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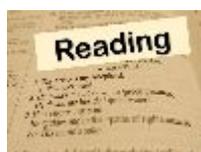
### **Your Sunday Service Link (10.30 am):**

Click on the church image above to join our 10:30am service on zoom from Sunday 10am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89481452808>

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**Sunday 15th May**  
**Resurrection People: Raising Doubts**  
**John 20:19-31**

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



### **Theme and readings for the weeks ahead.**

#### **Resurrection People.**

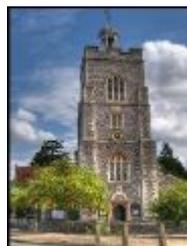
1st May - Restructuring Imagination - Luke 24:13-35

8th May - Resurrection Bodies - Luke 24:36-49

15th May - Raising Doubts - John 20:19-31

22nd May - Restoring Work - John 21:1-14 (AGM/APCM)

29th May - Ascension Sunday - Acts 1:1-11



### **St. John's Services Update**

Following the recent Government announcement of relaxation of some of the Covid measures, St. John's PCC reviewed, discussed and decided:

**Front Doors-** We are now using the main front doors as the weather is getting better.

**Face Masks** - This is now a personal choice. For those that wish to wear your mask you may prefer to sit at the back in the last rows, to help you feel more comfortable around those singing without a mask. However, you are equally free to sit anywhere you would like.

We will still have face masks available for those that wish to take them. We ask that you continue to be mindful to others.

**Space** - After a review on Wednesday 6th April We are trialling different ways for Holy Communion so that we can make full use of the church pews.

**Zoom-** Will continue.

**Testing prior to attending church-** Not now needed however if you feel unwell then please stay

home, you may wish to test if you have any of the coronavirus symptoms and connect via zoom.  
**Refreshments** - This is now up and running. For this to continue we really need more people to sign up for volunteering please see Nikki or Alan if you can help in anyway.



Greenpeace have launched [The Big Plastic Count](#) It's the biggest ever investigation into household waste, done by everyday people like you and I and we need you to be a part of it!

**All you have to do is count the plastic you use for a week in May (16th-22nd).** We need you to join thousands of others across the UK to count your pots, packets, wrappers, the lot. Together we'll uncover the truth about how much plastic we throw away and what happens to it, and prove bold action is needed by the government and supermarkets to fix their plastic problem. **Are you up for the challenge?**

It's simple enough to do – and if you sign up today we'll send you a **free counting pack** that gives you everything you need to take part. If you have already signed up, amazing - please spread the word and share with your friends, family, schools and community groups as we need as many people as possible taking part.

**[So what are you waiting for, join the 40,000 that have signed up already and join the Big Plastic Count!](#)** And as the video says – it doesn't matter how you count, it's the counting that counts!

[Join the Big Plastic Count](#)

On Saturday at 12noon lots of friends came to help put the Easter crafts on to the hedges that line the path to Coney Green as mentioned by Anne above.



Please include in your prayers;

**For Joyce Marshall**

Please pray for Joyce, Hughie and family at this time. Joyce is not expected to be with us much longer before she goes to be with God.

Joyce has a strong faith and is asking for your prayers for her, for husband Hughie and for the family at this time.

**For Those being Baptised at St John's**

14th May - Kacie Lou

*Dear God,*

*Please keep these children of yours safe and happy.*

*Surround them by your love,*

*guide their every step*

*with your wisdom and your grace.*

**Amen.**

**For our Wedding couple David and Edith**  
Who will be married at St John's on Saturday 21st May 2022.

Lord, we pray that as Edith and David  
get ready for their wedding day,  
not only would their love for each other grow stronger,  
but they would become more and more aware of your great love for them,  
**Amen**

**The ongoing situation in the Ukraine. For all those in fear, suffering, injured,  
bereaved, displaced.**

*O Lord our God,  
Your son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.  
in his resurrection he restores life and peace in all creation.  
Comfort we pray, all victims of intolerance  
and those oppressed by their fellow humans.  
Remember in your kingdom those who have died.  
Lead the oppressors towards compassion  
and give hope to the suffering.  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.***



**Alpha Course March/April 2022 7:15 for a 7:30pm start**

Alpha is an exciting opportunity to come together as a group and discuss all things faith, life and what is the meaning of it all!

This will be an 8-week course with the opportunity for confirmation at the end. running every Wednesday from 30th March-May 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start.

It is perfect for everyone, from someone who knows their Bible word for word to those that want to explore. You do not need to know anything to come along.

Alpha is a great place to start and explore whilst making new connections with others who have questions just like you!

There will also be refreshments and snacks available.



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be taking place at 10:30am on **22nd May 2022** this year. At this meeting we will be electing 2 Churchwarden's, 3 representatives to the Deanery Synod and 12 members for the PCC. If you are interested in standing please speak to Alan or Nikki. Application forms are available at the back of

Church.

The Annual report will be sent and printed copies available in the next few days.

The Electoral roll is now up on the notice board please check that you name is on the document and report any errors to Nikki. We also have pink application forms for the Electoral roll at the back of Church for those that wish to join.



The ever-popular Stardust Big Band has started using St John's Church as their regular practice venue every Sunday evening and they have offered to do a concert for us in aid of church funds. Tickets will be available on the door for £10 each.

**Sunday 22nd May 2022** 6pm at St. John's Hillingdon

Concert by Stardust Big Band in aid of Church funds.

Tickets £10 on the door, Offers: 3 for the price of 2 Under 14's free.

Please tell your friends, neighbours, work-colleagues, etc. as the more people we can encourage to come along the more that will be raised for the on-going ministry of our church.

To give you a flavour of their music the attached link will take you to a very clever composite video of the band performing together (virtually) during the Covid pandemic lockdowns!

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If you are able, please print out this poster [click here](#) and display it somewhere.



Looking Ahead....

**Sunday 15th May** 9am Service, 10:30am Service. 1pm

**Monday** - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, 12noon Jazz, Private Prayer. 8pm Bellringing Practice, 8pm Mandolin Monday.

**Tuesday**- 9am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band.

**Wednesday** - 9:15am Nikki Office, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm Knitting Group. 7:15pm Alpha Course

**Thursday**- 9:15am Nikki Office, 9:30am Church hire, 12noon Jazz

**Friday** - 10am Let's Go, 12noon Jazz.

**Saturday** - 11am- 4pm Music Tuition- Grundon Room. 12:30pm Wedding.

**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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