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Your Sunday Service Link (10.30 am):

Click on the church image above from
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'It's Coming Home' ... we sing and hope!

So Euro 2020 has finally started! Here at The Vicarage, we have the wall chart and bunting up. We have our teams for the church draw, and some of us have created a fantasy football team for the St John's League. The matches started last Friday and the tournament lasts 4 weeks, ending

with the final at Wembley.

After so long, we are enjoying seeing and hearing the supporters. Their voices and presence undoubtedly add to the atmosphere. Although not able to be at full capacity and with having covid measures in place, it is certainly encouraging to see some sort of normality returning and hopefully soon even more of normal life 'coming home' for us all too.

Other sports are back this summer. Royal Ascot has started, Wimbledon will be starting later this month, and then the Olympics at the end of next month.

Meanwhile, here at St John's, our services have resumed in church as well as the hybrid service in church and on zoom. For those able to be in church, and those of us joining in via zoom, it feels like 'it's coming home' for us too. Zoom continues to enable more of us to be part of the services, and let's us take part with the covid restricted numbers in church, thanks to the wonders of technology. Also many thanks to all who have worked and are working to make this possible. It really is team work, and above all the teams to support this summer, the St John's team really is the team we support and continue to cheer on. It's the team we are all part of and the team we play our part for.

#StJohnsUnited #ItsComingHome **Anne Bradford**

Standing Order Giving

Please consider regularly giving to St. John's by Standing Order at this vital time of recovery and as we seek to repair the building. We also need to invest in some IT equipment and software to include others in on our worship. Please consider an uplift if you are already giving by standing order, especially if you haven't done so for a good while or a few years!

Use the details below or email stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com and we can send you something to make this very easy for you to do.

Our bank details are: Barclays Bank, 142 High St, Uxbridge, UB8 1JX Sort Code: 208916 Account No: 20465615 THANK YOU!



*For people who love
church buildings*

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST KEEPING CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MEETING HOUSES ALIVE

The National Churches Trust is delighted to support **St. John the Baptist Church** with a grant towards surveys for the repair of the building.

The National Churches Trust work is dedicated to keeping church buildings open throughout the UK so that they can be used for worship and for community activities. Our support for churches also means that their architecture and heritage is safeguarded for the future.

We receive no direct financial support from government or church authorities and rely on the support of the public to continue our vital work.

Thanks to the generosity of our Friends and supporters, since 1953 we have provided over 12,000 grants and loans and ensured that churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout the UK have remained in good repair and with modern facilities to ensure that they can serve the needs of local people.

Please do consider supporting us today by becoming a Friend of the National Churches Trust. Friends receive invitations to our events, including church tours; a subscription to our bi-annual Friends Newsletter and regular Friends E-newsletters; a complimentary copy of our Annual Review and a range of offers including discounted home insurance.

New Friends receive a free copy of *Treasures of English Churches* by Dr Matthew Byrne, a beautiful and inspiring book of photographic portraits.

Other ways you can support us include:

- Making a one-off donation on our website.
- Consider remembering us in your Will.
- If you use Facebook or Twitter please 'like' or 'follow' the Trust. Our Twitter address is @NatChurchTrust and you can find us on Facebook by searching for National Churches Trust.
- Tell your friends about our work.

For more details please visit website www.nationalchurchestrust.org, contact 020 7222 0605, email info@nationalchurchestrust.org, or write to us at: National Churches Trust, 7 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QB.

With many thanks, *Luke March DL, Chairman, National Churches Trust*

FAYRE NEWS LATEST!

As a consequence of the moving the date when restrictions are likely to be lifted to 19th July, we now have permission from our grant awarders, who are sponsoring our fayre, to move the date to July. This works out better for us as we have more time to prepare and obtain what we need for stalls etc. **Watch this space** for the new time and date.

Please help by continuing to donate bottles for our bottle stall - wine, spirits, fizzy bottled drinks, etc. Please bring bottles to church during the week on Tuesday or Thursday's 9am- 12pm (wear a mask) or on a Sunday if you have pre-booked and are coming to church in person.

Thank you, everyone,
Alan



St John's is open

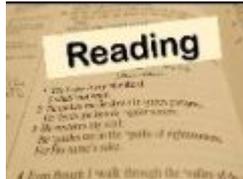
We are now open for Services on Sunday 9am and 10:30am we still have restrictions in place so ask that you book via Telephone on 07972 618584 or email stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com.

During the week we are open for private prayer and reflection on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9am-12pm. (no booking required for this).

Please remember to wear your face masks.

Face masks are currently mandatory in many settings including places of worship, (while there are some exemptions) this is a legal requirement. If you do forget to bring yours we have some disposable masks available at both entrances for you to use and take away.

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



Reading

2 Timothy 4: 1-5

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.



5 things

Climate change may be our greatest challenge and we may not know what we can do.

Here are 5 things that we could all try to do together and support one another in the process:

1 Switch to a green energy supplier. The church has now switched to a green tariff with Octopus energy. You can check other companies online.

2 Use less plastic Notice how things are packaged when shopping and try to buy things that come with less plastic or if possible none at all. Reuse plastic pots and containers and bags. Lobby companies to reduce or find alternatives to plastic.

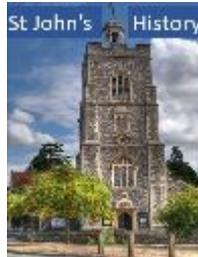
3 Switch to a plant based diet Think about your diet. Grow your own veg. Cut back on meat consumption as intensive farming of animals causes climate change with high carbon emissions, deforestation, loss of habitat and forest fires as well as the cost of transporting animals and meat products. Choose local grass fed meat if possible. Try a local farm shop.

4 Use alternatives to car travel: walk, use a bike, use public transport or car share. Change to hybrid or electric when changing your car..

5 Pray for our planet and how our activities have caused problems around the world. Pray alone, together or in groups.

-Christine Rodrigues

Psalm 24:1-2 *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it: for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.*



The Walford Family

On the south wall of the chancel, there is a plaque in memory of Robert Crook Walford (1809-1875) and his only child Emily (1846-1889).

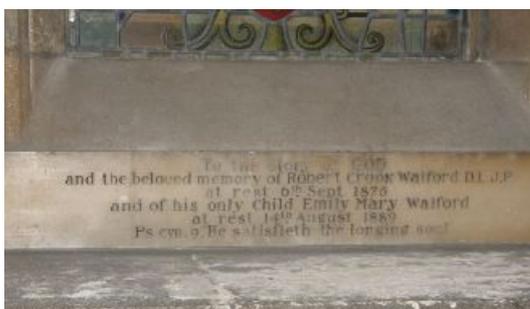
Robert Crook Walford born in Hillingdon, was the son of an Uxbridge solicitor, Thomas Witts Walford and his wife Rachel (nee Crook). Robert was a person of some standing in the local community, being described in the census returns as a “landed proprietor”, but also he was a Justice of the Peace and deputy Lieutenant of Middlesex. Historically the role of Lord Lieutenant and his deputy was to organise the county’s militia, a role first introduced by Henry VIII. Today the Lord Lieutenant and his deputy are the Queen’s personal representative in each county, their role being mainly handing out awards. The title of Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex was abolished in 1965 and there is now a Lord Lieutenant for Greater London.

When Robert married his wife Mary in 1835, a new house was built for them to live in, paid for by Robert’s father (who lived at The Lodge opposite St Andrew’s Church). The house was named “The Shrubbery” and was later was owned by the Fassnidge family. This listed building is still standing and up until recently was home to Pizza Express. Sadly it is empty at the moment, hopefully not for long.

A stained glass window was installed in memory of Robert and his daughter Emily, presumably after her death in 1889. The window depicted Jesus’s miraculous feeding of the 5000. Sadly the window was damaged beyond repair in the bombing of World War 2 and was replaced in the 1950’s by the John the Baptist window.

Robert’s wife, Mary died in 1894. Her brother paid for a new pulpit in her memory and Mary’s name is inscribed around the base.

Robert and Mary are both buried in the churchyard in a large chest tomb along with other family members. **Christine Bartlett**



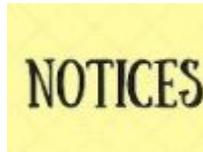
Plaque in memory of Robert Crook Walford and his Daughter Emily Mary Walford.

Walford Family Tomb.



House Formerly Known as the Shrubbery.

Pulpit in memory of Robert's wife Mary Walford.



Pray for our wedding couples:

Jay & April as they make their final preparations this week for their wedding on Friday 25th June.

Darren and Michelle also making their final preparations this week for their wedding on Saturday 26th June.

Lastly for **Trevor and Donesha**

Lord, we pray that as our couples get ready for their wedding day, you guide them with any unforeseen challenges they may face especially with the pandemic.

We pray for protection over all that will be attending and for loving interactions even during the stresses that undoubtedly come with an event like this.

Lord, grant our couples joy of heart and reverence of spirit that as they enter the oneness of marriage they may be strengthened and guided by you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Payable to:
Hillingdon Parochial Church Council
St. John's Church
Royal Lane
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
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Account No: 20465615

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