

THE HERALD

ST. JOHN'S HILLINGDON

AUGUST 2017

Incredible & Eventful!

So much was happening in July that there wasn't time for 'The Herald' to go out then! This edition looks back on July and forward into August!

Summer Celebration and Christine's Retirement

World Record holder and recording artist **Ed Freitas** was our special guest at our Summer Celebration on 2nd July. The Church was packed and we all enjoyed a fantastic lunch together afterwards. Thank you all for the food!

We also presented **Christine Bartlett** with flowers, gifts and a cake to mark her retirement as Church Administrator after 17 years! Christine—you are the star!



Summer Celebration with Ed Freitas—or is it Mo Farah!?

New Wine “United 17”

At the end of July/beginning of August, some members of St. John's camped or stayed 'B&B' to be at New Wine Summer Conference at the Bath & West Showground, near Shepton Mallett in Somerset. We had great teaching, worship and community times together.

Thanks to our neighbour Church, St. Matthew's, Yiewsley, for inviting us to camp with you, along with others from local churches. We look forward to joining together again for summer.

Bibles for Sale

As part of our recent 'User's Guide to the Bible' theme we have recently been selling Bibles to encourage spiritual growth. Please email

Nikki Bell, our new Church Administrator, if you would like one. They are £9 (normally £16.99!) for a modern translation (NIV) hardback edition with a good sized font and Bible guide, hints, maps and summaries of books. Alan also has available a free 'Bible At A Glance' overview sheet.

Farewell and Thanks

We greatly miss **Evelyn Tinsley** and **Paul Andrews** who have both recently died. They each added so much life and both gave great service for God. Evelyn was 45 years at St. John's doing flower arranging and leading the Flower Guild. Paul was also so helpful over many years in practical ways, working alongside our Churchwarden Rick.



Lunch together at New Wine under canvas.

Visit of Bishop Pete

We look forward to our **Bishop Pete Broadbent** visiting to preach and for our **Confirmation Service** on **Sunday 3rd September at 10.30am**, and afterwards for lunch all together. Bishop Pete is also acting as Bishop of London during the interregnum, so he is very busy and we are thrilled and amazed that he is able to come. He is looking forward to being with everybody from St. John's. We have a number of young people being confirmed. If you want to reaffirm your baptism vows then, please email Alan.

Green Flag Award

Coney Green has been given a 'Green Flag' award thanks to efforts from the Hillingdon Council, members of our Church who have worked so

well on the Churchyard, and members of the Cricket Club. **Boris Johnson** recently presented the award.

Let God Shine!



Our theme for September is 'Let God Shine'. After many months of prayerful reflection and formation, we will be looking at **our Vision**. This is all about our life and purpose as the people of God together, and about our direction and leading forward by God. I encourage you not to miss out as we engage and move forward together— feel free to also take some notes!

Eco Festival

We (you) are holding an 'Eco Festival' on **Saturday 30th September** from 1-5pm, and with an Eco Celebration on Sunday 1st October.

We are delighted that the **Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Carol Melvin**, will open the event. We have some fantastic events, speakers, and displays under construction and it should be a great event for all ages.

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the Summer! **Alan**.

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Boris Johnson presenting the Green Flag Award at Coney Green,
along with some members of St. John's