

Welcome to the weekly notices for St John's and All Saints'. If you have any items for inclusion then please let the Office know ([office@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk)).

### **Lent Thoughts**

During the Lenten season, we have some wonderful opportunities to enjoy a good and godly Lent: embrace fresh ways to support and bless others - particularly the weak and vulnerable; take time to pray and reflect deeply on Holy Scripture; decide to fast from a main meal each week as an act of discipline; ask the Holy Spirit to deal with areas of our lives that cause pain to others.

Pope Francis has provided this short reflection for Lent, which gives a helpful focus for our reflections and prayers: Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

*In the words of Pope Francis*

If you have any concerns, please do let me know - Sue and I will pray for you daily during Lent

### **Refreshments Team - Help needed**

Two of the core values of St John's are welcome and hospitality. Please consider joining the small team that currently serves refreshments after the Sunday morning services. If you enjoy serving and meeting people, this could be for you! Please contact Jane Williamson at [jane275@btinternet.com](mailto:jane275@btinternet.com) who will provide more information.

### **Celebrating 20 years of marriage**

Congratulations to Holli and James Bielby who are celebrating 20 years of marriage. As part of those celebrations they are having their rings and marriage blessed this Sunday morning. They are also planning on serving tea, coffee, Prosecco and cake after the service in the Church room.

### **Resources for Kidschurch**

Art resources needed for Kidschurch! We are looking chalk pastels, oil pastels, watercolour paint sets or other similar art resources suitable for primary school aged children. If you have anything that you no longer need, please contact Kirsty or bring them along to church on a Sunday.

### **Making Sense of the Gospel of St Mark**

Paul will be presenting the second part of St Mark's gospel in the Church Room on 25th February at 7pm. This is an opportunity to be informed about the Second Gospel: its sources, theology, themes, literary style and relationship to Matthew and Luke. These sessions aim to be interactive, stimulating and

hopefully a bit inspiring! It will be the same format as previous Making Sense events, including the refreshments!

World Day of Prayer - 1st March @ Milton



World Day of Prayer Service  
prepared by  
Christian women of Palestine  
Friday 1 March 2024 at 7pm

All Saints Church, Church Lane, Milton CB24 6AB

Please join us for tea, coffee and cakes before the service  
from 6.15pm



### **Amos Trust- Run the Wall 1/2nd March 2024**

Many of you will be aware that as part of Amos Trust 'Run the Wall' events over the last three years, I have completed three sponsored walks and through the generosity of many sponsors have raised nearly £1,500.

This year, Team Cotton is joining thousands around the world to walk (all of us), run (Millie) and ride (Andrew) 55k in solidarity with Palestinians, at the same time as the annual Palestine Marathon was due to take place.

#### **Invitation to Walk and Talk**

Andrew and I would love you to join us on **Thursday February 29th** (weather permitting) as we walk a circuit of the river, followed by tea in the Church Room. It would be lovely to walk as a bigger group for one of the Team Cotton outings for this year's Run the Wall. Even if you're not able to walk with us on this occasion, please do join us for tea (3.30 in the Church Room)

We plan to start from the Village Green at 2.00, walk to the station, cross over the river at The Bridge (Clayhithe) and then walk along the riverbank until crossing at Bottisham Lock and back into the village. Please feel free at any point to curtail the route to suit you.

If the weather is really bad that afternoon, we would obviously abandon, but in the hope we go ahead, we should probably be prepared for some mud!

Dorothy is kindly setting up tea for us at St John's for 3.30. To help with numbers for catering, whether you are walking or not, please email myself ([em.cotton@btinternet.com](mailto:em.cotton@btinternet.com)) or Dorothy ([d.druitt@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.druitt@ntlworld.com)) if you plan to join us for tea and chat.

Looking forward to walking and talking with you, Emma

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/emma-cotton-1707671253769?newPage=true>

Earth Hour Service - Saturday 23rd March



# EARTH HOUR CANDLELIT VIGIL

**March 23rd, 6pm**

**Join us for refreshments before an hour of music,  
readings, silence and candlelight as we celebrate  
our special planet.**



**All welcome!**

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#### **Advance Notice for Good Friday Children's Event**

We are planning a 'CSI Easter' workshop for primary school aged children in the morning of Good Friday, 29th March. If you are willing and able to help with this (either working with children/ leading a station/ making refreshments), please let Kirsty know ([kmorris@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:kmorris@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk)), as this will help to plan our capacity for the event.

#### **Easter Lilies**

Would those who would like to donate lilies in memory of a loved one please send names and money to Chris Armstrong by 20th March. Contact Chris on 01223 861586.

### **St John's APCM - Sunday 28th April**

The date for the annual parochial church meeting has been set for Sunday 28th April following the morning service. The annual report and information should be available just after Easter. Please save the date.

### **Cricket - Advance Notice**

The challenge has been made, and the date fixed for the match against St Barnabas, Monday 8th July. Further details in due course. Anyone who might be interested please let Andrew Glover know. Once it is warmer (and dryer) we will look to have a couple of net practices!

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