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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
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I Can Only Imagine

Have you seen the reels on social media showing what they call the '9 types of Christians when they get to meet Jesus'? The reel is made up of clips from the series 'The Chosen'. One of the

reels has the soundtrack 'I Could Only Imagine' by MercyMe.

At the end of the reel, there is the question, "which one are you?".

The '9 types' are:-

- 1 – the 'Normal' One, who gives Jesus a hug as if they see him all the time.
- 2 – the One that will 'bombard' Jesus with hugs, and with great enthusiasm.
- 3 – the 'Fancy' One, with the hug and a kiss on each cheek.
- 4 – the One that will immediately start to 'bawl' their eyes out, sobbing as they cling to Jesus.
- 5 – the 'Aggressive' One, who rushes to Jesus, almost knocking him over and then picks him up, swinging him round in excitement.
- 6 – the One that will start 'babbling' about everything, pouring out all the things they have wanted to say to Jesus.
- 7 – the One that 'can't believe their eyes' and needs to hug to be able to believe that they are finally with Jesus, as their tears silently fall and they hold on to Jesus.
- 8 – the One that has been 'waiting' all their life for this moment, who runs straight into the open arms of Jesus.
- 9 – the One that just 'stares' in amazement, their hug delayed as they gaze in awe.

It made me think about how will I be and what will I feel. I thought about which of the numbers might be the most apt for me. Yes numbers – I think it might be a mixture of a few of them!

I have also asked a few people which number(s) they think they might be.

It is interesting for us to think how we might be when that time comes. But one thing we know for sure is just what a joyous occasion it will be, to finally come face-to-face with Jesus.

Of course, you might feel that none of these will be your reaction, which is OK as it is not a serious typecasting. I am sure there will be many other reactions when this moment happens.

But can I ask you which one you think that you might be?

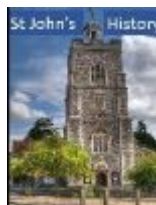
Then, when you have your answer, I want to ask you if this has an impact on how you are living and on your faith? Sometimes, we get so busy living our lives that we forget to think of the destination in this journey of life. When we know who is waiting to greet us at our destination, does that have an impact on how we journey and how we live our lives day-to-day?

As the soundtrack lyrics say, "I can only imagine what it will be like ... when your face is before me ... Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel?"

We can only imagine, but we have a known God who loves us, and we know that Jesus will be there waiting for us with his arms outstretched, ready to scoop us up into his loving embrace.

Anne x

<https://youtube.com/shorts/aN8ziyJeu0k?si=FVj6SihBqB5Xh4T5>



Tour around the Monuments

As you enter St John's by the main west door, the first monument you come to on the left is that of Sir William Saltonstall Wiseman and his wife Elizabeth. It's high up on the wall but lower down you will see another stone that marks the entrance to the Wiseman vault.

Sir William was born on 5th March 1784; and died on 1st July 1845, at Hillingdon End Uxbridge.

He entered the Navy on the 30th July 1797 (aged just 13 years old!) on board the HMS WARRIOR 74, which was a 74 gun third rate ship, employed in the North and Mediterranean Seas. It would appear that he had a successful career in the Royal Navy and by 1811 he was promoted to the rank of Commander. The Royal Navy at that time was busy taking control of key

locations to open up new markets for the British economy. Sir William was instrumental in the capture of Maldonado at the mouth of the River Plate near Buenos Aires. He Married his first wife Catherine in Baghdad in 1812. She died in 1822 and he married his second wife Elizabeth, who was the daughter of the Vicar of Cranfield in 1827. In his will he left all his property to his wife apart from hid telescopes and Turkish Sabre which he bequeathed to his son James. *Christine Bartlet*



Reading for Sunday 7th July 2024

Theme: SENT **Title:** Sent with Authority

Reading: Luke 9: 1-6

9 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,

2 and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

3 He told them: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic.

4 Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town.

5 If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them."

6 So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

Reading for Sunday 14th July 2024

Theme: SENT **Title:** Sent in Power

Reading: Acts 1: 1-8

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach

2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

5 For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

6 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own

authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



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**

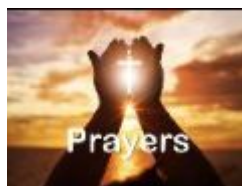
21st July- Theme: **SENT** Title: **Where the Spirit is at Work** Reading: **John16:8-11**

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



A Rocha Easy ECO Tip for July

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.



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 PCC who will be meeting on Tuesday 9th July 2024

For Mitchell and Katie who are getting married at St. Johns in September and having their banns read for the first time on Sunday 7th July.



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.



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.

Let's Go Teddy Bears' Picnic Friday 5th July

Let's Go at 10am
in Church
followed by the
picnic.

Bring your picnic
lunch & blanket.
Don't forget your
Teddy Bear!

(If it is sunny - bring
a sunhat & suncream.
If it is raining - we
will have our picnic in
church.)



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 7th 10:30am Service.

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

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

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

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

Friday - 9am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz.

Saturday - 11:30am Music Tuition- Grundon room, 6pm Family and Friends Fortunes Fund raising event.

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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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