

Bible Reading Notes

If you want to read the Bible but don't know where to start or if you want a deeper understanding about what God is saying to you and to His church today why not try using Bible Reading Notes. Come and talk to Jenny and John in the Bookstall and we will find something that will suit you as there are publications for all ages. We will be ordering the January 2020 editions soon and if you pay for the year we will deduct 5% from the total.

Bishops' Letter: Bishop James and Bishop Simon have written a letter to encourage Church members to engage with Advent, Christmas and the General Election in a way that bears witness to the coming Kingdom of God. Read the letter on this webpage: <https://mailchi.mp/4fb8020570e8/message-from-the-bishops-on-the-general-election?e=6db4e767f7>

FOR INFORMATION: The Church has a new Data Management Programme which will house our data, bookings, events, rotas etc. It is called ChurchSuite and over the coming weeks we will be rolling this out. For more information please speak to David Jones. The new Contact List will be issued in the New Year.



Find out how you can help the local homeless at the **Volunteer and Information Training Morning** for the Penge homeless shelter next Saturday (23rd Nov) at Melvin Hall, Melvin Road, Penge, SE20 8EU. Tea/coffee at 8:45am for 9:00am start. There are lots of ways to help. Go along to the meeting to find out more.

Double pram/pushchair needed (to accommodate a newborn and an 18 month old) Can you donate to help a family in need? Speak to Linda De Freitas or Jacqui Proctor. Needed for late December. Could be the most welcome Christmas present you will give this Christmas!

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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

News & Notices

St. John's Church Beckenham

17th November 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 17th November

10:00 am **Holy Communion** - John Segal
Malachi 3:13-4:2a & Luke 21:5-19

3:30 pm



Messy Church with lots of crafts and activities suitable for families with younger children.

Wednesday 20th November

11:15 am **Holy Communion** - Roger Clarke

Sunday 24th November

10:00 am **Morning Worship** - Rev Scott Smith
Jeremiah 23:1-6 & Luke 23:33-43

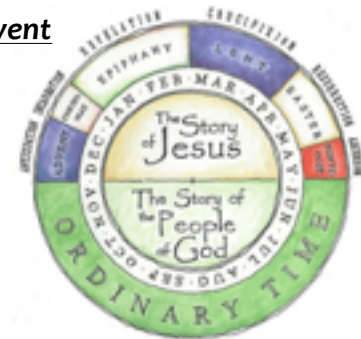
6:30 pm

Praise Evening

Arrive at 6:10 for tea/coffee.

Special Prayer for the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 18th November

1:00 pm Focus Lunch

Tuesday 19th November

10:00 am Ark

Wednesday 20th November

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 21st November

7:00 am Pray before the day begins

9:00 am Morning Prayer

10:00 am Prayer Walk

8:00 pm Prayer Hour

Friday 22nd November

5:00 pm Kingfishers

8:00 pm Women's Pudding, Fizz and Christmas Craft Evening

Women's Pudding, Fizz and Christmas Crafts Evening

Ladies, we would love you to join us for an evening of yummy puddings, a glass of fizz and the opportunity to partake in some Christmas Crafts. Here are the details:

When: Friday 22nd November at 8pm

Where: Church Meeting Room (middle hall)

Cost: £5.00 (pay on the evening)



Please feel free to invite family and friends, and make sure you sign up on the noticeboard in church (or let the church office know).

Newcomers Lunch - in the Lounge on 24th November at 12:00

If you've joined in the last 2 years, Dave and Scott and the team would love to meet with you. The lunch will be jacket potatoes with toppings.

Please sign up on the notice board or contact the office.



The Traidcraft stall will be open after the service next week (24th November). A chance to buy some Christmas Presents! Please speak to Judy Bedford for more information.

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

You are invited to attend Father Jeremy's induction as Area Dean. This will take place at Evensong at St Georges, Beckenham at 5:30pm on 24th November.

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

Turkmenistan



Lord God, thank you that people are turning to you in Turkmenistan. Strengthen those who, knowing the risks, have bravely chosen to put their faith in you. Help them to stay strong and persevere, even when the pressure is great. Protect them from harm and hold them secure in strong bonds of love and support from their new family in Christ. Amen.

Community

Homemakers - those caring for families at home
People who live in Merlin Grove

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, <i>currently in the PRUH</i> | |
| - Paul, <i>brother-in-law of Colette Connor</i> | - John Segal | |
| - 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> | | |

Do remember to pray for Rachel (and Adam) Winn as Rachel continues her training for Ordination. Rachel's placement at Bromley Parish Church will shortly be finishing, and we're looking forward to hearing Rachel preach when she's next with us on December 8th.

Family News: We are saddened to announce that Stan Elsey died on Wednesday 6th Nov. Please pray for Stan's four children and all the family at this time. A Thanksgiving service will be held here at St John's at 1:30pm on 25th November.

A HUGE 'Thank you' from John and Christine Wood to everyone who has prayed for their Granddaughter, Cara over the last year or so. In August Cara celebrated her first birthday. She is not expecting to require further surgery until sometime after her second birthday. We will let you know when that surgery is due. It's been clear that God's been miraculously involved as we've prayed, and so we give thanks to God for Cara and the family.



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