

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Readings:	Lent Vent 2- What have you given up? Matthew 19: 16-24 & 1 Cor 7: 1-7
	6.30pm	Worship with Ruth Fazal
Mon	9.30 – noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting at SJ's
Tue	6.15pm	Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms
	7.30pm	Club 2000 (11– 13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church
Wed	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children at SJ's
	1:00-7:00pm	CareerCafe at SJ's
Thur	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
Fri	10am – noon	Hearing Aid Servicing Clinic at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 19th March

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	No service

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Israelites set out from the dessert of Sin and travelled from place to place as the Lord commanded. When they camped at another place where there was no water to drink they grumbled at Moses so he called out to the Lord and said "what am I to do with these people, there are almost ready to stone me?" How did the Lord provide water for them?
Read Exodus 17: 5 - 6

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

8-9PM @ SJ'S

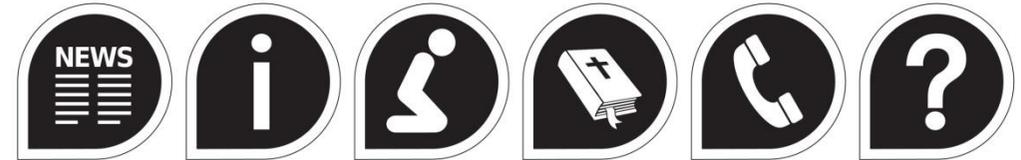
March meetings on 13th, 20th & 27th.

Monday 13th March: Specific prayer focus for Krupa and his wife and family and their ministry in Mumbai.

Monday 27th March: Specific prayer focus for Liz and Mike Jeggo and their family working with OMF in Japan.

St John's
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12th March, 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent



REMEMBERING TO RECEIVE

For all the virtues of marking the season of Lent, there is a risk that all our efforts of self-denial deplete us, rather than animate us with the life of God.

This might be true of life generally, and can be compounded by the service we give to the church. We become martyrs to how well we can bear the burden of an overworked existence. But the *fast* we choose is not intended to be a self-destructive sacrifice. It might just be that some of us need to recall what it means to be a Receiver. It's possible to become so used to being the Giver, we forget to put our hands out for ourselves.

God will often bless us through His people, if we but allow it. To put it another way, 'being loved well reorients us'. There is an opportunity this evening to be a Receiver – we have Ruth Fazal ministering to us, and she would love nothing more than for us to receive God's Blessing through her.

I hope you'll receive the chance with joy.

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WELCOME

If you're a visitor this morning and wish to find out more about what goes on then do introduce yourself to one of our leadership team. They can connect you with people and groups in our church family. You can also find out more from our website.



THIS MONTH'S PRAYER FOCUS

Our neighbours and local community:

- *For any local needs and for God's blessing on those outside the church;*
- *That our neighbours would come to recognise the love Jesus has for them.*

Do grab the prayer flier for full details.



TODAY WORSHIP WITH RUTH FAZAL 6:30pm in Church

Ruth is a Worship Leader, Violinist and Composer. She sees all that she does, whether playing her violin, singing or composing, to be a means of expressing the heart of God to His world. Ruth leads worship all over the world with the focus on intimacy with the Father through our Beloved Jesus. Ruth currently makes her home in Israel.



WANT TO JOIN IN?

We are fast-approaching that time of year when we conduct some of our official business and hold the church equivalent of an AGM (scheduled for 23 April). Some of the formalities include ensuring that our church membership list, called the electoral roll, is up to date.

Having your name on the roll gives you the opportunity to vote at the APCM, as well as stand for election to our leadership body, the PCC. It's by no means an absolute requirement to be a part of St John's. But as well as helping us gain a feel for our numbers, it's a good way to indicate your intent – that you wish to be viewed as someone with an appetite to partner in God's mission here.

So, if you've joined us more recently, or you didn't get round to it last year, we encourage you to submit an application form. You must be baptized, at least 16 years of age (or sixteen on your next birthday), and live in the parish, or have worshipped at St. John's for at least six months. Application forms will be available in church. Please return one either by putting it in the box in the church, or by giving it to Geoff Batten or Paul Kingman by Sunday, 26th March.



NEW WEBSITE

We hope you like the new website.

We've also set up a St John's Facebook page which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsWW/> We'll be using this to share a variety of news, encouragements, links and reminders about things going on.

Give it a visit and 'like' us.



MONDAY EVENING SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS Monday Evenings 8pm @ SJ's

Monday 13th March: Krupa and his wife and family and their ministry in Mumbai.

Monday 27th March: Specific prayer focus for Liz and Mike Jeggo and their family working with OMF in Japan.

There will also be the regular prayer meeting on **March 20th.**



STANDING FOR PCC

Every year, we refresh our leadership team. If you would like to help shape the direction of St John's in this capacity, then speak to Jon and he can let you know more of what's involved.



LINK TO HOPE WHISKYGINATHON Sat 29th April.

£25 for an interactive evening of at least 7 whiskys or gins with food. Raffle, games etc. Bring extra funds for extra fun. Limited tickets going fast. Talk to Milly if you are interested.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Liz & Mike Jeggo working with OMF in Japan & the Bishop's

Lent Call – our Mission Focus this month;

- Ruth as she prepares to lead worship on Sunday evening.
 - The Turner family following their recent bereavement
 - The PCC when they meet on the 25th to further refine our vision and priorities as a church.
 - The discussions we are trying to arrange with Vision Homes Ltd regarding the All Saints Land;
 - All those who act as Carers;
 - Pick a couple of your neighbours and commit to pray for them daily through Lent.
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NB JON will be on retreat on Thurs & Fri, 16th & 17th March.