



## Making Disciples who make Jesus known

# HEADLINE NEWS!

Thank you to everyone that supported and contributed to the **COFFEE MORNING** last Saturday, **£558** was raised for SJ&SL youth and children's work which is a wonderful amount.



The next coffee morning is on **Saturday 11th April** in St John's Church Hall, 10am-12noon. Entrance £1 includes tea/coffee and biscuits (accompanied children free) and there will be the usual stalls: hand-made cards ~ cakes ~ jigsaws ~ books ~ tombola ~ raffle ~ plus refreshments. All proceeds this month will be for **Pancreatic Cancer UK** as our **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, GILL**, is running the London Marathon on 26th April and has chosen to support this charity that means a lot to her personally. If you are able to provide any donations for the stalls please leave them in the boxes at either church, cakes can be brought on the morning.

If you aren't able to come to the coffee morning and would like to sponsor Gill for her run you can donate in person at the office; scan the QR code displayed or follow this link <https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/gill-clarke-3a338#qrCode>



Thank you!!

Gill will post her bib number on the church Facebook when she has collected it and you can track her (slow) progress on the day should you want to.



## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

### **SUNDAY 22ND MARCH** (*Fifth Sunday of Lent*) (*Passion Sunday*)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)

10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)

*Readings: Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*

*Hymns: AMNS 137; AMNS 63; AMNS 56; SB 238*

10.30am All Age Worship (SL)

*Readings: Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*

*Hymns: SB 228; SB 179; SB 74; SB 223*

2-4.00pm Crafternoon in Church Hall (SJ)

6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

# CHURCH LIFE

On Good Friday we shall be running our **WHAT'S THE STORY ABOUT EASTER?** event which will take children and their parents on a journey through the events of Holy Week. There will be storytelling, time for prayer and reflection and a space to ask questions, look at different bibles and do activity sheets. Refreshments will also be served. To keep the event running smoothly and to enable you to get as much out of the experience as possible, there will be three start times. **10:00am, 10:45am and 11:30am.**



The groups will start the storytelling at these times, each journey takes 45 minutes to an hour to complete. Anyone who arrives in between these times will be shepherded to a waiting room with a drink and hot-cross bun to await the next journey. I look forward to seeing you as we journey to the cross and beyond together. Judith

We are looking for **4 READERS** for the Easter Eve Vigil at St John's, 7pm on Saturday 4th April. If you would like to do one of the reading please speak to Matthew or message the office.



## Our next **BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION**

is on Monday 11th May,  
7.30pm at St John's.  
If you are thinking about  
having your child

baptised at St John's or St Luke's you  
are welcome to join our list of  
attendees for this session.

Please get in touch with the  
parish office to find out more and to  
book your place.

Do you have one spare hour a month?  
**Do you love cleaning?**

We desperately need some new  
members on the rota to help clean St  
John's.

All materials are provided and the team  
will show you where  
everything is.

If you feel you can  
help please get in  
touch with the  
parish office.

**VOLUNTEER**



## **TEAMWORK, SHARED PRIORITIES, AND TEAM VICAR ROLE**

The APCM will be held on **Sunday 26th April**. Several roles will need to be filled, including **PCC Secretary**, possibly one or two **PCC vacancies**, and **Deanery Synod representatives** (a particular need).

We are also continuing to reflect on our proposed priorities—**Welcome and Community, Children and Young People, and Learning and Discipleship**—as well as the configuration of the **0.5 Team Vicar post**.

If you would like to get involved or share your thoughts, please speak to Matthew, a churchwarden, a current PCC member, or a Deanery Synod representative.

Matthew will be available for informal conversations after the **10:30 services on 15th (St Luke's), 22nd (St John's), and 29th March (St John's, after the joint service)**, as well as after the **9:00am services at St John's on 22nd and 29th**, and following **midweek Communion on Wednesday 18th**.

Matthew has written a full article for the April magazine so waiting until the 29th for a chat on priorities/Team Vicar (after reading that) might be best - gather in the East End Room with a coffee?

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday 30th March	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Tuesday 31st March	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Wednesday 1st April	7.00pm	Reflective Service (SL)
Thursday 2nd April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service (SJ)
Friday 3rd April	10am-12noon	What's the story about Easter? (SL)
	11.00am	Outdoor Service at the Cenotaph
	2.00pm	The Last Hour (SJ)
	6.30pm	Good Friday Service (SJ)
Saturday 4th April	7.00pm	Easter Eve Vigil (SJ)
Sunday 5th April	9.00am	Holy Communion (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion with Baptism (SJ)
	10.30am	All Age Holy Communion (SL)

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

**CONFIRMATION** We would like to determine the level of interest in those wishing to be confirmed. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak with Judith or email her on [youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk](mailto:youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk)

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the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**, scan the QR code to find out more.

# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 23 MARCH

- 9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
1.15pm Bilton Grange School  
Production (SJ)  
5.30pm Bilton Grange School  
Production (SJ)

## TUESDAY 24 MARCH

- 9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
1.15pm Bilton Grange School  
Production (SJ)  
5.30pm Bilton Grange School  
Production (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

- 9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
10.30am Holy Communion with  
Richard Taylor School  
Year 5 (SJ)  
10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at  
Dene Park Community  
Centre  
7.00pm PCC Meeting (SJ)

## THURSDAY 26 MARCH

- 9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

- 9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent  
& Child Group) (SL)  
10.30am Richard Taylor School  
Easter Service (SJ)  
12.00pm Lent Group (SL)

## FRIDAY 27 MARCH

- 1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)  
6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice  
(SJ)  
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## SUNDAY 29 MARCH *(Palm Sunday)*

- 9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am **JOINT** Morning Worship  
with Procession **(SJ)**

*Readings: Matthew 21:1-11  
Philemon 2:5-11*

*Matthew 26:14-27:end  
Hymns: SB 130; SB 185; SB 46;  
SB 106; AMNS 67; Is he  
worthy?; Holy Forever*

April's **MONDAY FIRST** will be on **Monday 30th March** due to Easter.  
Join us at Dene Park Community Centre, 2-3.00pm for music,  
worship, learning and cake and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

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