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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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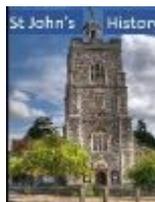
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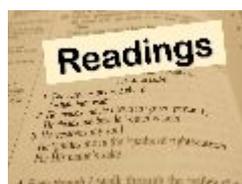


We are continuing our tour of St. Johns after looking at our brasses we are now looking at the gravestones set into the floor at St John's.
On the floor of the North Aisle, there is large black gravestone marking the place where Richard Pope is buried.

Richard died on November 16th 1651, so it's pretty amazing that we can still read the inscription, given the number of feet that have walked over this gravestone stone over the centuries. He left a widow and one daughter. The inscription reads:

"tho' dead yet he lives in ye good name he hath left behind, sending forth it sweet savour like a precious ointment...his spirit lives with God in sweetest rest".

Richard Pope is described as a yeoman which in English history which was the word used to describe someone in the class between the gentry and labourers. A yeoman was usually a landowner. There are other people with the name Pope buried in the churchyard, they lived at Philpott's Farm (the land between Pield Heath Road and Yiewsley), perhaps they were all part of the same family.



Reading for Sunday 18th February 2024
Theme: Take the High Road: Fruits
Reading: Mark1:40-45

40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

41 Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"

42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. 43 Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning:

44 "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

45 Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Readings for Sunday 25th February 2024

Theme: Take the High Road: Growing Up!

Readings: Mark2: 1-12

2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them.

4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralysed man was lying on.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,

7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"

9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic,

11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



Taking part in The Big Plastic Count is really easy. Here's a reminder of what you need to do:

1. **Register:** Get your free counting pack (digital or via post) which includes everything you need to take part
2. **Get Counting:** Count all your plastic waste from 11-17 March
3. **Submit Results:** Submit your data via our website by 31 March

4. **Get Your Footprint:** Discover your plastic footprint and use the results to make a difference!

You can do this as an individual, Family, Group or organisation!

[REGISTER NOW](#)



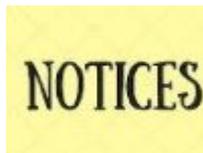
Please include in your prayers;

For all those Living in fear, suffering, injured, bereaved, displaced, caught up in tragedy and disaster around the world.

For those that are in need Beryl Rowles, Marigold Marsh, Bill White, Gervase Craven, Joyce & Hughie Marshall.

For our PCC Trustees who will be meeting on Tuesday 20th February 2024.

For the family and friends of the late Ada Cox whose ashes will be buried in the Garden of Remembrance on Thursday 22nd February at 11am.



Uxbridge Odeon is showing two Christian films in February

The Chosen is a major new drama series which has now reached the mid-point of Jesus' ministry.

"The best film about Jesus that I've ever seen" - Nicky Gumbel

Season 4 - episodes 3 to 5

will then be showing at cinemas on Thurs. 15th February only.

Season 4 - episodes 6 to 8

will be showing at cinemas on Thurs. 29th February.

For details and to book go to:

thechosentv.co.uk

Ordinary Angels (PG)

is opening in cinemas nationwide on **Friday 23rd February**.

For details and the trailer google:

ordinaryangels.movie

Cinema venues have still to be finalised for *Ordinary Angels* but it is likely to be opening very

widely.

Please check your cinema website on Wed. 14th February.



LENT COURSE

Join us for our Lent Course

'The Cross - the Greatest Hope of All'

on **21st February, 28th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March** at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings in church

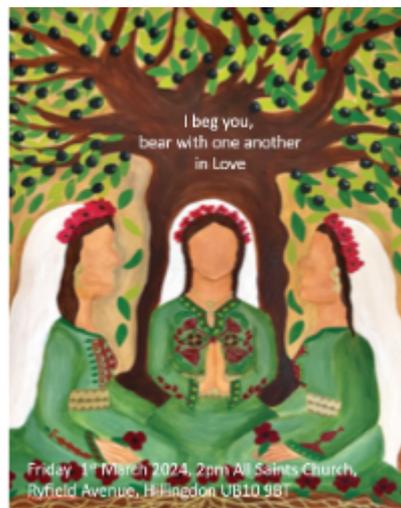


Cleaning St John's

The next big clean will take place on 17th Feb at 9:30am all cleaning supplies will be provided.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend on 17th and have some free time during the week please contact Nikki

or use the laminate sheet in the kitchen to look at what area/s may need some attention (Please do record what area you clean so that others are aware)



World Day of Prayer 2024

This year the service has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, ministered and died, where the Christian faith began and is rooted.

Friday 1st March 2024

The service for our area will be held at:
2pm- All Saints Church, Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon. UB10 9BT.
Our representative for St John's is Carol Williams.



EASTER PROJECT

It's time to get creative!

If you are able to crochet, knit or sew, please help by making some flowers, butterflies, bumble bees, etc for our Easter Project.

The handmade items will be put along the footpath for the local community at Easter, but we need to start making and getting creative now. Thank you.

For more information, please see Anne





Uxbridge Church Men's Group meet Thursday evenings in The Good Yarn Uxbridge at 8:30pm. On the Third Thursday of February (15th) the group will be meeting a little closer to St. John's at The Red Lion, Hillingdon from 8:30pm. Please see Adrian for more details.



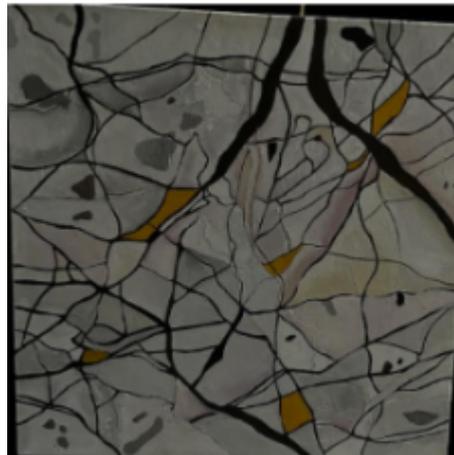
For the next few weeks we need your support. Please could we ask you to add one or two extra non perishable items to your weekly shop.

We will have a plastic box available as you come into church for you to drop off your donations.

Items we are asking for are:

Canned/tinned goods, Jars of cooking sauces, Pasta, Rice, long life milk, juice, biscuits etc

Thank you very much any support you can give will be greatly appreciated.



Please take a look at a new piece of Art that Chris Rodrigues has placed in the church by the coffee area. This piece is called:

'Mapping Winter'

Acrylic on canvas

Inspired from looking at the patterns on tree branches against a winter sky.

Nature provides an ever changing view.

A cycle of growth, preparing in winter for the new growth of spring.



Volunteering at St. John's

We are always looking for volunteers at St John's if you would like to help out, please speak to Nikki. No matter how small even 30 mins can make a huge difference. We are especially looking for individuals to help with our refreshments on Sundays at St. John's.



PALM SUNDAY
24th March

10:30am
at St John's Church

www.stjohnshillingdon.org.uk



'THE LAST SUPPER EXPERIENCE'

Join us as we share a meal together whilst exploring the relevance of the Passover and the significance of the Last Supper

at 8pm

on **Maundy Thursday 28th March** at St John's Church

to book your place at the meal, please contact Nikki or Anne by 20th March - thank you

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'THE WATCH'

Maundy Thursday 28th March

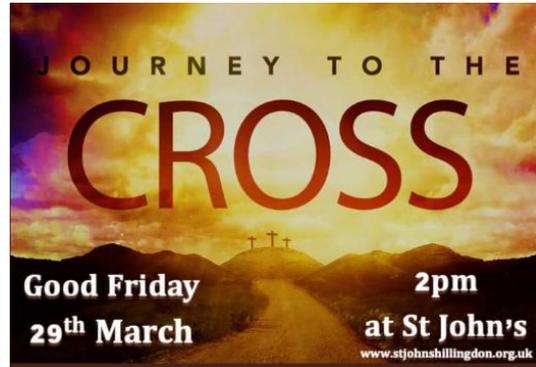
drop in between 10pm - midnight

in St John's Church

time to pray, read the Bible, light a candle, with opportunity for creative prayer, please feel free to bring your Journal, Bible, prayer book or drawing things ...

come sit awhile and keep 'The Watch'

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JOURNEY TO THE
CROSS

Good Friday
29th March

2pm
at St John's

www.stjohnshillingdon.org.uk



Easter

Sunday 31st March
10:30am

(remember the clocks go forward one hour!)

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St John's Prayer

Father God Almighty, we love you for your Majesty.

We are truly sorry for our thoughtless actions and deeds.

We ask for you to share your wisdom with us and grant us healing, peace and the ability to forgive, however hard it may be.

We promise to listen for you. We will sacrifice for others and accept your desire for us.

Thank you, God for the joy of your love. Amen



Looking Ahead....

Sunday 18th- 10:30am Service,

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, Private Prayer, 8pm Bellringing Practice.

Tuesday - 9:15am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band, 7:30pm PCC Meeting.

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 10am Church Hire, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm Knitting
7:30pm Lent Course.

Thursday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 11am Burial of Ashes, 12noon Jazz,

Friday - 9:15am Private Prayer, 10am Let's Go, 12noon Jazz.

Saturday - 11:30am Music Tuition- Grundon Room.

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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.

CHEQUES

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Hillingdon Parochial Church Council

St. John's Church

Royal Lane

Uxbridge

UB8 3QP

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Set up a Standing Order with your bank or
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Uxbridge, UB8 1JX

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Account No: 20465615

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