

Christmas
Choir

Choir Rehearsals for the Carols by Candlelight service will be at Church at 8:00pm on 5th, 12th & 20th December. If you would like to join the choir please come along to the rehearsals. Speak to Becky Sowter for more information.



Buy your Christmas tree from Kings Christmas trees and all the profits go to the Jericho Road Project for their work with homeless people. Available to collect or have delivered. For more information see <https://www.kingschristmastrees.org/> or speak to Martin or Judy Bedford.

Gail Gee is doing a **sponsored walk** on the 3rd Dec!
See this website for more information:

https://england.shelter.org.uk/support_us/events/charity_challenge/sleep_walk/london
Please contact Gail if you would like to sponsor her (edenparkgees@sky.com)

Shelter

Vicar: Rev'd David Jones ☎ 8650 6110 ✉ david@stjohnsbeckenham.org (Day off - Friday)
Assoc. Vicar: Rev'd Scott Smith ☎ 8776 1251 ✉ scott@stjohnsbeckenham.org (Day off - Friday)
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(Office Hours: Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am - 5pm)
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(Office Hours: Weds 10am - 1pm and Fri 11am - 2pm)
The Office will be closed Tuesdays 9:15-10:15 due to the staff meeting

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News & Notices

**St. John's Church
Beckenham**

1st December 2019

A very warm welcome to you all, especially if you are new to St. John's or you are just visiting - we are delighted to have you with us. Refreshments will be served after the service so please stay and join us for coffee/tea.

Sunday 1st December

10:00 am All Age Worship
Messy Advent

Wednesday 4th December

11:15 am Holy Communion - Rev Scott Smith

Sunday 8th December

10:00 am Holy Communion - Rachel Winn
"Making Room for God"

Special Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



If you would like prayer today - please speak to the person leading the service who will find someone to pray with you.

What's on this week...

Monday 2nd December

2:00 pm Focus - Christmas Craft Afternoon

Tuesday 3rd December

10:00 am Ark

Wednesday 4th December

11:15 am Holy Communion

12:30 pm LINK

1:30 pm Art Group

2:00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities

Thursday 5th December

7:00 am Pray before the day begins

9:00 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Prayer Walk

8:00 pm Prayer Hour

Friday 6th December

5:00 pm Kingfishers

Christmas at St. John's Church

8th Dec at 10:00am	Morning Service with a theme of "Making Room for God"
15th Dec at 10:00am	Christmas Jumper Morning Service with a theme of "Invitations"
22nd Dec at 10:00am	Carols and Communion Service
22nd Dec at 6:30pm	Contemporary Carols by Candlelight
24th Dec at 4:00pm	Christmas Eve Family Service (Nativity and Messy Christingle)
24th Dec at 11:30pm	Midnight Communion
25th Dec at 10:00am	Christmas Day Family Service

See our Christmas flyer for more info



We need to ensure we have some first aiders in the church family. If you are currently a qualified first aider, and are willing to help should the need arise in the services, please could you let the church office know.

Volunteers Thank You Drinks and Nibbles

If you volunteer for any part of St John's Church life then please come for drinks and nibbles this Tuesday (3rd Dec) at 8pm in the Lounge. Sign up in Church or via this link: <https://stjohnsbeckenham.churchsuite.com/events/xshprmu6>

FUEL Prayer:

'Fuel' is our focussed, weekly, prayer day which happens every Thursday. See the diary (on the opposite page) for times of corporate prayer during the day.

Mission and Global engagement

Today we pray for the persecuted church in

Mauritania



Lord Jesus, protect our brothers and sisters in Mauritania from violence and false allegations. May the truth of Your Word shine through their lives in both their speech and their actions, that others may see Your love. Guard those converts from Islam who are especially vulnerable to persecution. Amen.

Community

Older people at home - retired people
People who live in North Drive

St John's Family

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| - Paul Allen | - Jim Cruse | - Maxine Johnson |
| - Joyce Foulger | - Nancy Day | - Martin Gannon |
| - Celeste Hitching | - Phyl Freeman | - Keith Harris |
| - Ron Jepp | - Margaret Mountford | - John Segal |
| - Paul, <i>brother-in-law of Colette Connor</i> | | |
| - Ella (<i>niece of a friend of Neil Peters</i>) <i>receiving ongoing chemotherapy</i> | | |
| - Trevor, <i>brother of Graham Mountford, currently receiving treatment for cancer</i> | | |

Margaret Mountford is back in the PRUH receiving further investigations. She is experiencing a lot of fatigue. Please keep praying for her, particularly that the doctors will be able to discover the right course of treatment for her.

Martin Gannon was diagnosed with multiple myeloma (incurable cancer of the bone marrow) in April this year. Following six cycles of chemotherapy, he is in complete remission. To keep him in remission for as long as possible he will be having a stem cell transplant, probably in December. He will be admitted to hospital for a period of 4 weeks while this takes place. Martin is very grateful to everyone for their prayers and support.

Keith and Jill Harris would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support whilst Keith has been having surgery. Keith is now awaiting chemo.