

A message from Sue, our church co-ordinator:

This Sunday, Si will continue the mini series on Hope, with a session entitled 'Hope through the Tears'. We have some outreach bibles available that we can give to visitors who come along to the Hope series, if they would like to continue reading God's word. Please do point your guests to Ann, Rich or Si, who will be able to issue a bible to them.

We hope that you have found renewed strength and comfort in Jesus as we study these sessions. If the sessions raise any questions for you or you would like to discuss anything further, please do get in touch.

This Week's Bible Reading:

John 12:20-36

The Collect:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions,
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's On This Week

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

Sunday 11.00am: Morning Service with Holy Communion (& refreshments in the hall afterwards)

Sunday 8.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud. The zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85963653180>

Most mid week groups are taking a break for summer - please contact your group leader if you are unsure of restarting times.

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:

August 9th,16th: Mini Series on Hope continues

16th August - Bring and Share lunch

1st & 8th September CAP money course

29th September: Safeguarding training

3rd October: Women's Day

Women's Survey:

Thank you to all of you that responded to our women's survey. We are grateful for your input in helping us to serve the family of St John's.

We are continuing to work through your responses, but need your help to action some of them:

- Prayer triplets - Some of you suggested that you would like to be involved in a women's prayer triplet. Unfortunately, as many replies were anonymous, we have been unable to set this up so far. If you would like to be part of a prayer triplet, please contact Sue Lane so that we can connect you together. Although this came out of the women's survey, we are happy to create men's prayer triplets too, so gentlemen do also get in touch if you'd like to be part of a men's prayer triplet.
- Sunday Bring and Share lunches. Going forward, we will try to have monthly lunches together after the Sunday services. We're delighted to do this, but are aware that this can create a lot of work for volunteers, so if you'd be happy to help out setting out food and clearing up afterwards, please let us know. To reduce volunteer workload, we will make some of the lunches 'bring and eat' where we fellowship and eat together but bring our own picnics.

It was helpful to note from the responses that perhaps new members to St John's are unaware of some of the things that we have in place for ladies. We will reinstate the issuing of a welcome pack to new members of the congregation, but in the meantime, here are the details of current ladies groups:

- There's a women's bible study held monthly on the 2nd Monday in the month. It's taking a summer break in August but please get in touch with Val Tyson or Sue Lane if you would like more details.
- There's a weekly mum's bible study held on a Wednesday morning. For more details, speak to Mim Walker or Carmen Taylor.
- We hold an annual ladies day. The next one is planned for the 3rd October 26

Other initiatives are also on the way, in response to your feedback. So, watch this space! Thank you all for your ideas and input.

News:

We have received notification from two of our suppliers that they have suffered a cyber attack and that there is a possibility that some of our details have been stolen. It is most likely that the details will be emails and phone numbers of Si, Sue, the office email and possibly the treasurer or wardens. Please be extra vigilant if you receive emails from anyone at St John's and if you are in any doubt

about the authenticity of the mail, please do not open it or reply to it and instead, contact us separately to confirm.

On the 16th August we sadly say farewell to three of our church families, as they move to Canada. It will be the last day at St John's for Oluchi, Lola, Winnie and their families. It has been a great joy to have them as part of our family and we will miss them greatly. Please join us for a bring and share lunch on the 16th.

Pat Smith will be hosting a 2 week CAP money course on the 1st and 8th September in the church hall. The course will start at 10am with tea and coffee and will conclude at approx 12.30pm each week. The course is a great help for learning how to budget and is suitable for all - not just those in poverty. Please contact Pat to express your interest in attending.

During the month of August our children's groups will be having a break to give our leaders a much needed rest. We will have craft and activity tables set up at the back of church for you to take your children to if you would like - the crafts may need a hand from a teen or adult, so **please do accompany your child to the tables.**

Please pray for:

- Mel Turner, Helen Stoker, Tony Pang, Jenny Wong, Jean Mainey and Mei Lan Benn
- The Leprosy Mission

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

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Mission Community Events website:

<https://www.churchonthemoor.com/mc-events>