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'Always be prepared to Answer!

It has been great hearing people sharing about their faith journeys as part of our "Conversations of faith with" series on Sundays.

Each person who has shared about their faith journey has been asked the same questions and I

thought it would be useful to reproduce the questions here so that you could answer them for yourself!

In answering the questions we were, of course, not looking for 'perfect' answers of great success! We are not looking for all doom and gloom either! We are encouraging everybody sharing to just be 'real' and tell it as it is in a way that is an encouragement to others. We don't all always have 'perfect' answers to prayer neither, nor a perfect pattern to our testimonies and we have all suffered and had embarrassing times and hard times with doubts. These all provide another way that Father God has ordained through circumstances to mould and transform us to be more like Jesus. So here are the questions:

1. **Where were you born and where did you grow up?**
2. **Did you have any awareness of God as a child?**

(It is absolutely fine to say 'no' as that is true of many. Alternatively you may have had some awareness that was difficult to put into language)

3. **What influenced you at the beginning of your journey of faith?**

(This could be the main and significant places, events, people, education that have influenced you to come to faith. Note: this is not meant to imply from the beginning of your life necessarily. Many have only had influences from a later place in their life that have led to owning a personal faith)

4. **Is there anything that led you to a growing awareness of faith on a more personal level?**
5. **Did you find yourself making some sort of commitment to God? How?**
6. **Is there anything you can share about your faith journey that will encourage others in their searching or faith journey?**

I hope you will find these questions helpful in thinking about your own journey. Certainly, the Bible does encourage us to be prepared to speak about our faith and the hope that we have:

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. " 1 Peter 3:15

Do let me know if you need help at this current time in your journey or if you have any questions about the faith.

Keep praying! **Alan**

FAYRE NEWS LATEST!

St John's Summer Fayre will be held on **24th July** from **1pm**, The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Roy Chamdal will be opening the event.

Please help by continuing to donate bottles for our bottle stall and plants - wine, spirits, fizzy bottled drinks, etc. Please bring bottles to church during the week on Tuesday or Thursday's 9am- 12pm (wear a mask) or on a Sunday if you have pre-booked and are coming to church in person. The plants can be brought in the day before the fayre.

Thank you, everyone. **Alan**



Ephesians2:1-10

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



How Much Paper Comes From One Tree?

Many organisations try to achieve the goal of a paperless office.

Going paperless not only helps with the environment by saving the number of trees being felled, but can also help an office become more efficient. With less need for physical files which can often become hard to manage, causing confusion! Ever had that feeling of I remember seeing it now what did I file it under!! Paper files can also take up much needed space.

But just how much paper comes from one tree?

It is hard to calculate this as paper often uses a mix of different trees types. The majority of paper used for offices comes from the Pine tree. Of course trees will always vary depending on age, environment and type of tree.

A standard Pine tree, with **45ft** of the usable trunk and a diameter of eight inches will produce around **10,000** sheets of paper. consider this in another way one ream of paper (**500** sheets) will use **5%** of a tree! most small energy efficient offices will use the equivalent of 1 tree per year! That tree would be **20-30 years old!**

Recycling is great, but there is an increasing need for paper.

So lets have a think about the journey we have been on at St John's Christine and Alan had already started our Journey in becoming more paper efficient. So I eagerly took over this quest. 3 years prior to the pandemic we had saved **160** sheets of paper per week just from Sunday services. That's **8,320** sheets of paper per year! Saving **24,960** sheets of paper over 3 years. Alan's introduction of the screens has helped us to reduce the need for the words of the hymns.

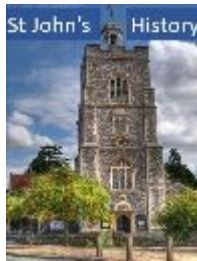
Here are just some examples of what we have introduced at St John's:

- Going paperless for our invoices. Opting to use the app or have them emailed. St John's Gas bill alone was often 10-12 pages in total!
- We buy recycled paper and we recycle all paper in the office.
- When we need to print we print on both sides.
- We use online banking where possible and encourage other organisations to do the same.
- We use the scan facility on the printer or email for any documents we ask from others and save to the computer rather than print and file this also helps keep your data as safe as possible allowing us to delete when no longer needed.
- The Online Link is a great way for us to communicate news to you. We can add links to events and further information that are just a click away. If you are away you can always keep up to date with all the news.

There are many more paper saving initiatives that we have implemented if you would like to know more I would be happy to share these with you. There are many more ways we could improve...

What one thing could you do differently as a result of reading this?

Do you have any suggestions as to how St John's could further improve? If you do please contact me. Thank you *Nikki*



The Heming Dynasty

A memorial plaque next to the organ in St John's leads us into the story of the Heming family covering several generations represented by 7 memorial plaques dotted around St John's and one family vault outside in the churchyard. Ken Pearce has kindly provided me with a family tree for the Hemings which has been very helpful.

The first Heming to settle in Hillingdon was Thomas Heming. He was a royal Goldsmith, and in fact one of our 17th century chalice's was repaired by him in 1780. Thomas Heming died in 1801 and his memorial is in the South Aisle. Nearby is a memorial to Thomas's son George and his wife Ann.

In the south transept the stained glass window was dedicated to the memory of Richard and Harriett Heming and their son Thomas. Richard was the brother of Thomas mentioned above, his gravestone is in the south aisle near the café area but it is very badly worn and so the inscription cannot be read.

Also remembered on a brass plaque in the south transept are the 5 daughters of Richard and Harriett: Mary Ann, Harriett, Eleanor, Henrietta and Ann. Outside in the churchyard just the other side of the south aisle wall is where they are buried. I am particularly fond of this gravestone, the inscription is carved beautifully and snowdrops bloom around it every year in early spring, which are such a joy to see.

A plaque next to it tells us that the organ was purchased in memory of John Garratt. He married into the Heming family who lived at the Manor House (where The Crossway is now). John Garratt's wife Ann (daughter of Richard and Harriett) has her own memorial plaque in the South Aisle near to other members of her family. John and Ann lived at Bishop's Court in Devon. Their son Lt Colonel John Arthur Thomas Garratt inherited the Heming wealth and became the principal landowner in Hillingdon. He was married to Georgina De Salis.

In the nave aisle there is a monument to Mary wife of the first Thomas Heming and it bears this motto in latin which translates as "either do it perfectly or do not attempt it at all" I'm not sure I agree with this sentiment, and I think my motto would be "the most important thing is that you do your best". What would your motto be? **Christine Bartlett**



Memorial of Thomas Heming.



Manor House



Please pray for:

The friends and family of the late Jean Jenkins for those of you that were unable to attend the funeral service Jean's Daughter Sally has sent a link which you can view

here: <https://youtu.be/dB6u0Uhhf0g>

The friends and family of the late Margaret Buckingham who went to be with God on Thursday evening. Margaret's funeral will be held on **Friday 16th July at 11am** followed by a **12:30** service at Breakspear Crematorium.

For our wedding couples Jay & April and Darren & Michelle as they start their exciting journey together as Husband and wife.



St John's is Open

We are now open for Services on Sunday 9am and 10:30am we still have restrictions in place so ask that you book via Telephone on 07972 618584 or email stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com. During the week we are open for private prayer and reflection on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9am-12pm. (no booking required).

We have also welcomed back our Bellringers, Knitting Group and Accordion Band. If you are interested in joining any of the groups please email or call me.

We are trying our best to open more groups and will let you know more here.

Please remember to wear your face masks.

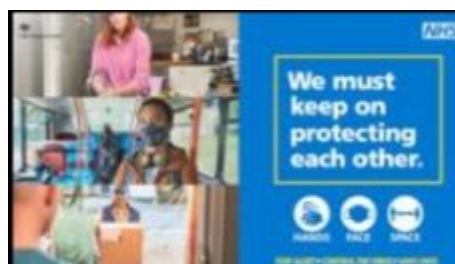
Face masks are currently mandatory in many settings including places of worship, (while there are some exemptions) this is a legal requirement. If you do forget to bring yours we have some disposable masks available at both entrances for you to use and take away.

If you have any further questions please contact me. - *Nikki*

Hands, Face, Space.

Since the government announcement, we have all had to come to terms with the delay to the final stage of the road map out of Lockdown. Whilst this is disappointing, it is absolutely understandable with the rise in cases; especially with the rise of the new Delta variant.

Please continue to protect each other by following the government guidelines.



Christine Bartlett has been in contact with a representative for the Children's Society Charity recently. We would normally collect the at home boxes that some of you have in January. As you know due to the pandemic, It was felt that it would be wise to not put anyone at risk by counting the money and we asked you to hold onto your boxes. It has now been agreed that we will collect them in January 2022. So our collection will be for 2 years.

Christine does have some spare boxes if you would like another box, if you would like to start collecting at home or If you would like to get more involved and become the St John's ambassador for this amazing charity please email or call me. **Nikki**

Please [Click Here](#) to find out more about the great work that the Children's Society do.

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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