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The Online Link St. John's Hillingdon



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St. John's: Heart for the Community!

Building Phases

This year we are applying for grants as we look to repair, restore, renew and refresh our building and make it fit for purpose for the next phase of its life in serving our communities. We are also incorporating plans to move towards Net Zero Carbon targets.

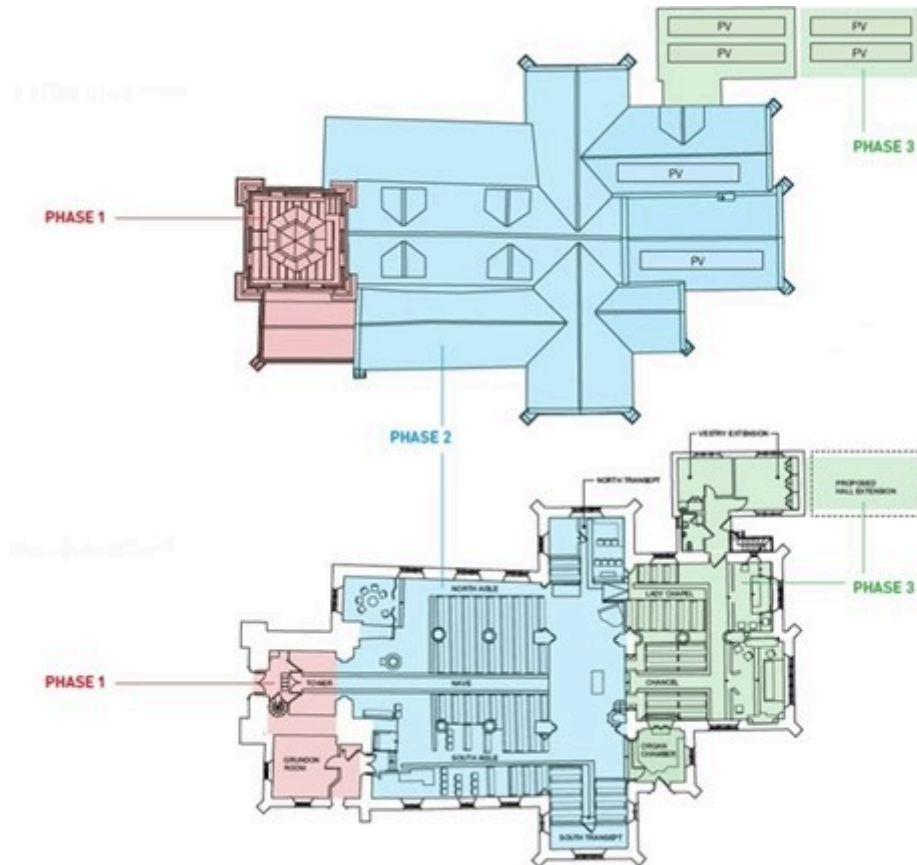
The proposed building phases are outlined for you in the diagram below where:

Phase 1 (Red) : Tower, Cupola, Grundon Room

Phase 2 (Blue): Main Roofs, Roof Insulation, Underfloor Heating, New Lighting, Repair of Monuments etc

Phase 3 (Green): New Extension for New Toilets, Small Kitchen, New Meeting Room, piping of services into main church, Heat Source Pump

Note: PV = Solar Panels, just suggestions of possible locations.



Our Quantity Surveyor estimated the costs in 2023 as:

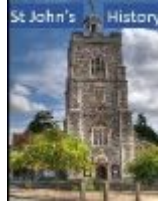
Phase 1	£0.7million
Phase 2	£2.0 million
Phase 3	£1.0 million
Total	£3.7million

These costs do not include everything. If we are awarded a grant for all of the works from English Heritage, we would have to find 10% of the costs. So, if the total cost was £4m, we would need to raise as a church and within the community a total of £400,000.

The vision is not for the building, it is for the people that use, and will use, the building. The building is important but this is a means to an end, not the end itself. So the building, as always, is a resource for our mission and ministry with people.

The Project Team would welcome any questions or comment. Please email the office if you have

any communication. Going forward, further information for your interest and involvement will be communicated at Church and here through The Online Link. *Alan Bradford*

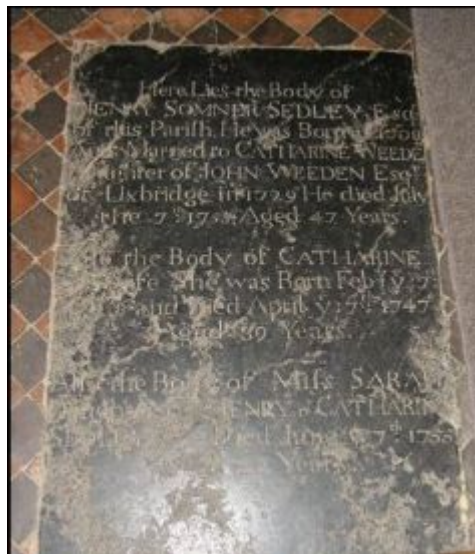


We are continuing our tour of St. Johns after looking at our brasses we are now looking at the gravestones set into the floor at St John's.

There is a large black grave stone on the floor which is not in a very good condition and it's hard to read. Thankfully we have the transcript of the wording from the survey completed a few years ago by the Middlesex Family History Society.

The grave belongs to Henry Somner Sedley who was born in 1708 and died in 7th July 1755 aged 47. His wife Catharine (nee Weeden) is buried with him and she died in 1747 and also their daughter Sarah who died in 1755 aged 22, just one month before her father. Parish registers from this time provide very little information other than a name, age and date of burial, no details of cause of death or even home address is given, although from Henry's will he owned land in Cowley, Hillingdon Uxbridge and Ickenham, so possibly he was a farmer.

Having been widowed in 1747, Henry married again in January 1749 to Elizabeth Clarke, a widow, and the ceremony took place at St Laurence Cowley.



Get Me to the Church on Time!

Did you know...? On 27th March 1954 (Easter Saturday) 11 Weddings took place at St. John's! Between 11:30am-5pm. Each ceremony took half an hour, and not one bride was late!

Big Thank you to Ken Pearce who very kindly sent this fantastic piece of information to us.

This information sparked my interest so I instantly searched the records, hoping to find out how the Vicar had time for tea? It would appear that Father Frank Tyler did officiate most of the weddings but had some help half way through by an assisting Priest, perhaps a stop for some much needed lunch.

I have a picture in my mind of lots of guests lining up outside discussing which wedding they were attending. Perhaps some guests even attended the wrong wedding!

This must have taken so much planning to achieve. I wonder if the wedding couples got together to discuss colour schemes and whether they all chipped in for the flowers?



Reading for Sunday 17th March 2024

Theme: Lent 5: Be Spiritually Alert

Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-18

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
- 11 Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- 13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
- 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,
- 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
- 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.



Reading for Sunday 24th March 2024

Theme: Palm Sunday "The Road to Victory!"

Reading: Mark 11: 1-11

- As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples,
- 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no-one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.
 - 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"
 - 4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it,
 - 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"
 - 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.
 - 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



Readings for Sunday 31st March 2024

Theme: Easter Sunday "Victory!"

Readings: Acts10:34-43 & Mark16:1-8

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism
35 but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace
through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

37 You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that
John preached—

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around
doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They
killed him by hanging him on a tree,

40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God
appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of
sins through his name."

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought
spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb

3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right
side, and they were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He
has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see
him, just as he told you.' "

8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.



Earth Hour 2024 takes place on Saturday 23rd March at 8:30pm.

The WWF has been running Earth Hour since 2007.

It is a time when we can show support and dedication to caring for the planet by switching off your lights and other non essential electricity for 60mins starting at 8:30pm on Saturday 23rd March 2024.

Many Landmarks participate in this event especially in London.

This Year the WWF is encouraging people to go one step further for 2024 and give 60mins of their time to doing something positive for the planet. Planting a tree, going litter picking, cooking a sustainable meal are among many suggestions. [Click Here](#) to find further information.

MARCH -Celebrate Spring.

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season

– breathe in the fragrance of blossoms

- observe budding catkins

- note different bird songs

- spot footprints

- or use the Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers

- Nature can boost our happiness

- so spend time in your garden

- on your balcony, and in local green spaces.

Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with our Lent resources at arochoa.org.uk/ connect-with-gods-creation-overlent/ "It is not by arguing well that anyone will change the world but rather by speaking differently"

Language and the stories we tell share our worldviews. So when the dominant worldview is wreaking havoc across and upon the Earth, is it not time for us to reconsider the language we use and the stories we live by?

When we speak of 'Nature', or 'the natural world', are we speaking in a way that forgets we are Nature and we are part of the natural world? Are we not enacting the story of separation with those utterances? And whilst the 'more-than-human world' elevates the position of the non-human, are we not still placing humans at the centre of the story and continuing to other and separate? What would it look like to speak instead of 'our fellow Earth kin'?

When we use terms such as 'environmental crisis', it can seem like the crisis is some abstract process or story taking place somewhere out there, rather than something that affects us all.

Would it be more evocative, effective and accurate to call it 'the crisis afflicting our wellbeing and future and that of our home, planet Earth'? Or 'the crisis caused by our cultures that are rooted in stories of separation, oppression, perpetual progress and extraction'?

Hardly rolls off the tongue, does it? And would that not be a problem in a relentlessly paced world where brevity and sound bites have become the kings of communication? Perhaps not. After all, do our relationships with the Earth and our kin not need more

Words from Resurgence Trust magazine



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 & Linda White, Jacquelyn Wright, Gervase Craven, Ken Buckler, Joyce & Hughie Marshall.



All Stars Special For Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2024 -Friday 15th March from 3:30pm onwards

Calling all families with children please join us for an afternoon and early evening of fun and laughter to help raise funds for Comic Relief Red Nose Day.

Each child will take part in an evening of up to 25 fun and challenging events for building confidence, communication skills, faith and to have fun.

A nutritious meal will be provided.

If you would like to sponsor a child please fill in the sponsor forms at the back of church and place in the Red Post box at the back of church.



Cleaning St John's

The next big clean will take place on 16th March 2024 at 9:30am all cleaning supplies will be provided.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend on 16th 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)



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

We will need help placing all the beautiful creations onto the hedges on Saturday 30th March 2024 at 12noon. so if you are available please do come along.



"THE LAST SUPPER EXPERIENCE"

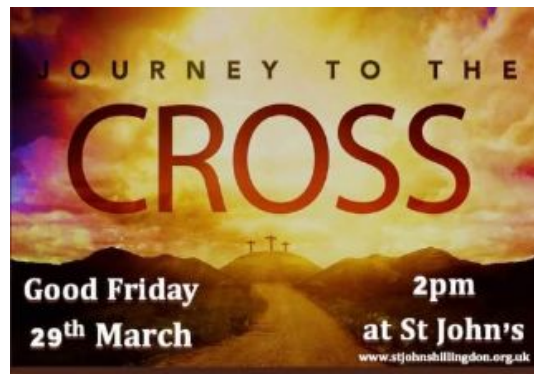
Join us as we
share a meal together
whilst exploring
the relevance of the Passover and
the significance of the Last Supper

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

www.stjohnshillagden.org.uk



Walk of Witness

Good Friday, March 29th 2024



10.30 am Walk commences at Crescent Parade (opposite BP garage)

Stopping at:

- St Bernadette's RC (approx 10.40)
- North Hillingdon Methodist (approx 10.53)
- All Saints Anglican (approx 11.03)

And ends with a short service at Hillingdon Circus.

Teas and coffees will be served afterwards in the All Saints Church Large Hall.

Please do join us if you can!



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

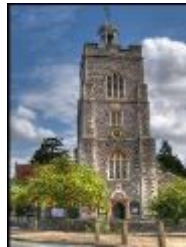
Thank you very much any support you can give will be greatly appreciated.



Please take a look at a new piece of Art that Chris Rodrigues has placed in the church by the coffee area. These pieces are titled:


'The World Beneath our Feet' & 'What Lies Underfoot'

The art works here are about our connection or lack of it with the Earth. Chris created them following an idea or thought about the life that may be living with us in the soil and the plants and maybe other creatures that are beneath our feet unseen.



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.



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 17th- 10:30am Service.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, Private Prayer, 7pm Mandolin Monday, 8pm Bellingring Practice.

Tuesday - 9:15am Hillingdon Primary school Easter Visit, 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band.

Wednesday - 9:15am Hillingdon Primary School Easter Visit, 10am Church Hire, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm Knitting 7:30pm Lent Course.

Thursday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 12noon Jazz.

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

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

Sunday 24th - 10:30am Service Palm Sunday.

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Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 10am Church Hire, 12noon Words & Music Service, 1pm Knitting.

Thursday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 12noon Jazz, 8pm Last Supper Experience, 10pm The Watch.

Friday - 9:15am Private Prayer, 2pm Journey to The Cross.

Saturday - 11:30am Music Tuition - Grundon Room, 12noon Knitted creations up on the hedges.

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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.

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