

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here with us today. We welcome those who are new to the Church. If you would like more information about us, please take and complete a slip in the Welcome Area and give it to a Steward or a Minister, or scan the QR code (right), and also in the Welcome Area.



Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Parish Services Today

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	<i>Matthew 23</i> <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>
10am	St John's	Communion	
4:00pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	
6.30pm	St John's	Evening Worship	The Love of God - Part 2

Parish Services Next Week (Feb 22nd)

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	<i>Matthew 24:1-35</i>
10am	St John's	Morning Worship	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	
6.30pm	St John's	Evening Worship	

Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website
www.stjohnswoking.uk

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Kirkman, is available for advice or to talk through concerns relating to safeguarding.

Tel: 07763 456015 or Email: safeguarding@stjohnswoking.uk

Events This Week:			
Mon 16 th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Church lounge
Tues 17 th	6:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s) Music Rehearsals	Youth Centre Youth Centre Church
Wed 18 th	10:00am 2:00pm 7:45pm	Men's Bible group Knit&Natter Lent Course and Communion	Church lounge Emmanuel Church
Thurs 19 th	3:00pm	Funeral – Chris Smeeton	Church
Fri 20 th	10:00am	Lego Club	Youth Centre
<p>Save the Date! Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held of March 8th followed by a bring-and-share lunch.</p>			
<p>Derrick Grundy's funeral is on March 10th at 2pm at St. John's. Trevor Abbott's funeral is on March 13th at 11am, at St. John's.</p>			
<p>Quiz and Fizz (Fri 27th Feb) - HELP NEEDED with set up the night before (tables and chairs), tidy up on the night (table clearing and glass cleaning), and take down on the Saturday morning (removing tables and replacing chairs). If you can assist with any of these jobs please sign up under the relevant activity on the sheet in the Welcome Area. There is still space for teams, part teams or individuals. Go to www.buylickets.at/stjohnschurchwoking/1999701 for tickets. Speak to Lys Price if you would like more information about anything Quiz and Fizzy.</p>			
<p>Easter Trail set-up: If you own a pop-up gazebo and are willing to lend it to church between March 24th - 29th for the Easter set-up, please speak to Lys ASAP.</p>			
<p>Easter Family Fun Afternoon 28th March, 1:30-3:30 - helpers needed: We need people to help in a variety of ways for this popular event including, refreshments, crafts, welcoming or just keeping things tidy and setting out tables! If you can help then please let Robin know. robin@stjohnswoking.uk</p>			
<p>We have an increasing number of people who no longer drive or have transport. Please consider if you could offer them a lift directly, so that they can attend our services. Please contact the church office for more info.</p>			
	<p>Bethel Baptist Church: Praise God for continuing baptisms and new folks coming in. Pray with us as we try to reduce busyness and reposition ourselves for relationship, outreach and growth. Pray for grace for tired and busy leaders!</p>		

Lent is all about giving up chocolate – isn’t it?

While we might think of ‘celebrating’ Christmas and Easter, we prefer to ‘observe’ Lent. Traditionally the church has seen it as 40 days for repentance, prayer, fasting and giving. It’s a reminder of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the devil and provides us with an opportunity to prepare for Easter. Over the past few years, we’ve had a series of Lent courses for people to choose and these have been really well attended, but this year we’re going to do something different, we’re going to all meet together in church to catch-up with one another over tea and coffee, to sing together as we worship and praise God and then learn and discuss together. Each week we’re going to do something a bit different, and the programme of events is shown below.

We also have a special guest speaker on the 25th February, when John Chris Darby will be joining us from ‘Wycliffe Bible Translators’ to thrill us with their progress to translate the Bible into every tongue.

During the weeks of Lent, we will continue to have our Parish Prayer meeting so we can pray for the world, this country and our church and in particular our Bishop and his family. On the final week of Lent, we will conclude with a Maundy Thursday meal together. This will be for the whole family so please sign up as soon as possible.

I know Wednesday evenings are not always easy and children need baths and bedtime stories and it’s still a bit gloomy outside and the train is sometimes late and life can feel so full or other things. But that makes it all the more important to try and join with us. Arrive late if you need to, leave early if you need to, but most importantly come, be there, be an encouragement to others, catch-up with each other, arrange to meet, ask how the children are, how you can help, how we can love one another.

Have a fabulous week,

Glyn.

There are no homegroups during Lent – this year we are meeting together in church so we can sing, learn and discuss together. Please try and make these opportunities to get together a priority.

7.45pm in church for refreshments. Just arrive late or leave early if you need to.

February

18th Why do we confess sin? - *Peter.*

25th Unlocking God’s Word

Wycliffe Bible Translators

March

4th Lent Prayer Meeting

11th Mission to Muslims - *Idris*

18th Identity in Christ - *George*

25th Does sexuality really matter? - *Glyn*

April

1st Lent Prayer Meeting

2nd Maundy Thursday meal

Lent 2026



Sermon Notes

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