

## This Week

**Sunday** 8am-1pm Sunday worship.  
**Monday** 9:30am Churchyard Team, 7pm Bellringing, 8pm Mandolin Monday.  
**Tuesday** 11am Funeral 12noon Jazz, 7pm Accordion Band.  
**Wednesday** 9am Cleaning, 12pm Words and Music, 1:30pm Knitting group.  
**Thursday** 9:30am Morning Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 6:30pm HYB.  
**Friday** 10am Let's Go, 12noon Jazz, 7pm St John's Singers.  
**Saturday** Grundon Room Hire.

## Services:

Early Morning: 8am, 8:30am  
Mid-Morning: 9:30am Songs of Praise  
10-11am Welcome, Worship,  
Word & Communion  
Late Morning: 11:45am, 12pm  
with lunch @ 12:30pm

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# The Link

Sunday 19th January 2020

**Welcome to St. John's**  
We hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

## Theme: Jesus Cleanses the Temple.

### Readings: John2:13-25 & Psalm127:1-2

#### Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

<sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. <sup>25</sup> He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

### Psalm 127

A song of ascents. Of Solomon.

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.

<sup>2</sup> In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,

toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

**Question/Point to Ponder:** Love is not easily angered (1Corinthians13:5) How can we tell if we are angry in love or wrong to be angry?

## Today-

**Coffee is served by: Eunice & Sue**

**Prayer Ministry available** in the Prayer Chapel during mid-morning communion.

### For Your Prayers:

Joyce who has been very unwell. (in and out of hospital) Joyce is out of hospital at the moment and is in good hands as Hughie is looking after her. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### Praying for the Planet

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** is the new moon, the day we particularly remember our beautiful planet in prayer, meditation, awareness or involvement, with love, hope and gratitude.

We are in winter, here in the North. Not such an obvious season to celebrate the planet but still important. The season of rest. Another thing we can learn from our planet when it is so easy with our modern lifestyle to live each day as if the same. We can't have the abundance of summer without the apparent barrenness and rest of winter. Jane Upchurch

**The World Watch List** This is a list of the countries where Christians are persecuted most for their faith. It was 'launched in' Parliament on Wednesday last. Pray that MPs new and old, from across the parties, who attended the event will engage with the issue of religious freedom, and be moved to use the influence God has given them to bring change for those who are persecuted for their faith.

**North Korea** It is estimated that there are between 50,000 and 70,000 Christians imprisoned in North Korea's labour camps. Ask God to sustain and strengthen these believers despite the persecution they face.

**China** Pray for a believer named Joo-hee\* who was caught and detained by the Chinese government. Please pray that she will be released safely, and that she will know God's protection and providence through this incident.

## ECO News

We can use some resources to aid us from Operation Noah,a charity that has worked in many ways to raise awareness of climate change and to equip Christians to take a stand on this vital issue.

FIND JOY IN CREATION! 'How many are your works Lord! In wisdom you made them all: the earth is full of your creatures....May the Lord rejoice in his works'

**Psalm 104:24,31**

*According to the witness of our Scriptures, everything that we have, life and the means of life, comes to us as gift. This is the ground of our worship. The beauty and harmony of God's creation is for all cultures a source of human wellbeing, spiritual nourishment and joy.*

## General News

**West London Waste** From 16 to 23 January you can bring unwanted electrical items to Uxbridge library to be recycled. Anything that uses a battery, plug or charger can be recycled.

**Kings Kids returns** Sunday 2nd February from 10:30am at St Andrews Park, John Locke Academy Bader Way UB10 0FW.

**Uxbridge Local History Society** invite you to join them for their January meeting on Tuesday 21st Jan. The speaker is Nick Dobson speaking about Swinging London in the 1960's. The meeting starts at 2.30pm. There is a small charge for visitors of £2, with the option to join for an annual fee of £10.

**Hillingdon Climate Action Launch event**  
7.30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Christchurch, Uxbridge.

### World Day of Prayer

Volunteer needed— Would anyone be interested in helping to organise and join the team. There is a rehearsal on 27th February, If you would like to help out and represent St John's please see Nikki for more details.

**World Day of Prayer** will be held on 6th March 2020 at 2pm at Salvation Army, 125 Uxbridge Rd. Hillingdon. UB10 0LQ

**Theme for January 2020: The Word of God is Living and Active.**  
26th January– Nicodemus.

**Theme for February 2020: The Word of God is Living and Active.**

2nd February– The Woman at the Well.  
9th February– The Man Born Blind.  
16th February– The Good Shepherd.  
23rd February– Jesus Raises Lazarus.  
26th February– Ash Wednesday.

