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Click on the church image above from
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I have asked Carmen from Brunel Uni to be a guest blog writer this week.

Please use this as a source of prayer for Carmen and the CU during the mission taking place at this time. Please see Carmen's request for prayer and the mission schedule below for this week. *Alan*

You may remember some time ago in Autumn of last year, a group of students from Brunel Christian Union joined St. John's for a service. Being the new CU secretary, it was such an honour to enjoy fellowship with the people who make up the Christian community surrounding Brunel's campus. Although 2020 certainly did not go as planned, I was so encouraged seeing how united you all are in prayer and scripture, even on a Zoom call! Back then, this way of worshipping was still a big adjustment for most of us, but as we have seen time and time again, God's Spirit dwells in our midst – His temple (1 Corinthians 3:26). I was certainly reminded of that, that Sunday!

As a second year Computer Systems Engineering student, I must admit I've been very lucky. Physical labs can be replaced with software simulations, and give or take some early hiccups, my lecturers all adapted very well to this new world of online teaching. Still though, during the Christmas break I found myself in a position I imagine many of you can relate to – unable to switch off in my new home/office hybrid. You see, I am one of the students who has enjoyed the comforts of home cooking and cooperative landlords all year long as I never returned to campus. The downside of this is that my living room has now become a lecture hall! Thankfully, about a week into the break, in the aftermath of Christmas lunch, it began to feel more like a living room again. For the following weeks, my brother and I spent the days walking two or three miles to find the snowiest spots in our area. If any of you have lived in South East Kent, you'll know that we encountered far more mud and rain than snow! Since the only thing left to do nowadays is go for strolls, hikes, runs or ambles (whichever of those you can handle after Christmas lunch leftovers), I'm sure many of us shared a similar experience last December.

Given the upcoming events we're planning at the CU, I was excited to get back into things when term started again. Our meetings in January have all focused on practical ways to share the gospel with friends in preparation for our annual Missions week, starting on the 8th of February this year. To avoid the dreaded Zoom fatigue, Missions "week" will be spanning a fortnight for the first time ever! The purpose of this period is to host events for those who don't yet know Jesus to hear and respond to His word. Alongside movies, games, craft sessions, cook-alongs and Zoom quizzes, we have invited Chris Collinson from UCCF to speak on the theme of 'Living your best life in 2021'. He will be addressing purpose, fulfilment, and justice from a Biblical perspective, and how we can find those things as the world eases out of the pandemic. As these talks will also be recorded, our hope is that they can be shared between friends and family long after Missions week is over. Our final event, "Ask a Pastor", will give students the opportunity to find out more about God. Among the people that will be leading this event is Alan, and we are so looking forward to introducing him to more Brunel students this term!

Before I leave you, I ask that you join us in prayer for the upcoming events. **Please pray** that God opens the eyes of those who receive His word, and that the seeds sown in their hearts this year will be nourished and bear good fruit. Pray that our members will be salt and light in the lives of those who haven't yet come to Christ, and that we will continually reflect on the truth spoken in Romans 10:14. Pray for the logistics of this period, that everything will run smoothly, and technology won't fail us! Pray that God speaks through Chris, Alan, and everyone else involved in the events, to grow His kingdom. Finally, please pray in gratitude to the Lord that He has provided us the means to proclaim the good news even in the strangest times. Thank you for your support, and God bless, *Carmen*.

Brunel University Mission "Living Your Best Life"

Note from Alan: Please support the Mission in prayer and by giving.

Please take a moment to donate £2, £5 or £10 for resources that are needed for the mission. Click on one of the images below to give using your card.

For prayer pointers see carmen's blog above. Thank you!



WEEK 2
w/c MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY

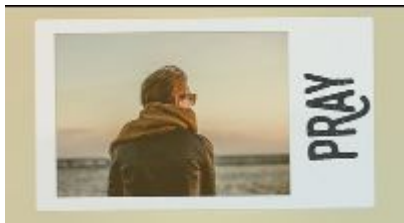
MOVIE NIGHT
MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY // 7:30pm

AN INTERVIEW, A TALK & SPOKEN WORD
What if I could find real justice?
TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY // 7:30pm

CRAFT LUNCHBAR
WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY // 2:30pm

ASK A PASTOR
FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY // 7:30pm

BU+CU UNION



Listen to Carol's P R A Y talk
from Sun 31 Jan on 'Pray SO THAT
you have unity' [click here](#).

Listen to Matt's P R A Y talk
from Sun 7 Feb on 'Pray SO THAT
you have discernment' [click here](#)

A prayer for discernment, as shared by Matt at his talk on Sunday.

Father, I need that wisdom that only your Spirit can give me.

Help me to not lean solely on my own opinions, thoughts, or dreams — or what my society, culture, and circle have to say. I need godly — not earthly — wisdom, Lord.

Please supply me in knowledge and truth as I battle these tough decisions and uncertainty.

Father, open my eyes to the barriers holding me back from spiritual progress and help me to walk confidently as I discern the next steps I need to take in my life. In Christ's name I ask. **Amen.**

Our Sunday 'P R A Y' Teaching Series

14th Feb Pray SO THAT you have a full understanding
of every good thing we have in Christ.

**It is suggested that you use a notebook as
a prayer journal and for making notes on the teaching.**

**Ash Wednesday and Lent
Personal Lent reflections**

We are encouraging everyone to take part in daily reflections during Lent based on the book 'Rooted in Love' written by some of our Bishops, including the Bishop of London Sarah Mullally.

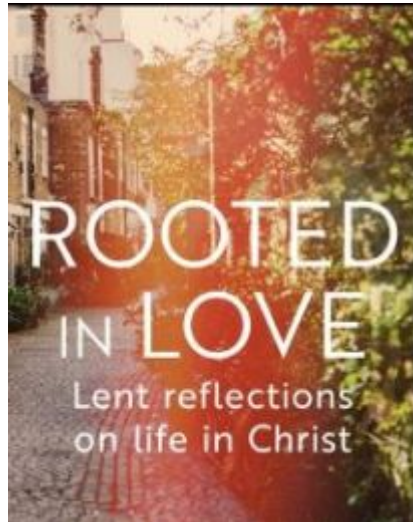
Please purchase this book so that we can go through the book during Lent together.

Click on the book image below to purchase the book via Amazon (just over £8).

There is a Kindle electronic version available for £5.69.

- Written by our London Bishops
- Our Lent reflections book this year
- We will all use this as St. John's for:

- Personal daily reflections/devotions
- Our Lent course Wednesdays at 10am
- as part of Sunday teachings
- Click on the below to purchase for £8.19
- Kindle electronic version available for £5.69.
- **If you don't have access to the internet, or need help purchasing, please email stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com**



ROOTED IN LOVE
Lent Course
Wednesday mornings
 24th Feb - 31st March
at 10am
 online via
 St John's Church zoom

Click on book image above to order book for our Lent reflections.



ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE
 with Communion & Prayer
10am
 Wednesday 17th February
 online via
 St John's Church zoom

Click on the image above to join the service or phone in to take part.
 See phone-in instructions in the 'Notices' section.



Philemon 1: 1-6

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
 To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier,
 and to the church that meets in your home.
 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. 6 I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Acts 2: 38-41

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.



Make an eco resolution for 2021.

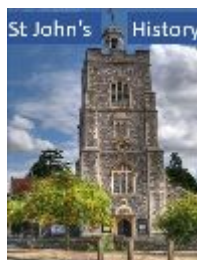
How can we become better at caring for creation and improving our lifestyles and the lives of others through healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable living? If you've been meaning for a while to switch to green energy, go plastic or flight free or try a vegan diet, then 2021 or Lent 2021 (17 February - 3 April) is a good time to start or to give something up that benefits nature and helps address climate change.

Recycling

A reminder of what can be recycled in Hillingdon Hillingdon Council

- Dry Mixed Recycling Items accepted through this service
- Aerosol cans (do not pierce or squash them and only put out once empty) Aluminium foil, including clean foil trays and containers
- Books (hard or plastic covers should be removed and disposed of as general waste
- Butter and margarine tubs,
- Cardboard and paper, including printing paper, newspapers, catalogues, envelopes, magazines, junk mail, greeting cards and wrapping paper (that do not contain foil or glitter), shredded paper (a carrier bag amount is a good guideline)
- Cartons made from paper and cardboard,
- Drink cans and food tins,
- Egg boxes made from cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars, Metal bottle tops and jar lids
- Plastics, including bottles, trays, bottle tops, triggers from household cleaners, shampoo bottles, shower gel bottles and those that include any of these symbols: 1 = PET, 2 = HDPE, 4 = LDPE.

Christine Rodrigues



A Tour around the Church Monuments.

Another Memorial, Another Story.

I suspect we are all prone to gazing about when we are in church, I am possibly one of the worst for this largely due to my interest in the memorial stones and stories behind them. One of my

absolute favourites has always been that of John mist in the North Aisle. It is quite plain, not at all ornate like some of the ones in church but the reason I like it is that a descendant of John Mist wandered into church one day she was on holiday from her home in USA and was staying in London for a few days. On an impulse she decided to travel out to Hillingdon on the tube to see the church where her ancestor was buried. When she arrived I was Vacuuming the floor near the font and as she walked through the door I stopped to ask her if I could help her. She told me the reason for her visit and I was able to immediately point out the memorial stone. As I say, I gaze about a lot and knew it was there! To say she was surprised was an understatement and she very kindly shared with me what she knew.

John Mist was a very successful Pavior (designer and layer of paving stones) in London in the early 1700's. He was born in London around 1691. He married Elizabeth Carter 2nd October 1711 at Gray's Inn Chapel. Elizabeth was born around 1693 at St Albans Hertfordshire.

John Mist is known for the fine quality of his paving. He was employed by the Office of Public Works and British History online gives details of many contracts for work done, including the paving of Haymarket, Sackwell street, some of the Queen Ann churches and St James Square. He also was the contractor for 6 houses on what is now Broadwick Street, Soho, and these are still there under a conservation order. His sister Sarah, was married to Charles Bridgman the English landscape garden designer, who was the sole gardener in charge of all the Royal Gardens under King George II. It is likely that John Mist introduced his sister to Charles Bridgman, since both John and Charles Bridgman worked for the Office of Public Work at the same time. When John died 15th April 1737 age 46, he left a considerable legacy of 50.000 pounds in his will (7.5 million pounds today!!!). He had 4 children Sarah, John Edward and Charles. The will states that he lived in Westminster, so why he is buried in Hillingdon is anyone's guess! *Christine Bartlett*



John Mist Memorial.



The Foodbank is in need of:

Tinned Products only: Meat(all types), Fish, Vegetables, Fruit and Puddings.

Jars: Jam, Pasta Sauces, Curries and other sauces.

500g-1kg Bags of: Granulated Sugar, Pasta, Rice and noodles.

Packets of: Potato Mash, Biscuits, Christmas cakes, Sweets, Crisps, Heathy Bars and snacks.

Bottles/Cartons of: Long life Milk, Fruit Juice and squash.

You can drop your donations to:

Participating local Supermarkets:

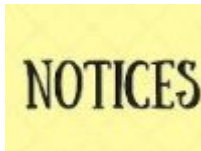
1. Sainsburys York Road Uxbridge UB8 1QW
2. Sainsburys Lombardy Retail Park Coldharbour Lane Hayes. UB3 3EX.
3. Sainsburys Long Dr, South Ruislip, Ruislip HA4 0HQ.
4. Tesco Bulls Bridge Industrial Estate Hayes UB25LN
5. Tesco Extra Glencoe Rd, Hayes UB4 9SQ
6. Waitrose 52 Green Ln, Northwood HA6 2XB

Current Participating Churches with donation boxes.

St Martin's Church Eastcote Rd, Ruislip HA4 8DG. Monday to Sunday 09-00 to 16-00 hrs

Or Alternatively

Delivery to: Hillingdon Foodbank Warehouse Address:
30 Oxford Road. UB9 4DQ.



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.

A Message from Mildred

Dear All, Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As I mentioned, in my Story a few months ago, I am setting up a charity to build a school in Uganda. I am still waiting for it to be registered as a charity so at the moment I don't have a charity number. The implication of this affects my fundraising which at the moment is through a GoFundMe account.

Please visit the website at <https://www.gwakabboschoolproject.org/> and share with your friends and families. Donations can be made through the website above or by the following methods:

1. Directly to the Bank Account at:

Gwakabbo School Project
Lloyds Bank
Sort Code: 30-90-89
Account No: 542-721-68

2. By Cheque written to:

Gwakabbo School Project (your name as a Ref)
11 Orchard Cottages
Dawley Road
Hayes
UB3 1EL

Thank you in advance for your prayers for this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarifications on any information regarding the website or charity.

May God's Blessings and Protection remain with you and upon your homes and families. *Mildred.*

Tearfund- A loo lease of life. Toilet Twinning

Last week Mark Hamlin spoke about this briefly. This project invites you to twin your toilet with a toilet in some of the poorest places on the planet. By donating £60 to twin your toilet you will help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene- a vital combination that saves lives. You will receive a certificate to hang in your toilet showing you a photograph of your overseas toilet twin and GPS

coordinates so you can look the location up on Goggle Maps as Mark showed us last week. Visit www.toilettwining.org to twin your toilet or for more information.

The National Gallery. Online activities for all the family

The National Gallery is offering lots of fantastic online activities for families to enjoy over the February half term. Please visit: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/events/families> for more information and to book.

The Children's Society Home Coin Boxes.

Please hang on to your collecting boxes for the time being. The Children's Society do not want us to be placed at unnecessary risk by handling boxes, counting coins and taking trips to the bank. If you are a box holder, you will be contacted when we are able to collect your box.



NHS COVID Vaccine Scam

Several reports have been circulating of people being contacted by fraudsters offering the COVID-19 vaccine. Please [click here](#) for more information.



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Uxbridge
UB8 3QP

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Uxbridge, UB8 1JX
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