

## A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear St John's,

What does it take to suspend yourself from our building like [this?](#) Faith.

Christianity requires surrender to another who is stronger than us and able to hold us. We relate to Jesus like our lives depend on Him, rather than us. 'Without faith it is impossible to please God...' (Hebrews 11:6)

We don't trust in our competence or actually even in our faith (ironically), rather we just look to him. So why do we look? To switch the metaphor, no one clapped me for looking up at this contractor while I walked by. I had to look at such a spectacle because there are certain subjects that compel us to look. I couldn't resist. And our gaze is drawn to Jesus by his glory and not by anything special in us. So faith that is all thanks to Jesus is what we believe in.

Enjoy your week making much of Jesus!

## This Week's Bible Reading:

John 6:35-59 'I am the bread of life'

Psalms 16:1-12

## The Collect:

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
Grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

## What's On This Week:

**Sunday 3rd 9.00am: Holy Communion Service** (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

**Sunday 3rd 11.00am: Morning Service** (with refreshments in the hall afterwards) Children are welcome to stay in the service and there is also a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

**Sunday 3rd 7.30pm Prayer Meeting** in church lounge

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Tuesday 6.15pm Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Wednesday 6th 10.30am: Mums bible study

## Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the St Johns YouTube Channel. It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

#### Dates for your Diary:

14th May 10am Coffee Morning St John's

14th May 6pm (tbc) Ascension Day Service at St Bridgets

24th May 6pm Pentecost at Church on the Moor

21st June: Confirmation service at St Andrews

#### News:

Coffee Morning Thursday May 14th 10am

We are having a coffee morning for church family and also those people (in particular Nursery Place and St. John's Court ) that we meet on our Outreach onto the estate. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy time together.

May 18th marks the 10th anniversary of the death of our dear Trish Bennett. Trish lived on Nursery Place and was invited to come to our, then Friday, coffee morning on May 20th 2011 ( after a visit whilst collecting for Christian Aid ) and from that day she was such a valued member of our church family.

So we hope that this will be an opportunity for us to reach out to our close neighbours again and to welcome back those who we met through Trish, particularly those who came for her funeral as well as an opportunity for those church family who are able to to gather together in mid week fellowship.

#### Getting Involved:

One of the best ways to feel part of the church family is to get involved in a team. Would you be interested in joining one?

We are blessed with so many opportunities to use our gifts for the Lord's service. Whatever your gifts, we know there's a part you can play in our family. Contact Sue Lane for more information.

#### Please pray for:

Jenny Wong, Joyce & David Maudling, Phil Holland, Emily Lane, Thelma Toman, Jean Mainey and Carolyn Crawford.

#### Pastoral Visits:

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue on 07563473620 or [office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk)

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