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Walking over to church the other afternoon, every person I saw on my way was wearing either headphones or earbuds, connecting them by wire or Bluetooth to their mobile phone. As we passed each other by, I wondered what they were listening to, and if it was music or a

podcast?

In our lives, we can choose what we listen to, and what we listen to has an influence on us and on our lives.

It's interesting how times have changed, and how technology has developed. With our phones today, we can take them with us wherever we go, we can be connected to each other and to various apps. We can have the voices of others with us, accompanying us in our daily lives.

So I wonder, what is on your playlist? Do you listen to music or podcasts as you go about your day?

There are some great podcasts that can encourage us in our faith, and some that can help with Bible reading. There is a great variety of music to inspire and accompany us in times of praising or worshipping God.

One song I often use as a prayer is called 'Heaven's Symphony' by George Mhondera (I'll put the lyrics below). The words are about drowning out other noises, and to just listen to God's voice.

So how can we listen to God? Well, listening to anyone requires an intention to hear and to take in what they are saying. We can listen to God in times of quiet or being still, and as we pray or read the Bible. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us to hear God's voice.

But we don't need to limit our listening to God to just at specific times. As we go about our daily lives, we can keep that connection with God, and keep listening to him. We just need to be willing and available to let God speak into our lives, and for us to keep listening to him. It's like having spiritual headphones or earbuds on, and being connected to God as we listen to his voice. The more we listen to God, the more we will hear what he is saying to us, and the more we will let him speak into our daily lives. Anne

'Heaven's Symphony' by George Mhondera

Drown out the noise
I just want Your voice
Speak to me
God, I'm listening

Be still, my soul
I wanna hear You alone
Speak to me
God, I'm listening

Come sing over me
Heaven's symphony
I wanna hear You speak
I'm listening

Make Your heart for me
My favourite melody
Come sing over me
God, I'm listening

Help me to know
That You're in control
You know everything
Be my everything

Lead where I go
Down every road
Speak to me
God, I'm listening

Come sing over me
Heaven's symphony
I wanna hear You speak
I'm listening

Make Your heart for me
My favourite melody
Come sing over me
God, I'm listening

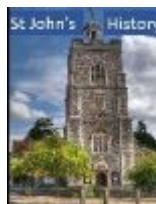
Come be the loudest voice I hear
Drown out the noise
Drown out the noise
Louder than every shame or fear
Drown out the noise
I just want Your voice

Come sing over me
Heaven's symphony
I wanna hear You speak
I'm listening

Make Your heart for me
My favourite melody
Come sing over me
God, I'm listening

Come sing over me
Heaven's symphony
I wanna hear You speak
I'm listening

Make Your heart for me
My favourite melody
Come sing over me
God, I'm listening
Oh, God, I'm listening
God, I'm listening



Munsey's Porch

For the final article on the tombs in church, we now come to a tomb which you cannot see but lies underneath the carpet by the Grundon Room door. It has the following inscription:

Here resteth the body of William Munsaugh (alias Munsey) Gentleman who was a constant and zealous lover of God's worship and minister. Who in his life was liberal to the poor and at his death gave ten pounds towards a stock for them, and who (among his many other public good works) erected this church porch for ye com'on benefit of ye inhabitants of this parish.

He died in the 79th year of his age on ye 4 th February 1655.

The porch which is referred to would have been where the Grundon Room and lobby are now. The porch of a church was more than just a shelter from the rain. Various church rituals and customs took place there, including the start of baptism services, reading of banns, and a now defunct ritual known as "churching" marking the return of a women to the congregation after childbirth.

According to British History Online, Rabbs Farm from 1594 until 1714 was farmed by members of the Munsaugh family. Rabbs Farm was in Yiewsley and there is now a school bearing that name standing on the previous farm land.

Unfortunately we don't have a photo of the tombstone, if the carpet gets replaced at some point, please could someone remember to take a photo? *Christine Bartlett*



Reading for Sunday 16th June 2024- Fathers Day.

Theme: SENT **Title:** Sent Securely

Reading: Galatians 3:26 & 4:4-7

²⁶ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,

⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Reading for Sunday 23rd June 2024

Theme: SENT **Title:** Sent from a Body

Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

¹² Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him

use it in proportion to his faith.

⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;

⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Reading for Sunday 30th June 2024

Theme: SENT Title: Sent to Baptise

Reading: Mark 16: 15-20

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.

²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.



Themes and Readings for June 2024

2nd June - Title: A God - Breathed Penetrating Sword. Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

9th June- Theme: SENT Title: Sent by the Sent One. Reading: John 1:1-18

16th June-Father's Day Theme: SENT Title: Sent Securely Reading: Galatians 3:26 & 4: 4-7

23rd June- Theme: SENT Title: Sent from a Body Reading: Romans 12:1-8

30th June- Theme: SENT Title: Sent to Baptise Reading: Mark16:15-20

7th July - Theme: SENT Title: Sent with Authority Reading: Luke 9: 1-6

14th July- Theme: SENT Title: Sent in Power Reading: Acts 1:1-8

21st July- Theme: SENT Title: Where the Spirit is at Work Reading: John16:8-11

28th July- Theme: SENT Title: Sent to Bless Reading: Matthew 5:13-16



Join 30 Days Wild

One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it!

The Wildlife Trusts' 30 Days Wild Challenge is a great opportunity to engage with nature as an individual, household or as a church community throughout June. **Find some wild ideas at** wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild



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, Bill & Linda White, Gervase Craven, Joyce & Hughie Marshall.

For the Baptism of -Father Ken Buckler's Daughter in Law April and Grandson Edward whose Baptism will be taking place at St. John's on Sunday 23rd June at 1pm

For the family and friends of Sandra whose funeral service will be held at St. John's on Tuesday 25th June at 2pm

For all who being baptised on 30th June Eddie, Melanie, Matthew & Sanjay.



Do you have or know anyone who has a good in working order petrol or electric lawnmower that they no longer want or need and are looking to rehome to free up some valuable space. The churchyard gardening team are looking for a used but loved petrol or electric lawnmower, as one of the lawnmowers is sadly getting to the point that it can no longer be repaired.

We could purchase a new lawnmower but due to the sheer size of the churchyard grounds (example: mowing the grass in the churchyard takes 11hours!) and the amount of hard ground and stones the churchyard team felt a used one would be more beneficial and easy to deal with the conditions than a new one.

If you do know someone or have one please let Nikki in the office know.



London Ambulance Service

We are delighted to share with you that the Hillingdon branch of the London Ambulance Service will be using St. John's every Monday from 3rd June- 29th July 2024 timings will be 10am-3pm for much needed training. This will not affect the Monday activities at St. John's we will still be open for Gardening and private prayer.

The London Ambulance Team have offered us some basic first aid training after their training has finished if you would be interested please contact Nikki in the office for more information.



On Sunday 30th June 2024 during our 10:30am Service, we welcome you all to witness the full immersion baptism of Eddie, Melanie, Matthew & Sanjay.



St. John's will once again be used as a polling station for the Parliamentary General Election taking place on Thursday 4 July 2024. This will mean that the usual activities will not be taking place on this date and the church will not be available for hire.



Cleaning St John's

The next big clean will take place on Saturday 13th July 2024 at 9:30am all cleaning supplies will be provided.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend on 13th 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)



We have some exciting news to share with you we will be holding a Family Fortunes & Friends event on:

Saturday 13th July 2024 at: 6pm

This is a Free admission event with an opportunity for those attending to donate equally to two great local charities St. John's Church and Mind in Hillingdon.

For this event to be a success we will need 4 teams of 5 people to compete and a large cheering audience.

There will be a 15 min interval halfway through to grab a soft drink and nibbles or you can bring your own.

If you would like to take part please place a note in the Red Box or sign up at the back of church. For more information please speak to Brenda Thomas.

Artwork at St John's

It has been great to be able to display my artwork at church and share it with everyone.

The paintings that are on display just now were painted while I was on holiday, staying in a beach chalet in Pagham, West Sussex which has a fantastic view of the sea. The building was made from a railway carriage as were many other holiday homes in that area.

We had family holidays in Pagham when I was primary school age, later, I stayed there with my Mum and dog Tess and in recent years by myself with my dog Flossy.


The landscape is always changing, with the movement of sea and patterns created by the shingle and pebbles. It is an area noted for its bird life, including Curlews, Egrets and Terns.

When I put the two pictures up on the screens I noticed the reflection of the stained glass windows in each one which felt that they were in the right place. *Chris Rodrigues*



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 16th 10:30am Service.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, 10am London Ambulance Training, Private Prayer, 7pm Mandolin Monday, 8pm Bellingring Practice.

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

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki office, 10am WE Group, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm Knitting,

7:30pm Life Group.

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

Friday - 9am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz.

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

Sunday 23rd- 10:30am Service, 1pm Baptism of Edward and April.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, 10am London Ambulance Training, Private Prayer, 7pm Mandolin Monday Hire, 8pm Bellringing Practice.

Tuesday - 9:15am Private Prayer, 2pm Funeral, 7:30pm Accordion Band.

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 10am WE Group, 12noon Words & Music Service, 1pm Knitting, 7:30pm Life Group.

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

Friday - 9am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 7:45pm Bellringers District Practice.

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

Sunday 30th- 10:30am Service, Baptisms by Full Immersion.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, 10am London Ambulance Training, Private Prayer, 7pm Mandolin Monday Hire, 8pm Bellringing Practice.

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

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 10am WE Group, 12noon Words & Music Service, 1pm Knitting, 7:30pm Life Group.

Thursday - Church closed for use as Polling Station 7am-10pm.

Friday - 10am Let's Go -Teddy Bears Picnic, 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Bellringers.

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

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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