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## The Online Link St. John's Hillingdon



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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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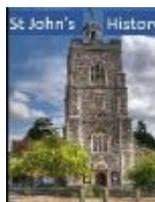
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#### **Tour around the Monuments**

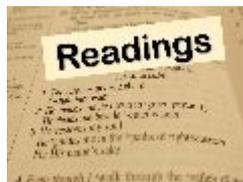
This week our tour continues so please imagine you are in church, you pass the font and turn left. You then turn left again and go up the steps into the Prayer Chapel.

Looking to your left, you will see a large, austere monument to William Tatton (1659-1736) and his granddaughter Elizabeth Flower (1741-1813). Both were buried at St John's but only Elizabeth is in the nearby vault. William was buried in the churchyard but the exact whereabouts are unknown. Caroline Flower (Elizabeth's niece) who dedicated the monument, clearly felt that both her ancestors were worthy of a memorial.

William Tatton was a trusted associate of John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough throughout the War of the Spanish Succession, and in April 1704 the Duke appointed him Colonel of the Horse Guards. In August 1704 he led the advance party for the Duke's bold dash to the River Danube, which led to the crushing defeat of the French and Bavarian forces at the Battle of Blenheim. After this victory, Tatton was made Colonel of a Foot Regiment, a post he held until 1708. After the war, the Army was involved in suppressing the Jacobite Rebellion of 1715, when William Tatton was responsible for bringing convicted rebels to London to be imprisoned. From 1725-1736 he was the Governor of Gravesend and Tilbury Fort, a tudor fortification protecting the River Thames.

Regarding his grand-daughter, Elizabeth Flower, I haven't been able to find out much about her. She lived in London but in her will she stated that she wished to be buried at St John's near her grandfather, even though he died before she was born. The dedication on her memorial describes "the suavity of her disposition, her mild and gentle manners, which preserved uninterrupted the friendships of her early years". She sounds a very lovely lady.

Surprisingly, Tilbury Fort is still standing and is managed by English Heritage.



### **Reading for Sunday 21st July 2024**

**Theme: SENT Title: Where the Spirit is at Work**

**Reading: John 16: 7-11**

<sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

<sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:

<sup>9</sup> in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

<sup>10</sup> in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

<sup>11</sup> and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

## **Reading for Sunday 28th July 2024**

**Theme: SENT Title: Sent to Bless**

**Reading: Matthew 5:13-16**

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.



## **Themes and Readings for June - July 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: John16:7-11**

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



## **Themes and Readings for August 2024**

**Series: Wisdom and Poetry**

**4th August- Title: Wisdom's Foundation Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7 & 3:1-8**

**11th August- Title: Wisdom's Legacy Reading: Psalm 127**

**18th August- Title Wisdom's Reflection Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 & 3:1-17**

**28th August- Title: Wisdom's Celebration of Right Relationships Reading: Song of Solomon 2:10-13 & 8:6-7**



### **A Rocha Easy ECO Tip for August**

Assist local wildlife during very hot weather. Provide hedgehogs with hedgehog biscuits (available at many pet stores and online) or dog biscuits (small/ crumbed) as their prey of slugs, snails and worms diminishes, and ensure a safe exit for them and other small mammals if you have a garden pond. Help garden birds by maintaining a filled bird bath and supplying supplementary food including black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins, currants, mealworms, waxworms, and a nutritious seed mixture, when natural supplies become scarce.

#### **Children's ECO Summer Holiday Activities:**

If you are lost with what to do with the children during the summer holiday's, try activities that entertain and also educate children about sustainability and caring for our planet.

1. Get into the Garden and plant with the children - Gardening teaches children about nature, responsibility and patience. You could set up your own rain water collection point to water your garden, teaching children to be resourceful. Build a Bug Hotel- using material like sticks, leaves and pine cones creating a little habitat for insects, encouraging biodiversity in your back garden. If you do not have a garden plant seeds in a pot indoors or go on a nature walk. Make a list with your child/Children of what they would like to see and you can tick them off. In Hillingdon we are lucky to have so many green spaces with wild flowers and trees.

2. Do a litter walk with your children at a local park. Turn cleaning to an adventure walk! It's a great way to teach environmental Stewardship. Investigate if there are any locally organised litter clean ups happening beforehand. If not make sure you have gloves and talk to your children about what they can and cannot pick up.

3. Go for a bike ride explore the many local bike trails in Hillingdon.



#### **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 family and friends of** Vanessa Coughlan whose funeral service will be taking place at St. John's on Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 1pm.

**For** Mitchell and Katie who are getting married at St. Johns in September and having their banns read for the last time on Sunday 21st July.

# NOTICES



Join me, Chris Rodrigues, for a creative afternoon in August at St Johns:

A time for those of you with an interest in art and craft to get together and perhaps try something new or work on your own project.

-Try a simple printmaking technique to produce a single image using everyday objects, natural materials, card and tape.

**Printing on either Friday 16th or Sunday 18th August 2024. 2pm-4pm**

-Drawing inside and outside. Bring your sketchbook and any favourite materials to create work in response to the space inside or outside St John's Church.

**Drawing on either Tuesday 27th or Saturday 24th August 2024. 2-4pm**

If you would like to come along please add your name to the sheet in church, choosing your preferred date, speak to me or you can send an email to [chriskyrod@gmail.com](mailto:chriskyrod@gmail.com)

Please see images as examples below.





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.



#### **Cleaning St John's**

The next big clean will take place on Saturday 10th August 2024 at 9:30am all cleaning supplies will be provided.

**If you would like to help but are unable to attend on 10th 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)



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our FUN!d Raising Family & Friends Fortunes evening which took place on Saturday 13th July 2024.

The teams were amazing and the overall winners were Carol, Gail, Ursulyn, Caroline and Pat well done to you and all our teams that took part.

The evening was full of fun, laughter and raising money for two amazing charities. Mind in Hillingdon & St. John's.

Thank you to everyone who donated. **We raised a total of £231.50**

Hillingdon Mind and St. John's will each receive £115.75.

### 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*



Find out what's been happening in Hillingdon and upcoming events in the Hillingdon People Magazine. For the latest edition (July/August 2024) please [click here](#)



## 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 21st** 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 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 28th-** 10:30am Service.

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

**Tuesday** - 9:15am Private Prayer, 1pm Funeral Service 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.

**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.

### **CHEQUES**

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Hillingdon Parochial Church Council

### **STANDING ORDER**

Set up a Standing Order with your bank or building society using these details:

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Uxbridge  
UB8 3QP

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