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### **Your Sunday Service Link (10.30 am):**

Click on the church image above from  
Sunday 10am or on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89481452808>

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As I write this, the sun has returned with the warm weather ... and I'm thinking about water! Not rainwater, but tap water!

Those of you who know me well, will know that I am very rarely seen without one of my reusable bottles filled with water. The warm weather sees me topping up the ice cube trays for the freezer

and the water jug for the fridge.

Water is refreshing, healing, and quenches our thirst. And we are recommended to drink 8 glasses of water a day.

Growing up in Worcester, my family would go over to Malvern where we would fill our bottles with the fresh spring water that gushes out from the spring on the side of the hills. The water was always cool and refreshing to drink, quenching our thirst. It was also said to have healing properties, and we would often find other people there who had travelled a distance to fill up their containers with this refreshing spring water.

There is another water that is refreshing, healing and that quenches our thirst spiritually. In John 4:14, Jesus says "whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." And in John 7:38, Jesus says "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, ... rivers of living water will flow from within them."

So just as I fill up my water bottle, and as I remember drinking the refreshing water from the springs on the Malvern Hills, I think about those words from Jesus. I think about the water he gives that will quench my thirst. I think about that spring of water welling up to eternal life, and pray for the rivers of living water to flow out from within me.

As you turn on the tap today, thank God for the provision of fresh water. As you drink a glass of water today, thank Jesus for the living water he gives, and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you up to overflowing.

Let God refresh your soul, letting the living water quench your thirst and bring refreshment to your life. Amen.

*Anne xx*



### Events

**Thursday 3rd June 10am** - 20min Mini Lecture with Rev'd Alan on The Universe, Infinity and God.

**Thursday 3rd June 7:30pm** - Repeat 20min Mini Lecture with Rev'd Alan on The Universe, Infinity and God. Please email or call Nikki to book by Thursday at Noon to book for this event. If you booking is unsuccessful you will hear back on Thursday afternoon, so check your emails and/or phones.

**Sunday 6th June 9am** - Worship and Holy Communion- Book via Nikki

**Sunday 6th June 10:30am** - Worship, Holy Communion and reflective hymns to listen to.. Please note no Singing is allowed in church at the moment. Book via Nikki



## **St John's Re-Opening**

Following Alan's announcement on Sunday 30th May during our Zoom Service, We are delighted to inform you that we are finally able to re-open St John's! For Sunday services listed above and the Thursday 7:30pm mini lecture by Alan we ask that you book via Nikki on 07972618584 or email [stjohnshillingdon@googlemail.com](mailto:stjohnshillingdon@googlemail.com) by Thursday Noon. If your booking is unsuccessful you will hear back on Thursday afternoon, so check your emails and/or phones. We still have restrictions in place and I will do my best to outline these below for you.

1. Entrance will be via the side door using the new path created by Mark, Arnel and the churchyard team. Note by entering this way there are 3 steps down. If you are unable to take the steps then you can enter by walking along the Uxbridge road to the pathway that leads to the fire exit by the vestry/office. Signs and welcomers will direct you.
2. You are still required to maintain a social distance. This means that you cannot travel to church in someone else's car unless they are members of your household or are in your usual support bubble. You will also need to be mindful upon entry that you are still keeping a safe distance from others whilst waiting to enter.
3. Face masks are required to be worn in church and should be put on prior to entry. We do have face masks available at both entrances for those that may have forgotten to bring theirs with them.
4. Hand sanitiser is available at all entry and exit points and must be used when entering and exiting the church building.
5. Seats have been identified in church and we call them stations each station is designed to seat a person, couple or family. You will be directed as to where to sit. This means you might not be able to sit in your usual place.
6. Singing is not permitted in church, but we will have hymns and reflective music at the 10:30am hybrid service, The hybrid service will be live streamed via zoom to other members of the congregation that are unable to attend church. (You will not be filmed unless you give us permission to do so)
7. The communion will be distributed to you where you are seated during a hymn and is in one kind only (We will be using wafers) and you will be asked to stand after the hymn so that the communion is taken together with those present on zoom.
8. There will be no refreshments provided after the service.
9. The toilet facilities will not be available.
10. Exit will be via the vestry/office Fire Exit.
11. The main church doors can only be used in an extreme emergency. All doors will remain open for the entire service for ventilation and easy exit.

If you have any further questions please contact me. - *Nikki*

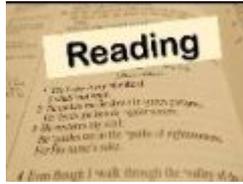
**New Sunday Theme "Conversations of Faith with . . . "**

**Sunday 6th June "Conversations of Faith with . . . "**

## Catch Up or listen and watch again!!

Conversations of Faith with . . Caroline [click here](#)

Conversations of Faith with . . Carol [click here](#)



### Reading

#### 1 Peter 3:15-18

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.



### Eco Church Event

There will be a Creation Care Champion Event at St Johns led by the Willesden Eco Action Group on June 26th 10.30 to 12.30.

This will be an opportunity for us to share our building and to share our journey in gaining the Eco Church Award. An invitation has been sent to churches in the diocese to sign up and initially come along on June 26th. The event will provide information and encouragement to take the next step and applying for an ECO Church Award and to make a commitment to change and caring for our world. What can we do? The event is to help and encourage other churches to follow our path. It is also an opportunity for anyone who would like to be or feels led, to become a Creation Care Champion.

At St Johns we have reached a stage where in order to continue with our Eco Journey we need more support and input from others. If any of you would like to stand up for our planet and creation care it would be wonderful to be able to have you join our group and to see care for the planet grow as a commitment at St Johns. There is now a Creation Care Champion role description. We need more people to add their voice and encourage everyone in this journey. You can help in many ways and with more of us we can support one another and give encouragement to church members. Contact Nikki or anyone in the group if you are interested.

[Click Here](#) to view the role description



## Tenuous link between a famous horserace and St John's!

The brass by the altar rail in the Chancel shows a man in a suit of armour with chains around his neck. It is in memory of Henry Stanley who died in 1528. Henry's father was the second Earl of Derby. The Earls of Derby were and have been ever since one of the prominent wealthy landowning families in England. Henry is the great grandson of John & Jane L'Estrange whose brass is opposite the cafe area in church.

Henry died at the Manor House of Colham, although this was probably not the family's main residence. This house once stood at Patcott field which was about one mile north of the bridge at Longford which crossed the River Colne.

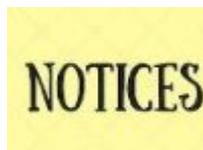
The brass was originally on the floor of the chancel and in 1893 the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Derby paid for it to be moved.

And finally, here is a bit of trivia for you. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the 12th Earl of Derby and Sir Charles Bunbury (the president of the Jockey Club) decided to hold a horse race. They spun a coin as to whether the race should be called the Derby Stakes or the Bunbury Stakes. The Earl won!

*Christine Bartlett*



Brass Memorial to Henry Stanley



Please continue to pray for our wedding couples Jay & April and Darren & Michelle, whose banns of marriage will be read for the final time at St. John's on Sunday 6th June during our 10:30am service.

*Lord we pray that as Jay, April, Darren and Michelle get ready for their wedding day,  
not only would their love for each other grow stronger,  
but they would become more and more aware of your great love for them.*

**Amen**



Catalytic Converter theft continues across our Borough, including return visits to those who have already had theirs stolen, however thieves were deterred recently by the use of a protective device around the converter itself. Having looked under the vehicle with a torch the thieves see the protective device and leave.

**Secured By Design** (<https://www.securedbydesign.com>) is the Police Preferred Specification which provides a recognised standard for all security products that can deter and reduce crime. We are therefore pleased to highlight specific products that are **Police Approved**, and the device fitted in this particular case was a CATLOC – the website for this device can be accessed on the link below:

<https://catloc.co.uk/>

There is currently a Parliamentary petition calling for tougher laws and increased penalties to tackle theft of Catalytic Converters which you can access on the following link:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/575859>

On our Borough there are two vehicles that have been reported, a **white Ford Focus** and a **dark BMW 5 Series**, however other vehicles may be in use.

If you see a vehicle pull up (often between 9.00pm-11.30pm) and two or more suspects emerge carrying a trolley jack or an iron bar (jacking pole) then as soon as they make an approach towards a vehicle to execute a theft call 999 stating “crime in progress” giving the exact location, and description of events.

**Do not put yourself in danger by confronting these individuals**, but try and get the vehicle registration, make, model, colour and direction of travel if you can safely do so.

Catalytic Converter theft takes just 90 seconds where no protective device has been fitted, so you need to act quickly, but the thieves will do several in quick succession and the Police stand a fair chance of catching them if the 999 call goes in quickly and they go on to attempt other thefts nearby.

#### **How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)**

- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.
- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key
- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key
- There is no password. If you are asked for one, then just press the # key.

#### **CHEQUES**

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St. John's Church  
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Uxbridge  
UB8 3QP

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Set up a Standing Order with your bank or building society using these details:  
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Uxbridge, UB8 1JX  
Sort Code: 208916  
Account No: 20465615

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