills family including Emily lived at Camelford House, which was on the corner of Oxford Street, near where Marble Arch tube station is now.

On 29th May 1849, Emily married Rev John Micklethwait at St George's Church, Hanover Square. The couple moved into Coltishall Hall in Norfolk, an estate that John inherited. John then inherited the Taverham estate in Norfolk, and he employed the Scottish architect David Brandon to design a new house for himself and Emily. Whilst the house was being built they moved back to Hillingdon where they lived for a while with Emily's family and 33 servants!!! By 1871 John and Emily were living at Taverham Hall with 16 staff. 20 labourers were employed on the estate, so that will give you some idea of it's size. As far as I can tell, John and Emily did not have any children.

John sadly died in 1877 and he is buried at St Edmund's Church, Taverham. Emily moved down to London where she lived at 44 Upper Brook Street. Taverham Hall is now a boarding school and

apparently John's initials appear in many places around the property.

Emily died in 1891 and is buried in the churchyard with her parents, sister and niece.

Once we are allowed, my plan is to have a little trip to Norfolk to take a look at Taverham Hall and also to find John Micklethwait's grave.

Christine Bartlett



Emily Elizabeth Micklethwaite Memorial.

**The
Children's
Society**

**No child
should feel
alone**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the March Newsletter.

Highlights include a follow up to last month's feature on our Prevention team.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a document which was shared internally a couple of weeks ago inspired by International Women's Day - to learn about 12 remarkable women in our history.



Online Watch Link (OWL)

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch continues to grow. More people are signing up to the Borough wide system called OWL which went live in May 2018. The system allows the Police to quickly alert you via email to crimes in your immediate area and offers advice on crime prevention. It is a huge leap forwards in enabling the Police and the public to work together in closer partnership.

If you would like to sign up please go to <https://www.owl.co.uk>

Simply enter your postcode and your details on the screen and press submit. The system will then send you an email with your login and password within a few working days. You won't need to login to see the alerts these will be sent directly via email.

OWL is a secure system, It is free to use and your details will never be used or sold for marketing purposes. If you are already a member of OWL ask family, friends or neighbours if they have signed up.



AGM/APCM

Our Annual General meeting will be taking place on 18th April 2021. This is where we reflect on last year, look at visions for this year and appoint our Churchwardens and members of the PCC. If you would like to find out more about joining the PCC please email or call Nikki.

NOTICES



Every action counts.

Infection rates in the West London area haven't fallen as low as other parts of the capital.

It is vital that we all do our bit to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Every action we take will help to keep our borough safe. So please continue to:

- Wash your hands
- Cover your face
- Keep a safe distance
- Get tested
- Take your vaccination when offered

#keepHillingdonsafe

Bishop Pete Retiring

Our Bishop, The Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Revd Pete Broadbent, has announced his intention to resign as from 30th September 2021. Bishop Pete has volunteered to stand down a year before his normal retirement date. The Bishop of London is exploring with him another role, which would see him facilitating some of the transition and implementation work for the Diocese of London's 2030 Vision. This will enable the potential appointment of a new Bishop of Willesden and provide an opportunity for the Diocese's senior team in London to become more diverse.

Building News

We are due to hear by the end of March (next week!) whether we have been successful in our grant bid for work to fix the buttress flintwork at the front of the church, and to cover 'start -up' running-cost overheads for a 3 month period.

This week a grant application went in to The National Churches Trust to help us with fees so that we can get high level investigations of the roof and tower done (rope access and drones). The grant application is also for window surveys and for building measuring to take place, including roof areas and elevations. If successful we will get 50% towards these costs.

Rick has been working with Alex Veal our Architect, Ron Felton and Tony Whitakker to prevent and fix the Grundon Room leaks. A temporary solution is in hand to hopefully buy us some time until we can secure funding to get the permanent repairs and works done.

How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)

- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.
- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key
- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key
- There is no password. If you are asked for one, then just press the # key.

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