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St John's News

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From our Minister...



The Power of Remembering



Each year, on Remembrance Sunday, we come together in reverence and gratitude to honour the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of peace, justice, and freedom. It is a day not only of sombre reflection, but also of deep gratitude for those who fought and gave their lives so that we may enjoy the freedoms we cherish today.

From a Christian perspective, this act of remembrance holds profound significance. Throughout the Bible, God repeatedly calls His people to remember - whether it's recalling His faithfulness through times of trial or His acts of salvation. In much the same way, on Remembrance Sunday, we are called to remember those who laid down their lives so that others may live in peace.

Scripture teaches us that memory is powerful, shaping our understanding of the past, and guiding our actions in the present and future. In Deuteronomy 6:12, God warns His people not to forget the One who delivered them from slavery, reminding them to keep His works alive in their hearts.

In the same way, Remembrance Sunday is not just a time to recall the events of wars past, but a time to honour the courage, love, and sacrifice of those who gave everything for peace. By remembering them, we allow their stories to inspire us to live lives of service, compassion, and dedication to building a more just world.

For Christians, this remembrance takes on an even deeper meaning as we reflect on the ultimate act of sacrifice: Jesus Christ giving His life for the salvation of humanity. Just as He laid down His life for us, many have laid down their lives for the cause of peace. In John 15:13, Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." The selflessness of those we remember on this day mirrors the love Christ showed, calling us to respond with hearts full of gratitude and action.

On this Remembrance Sunday, let us honour those who have served with bravery, commitment, and selflessness. Let their memory inspire us to be instruments of God's peace in a world still in need of healing. As we remember the past, may we also look forward in hope, trusting in God's promise of a future marked by love and justice.

May we each commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation, striving to build a world where peace triumphs over conflict and love overcomes hatred. In doing so, we become faithful witnesses to God's love and peace in our world.

The Revd David Jebb

Website and Minister's Blog Have you seen Revd David Jebb's blog on our website? Every month David writes some thoughts. If you are online why not have a look on www.stjohnspb.org.uk/ministers-blog



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SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

more details on website - www.stjohnspb.org.uk

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	PREACHER
Sunday 3rd Nov	10.30	Morning Worship	Jenet Jebb
Sunday 10th Nov	10.30	Remembrance with Scout Parade	Revd David Jebb
Sunday 10th Nov	19.00	Informal Café Worship with coffee, tea and cake	Revd David Jebb
Sunday 17th Nov	10.30	Creative Church and Celebration	Revd Nick Young
Sunday 24th Nov	10.30	Holy Communion and Pastoral Visitor's Dedication Service	Revd David Jebb

All ages are welcome to our 10.30am services. Under 3s are welcome in church and in the adjoining crèche area at the back. Other children are invited to Junior Johns in the Garden Room. More information from a Steward or Jackie Hart 07825 211657

CARE HOME SERVICES

more details from Revd David Jebb - 01707 652978

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday 6th Nov	15.00	Cooperscroft Care Home
Wednesday 20th Nov	15.00	Cuffley Manor Care Home

We lead services at Cuffley Manor and Cooperscroft Care Homes. All are welcome to come and join the small team as we worship with and talk to the residents with time to talk over tea and coffee afterwards.

Saturday Morning Prayers on Zoom

A refreshing Saturday Morning Prayer Experience

Start your Saturday with a time of spiritual renewal! From 9:00 to 9:45am, we gather for a powerful and uplifting time of prayer, worship, and reflection. Together, we focus on healing, wholeness, and giving thanks for the many blessings and answered prayers in our lives.

Our group typically welcomes 15 to 23 people, creating an intimate and welcoming space. Each session begins with beautiful music that sets the stage for reflection and praise. A short biblical message follows, offering inspiration for our prayers & grounding us in God's word.

The heart of our meeting is prayer - whether spoken aloud or in the quiet of our hearts. We lift up personal needs, intercede for others, and offer gratitude for the ways God has answered our prayers. It's a peaceful, supportive environment where you can connect deeply with God, surrounded by a loving community.

If you're seeking healing, strength, or just a moment to encounter God's presence, we warmly invite you to join us. Set aside 45 minutes on a Saturday morning and come be part of this meaningful time. *We would love to see you there - you will leave refreshed and encouraged!*

November Prayer Leaders are: November 9th - Miss Jacqi Guy November 23rd - Deacon Nigel Perrott
November 2nd - Mrs Diana Holt November 16th - Dr George Woods November 30th - Revd David Jebb

ZOOM LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/99737525318?pwd=R1hHNTE2Z2lORndvaU1idWpVYktndz09>

FAMILY NEWS

Helen Strand - Telephone: 07821 786170 Email: hstrand@aol.com

We are sorry to report the death of Maurice Beales on Thursday 17th October. Please pray for his wife June, daughter Sandra and granddaughter Kirstie as they grieve their loss.

Pat Ware is settling in to her new home in Cooperscroft Care Home.

Congratulations to Helen and Adrian Jeckells who celebrated their silver wedding at the end of October.

Myra Sloper is proud to announce her grandson - Christopher, has been selected to play Hockey for Suffolk County.

All our Pastoral visitors are invited to a special dedication service on Sunday 24th November at 10.30am

Job vacancy at St John's

The Church is looking for a part time cleaner to cover for the holiday periods of our current cleaner, this will be for 4 weeks a year, 16 hours each week, and will be paid at the going rate. Full training will be provided. If you want to know more, please speak to David Bowler, or email david_bowler@talktalk.net

Update on The Alpha Course

We're now halfway through our 2nd Alpha Course, and it's going great! We have 15 participants and 5 helpers, and everything is running smoothly. There's a real sense of excitement as people engage with Alpha on Tuesdays, which is incredibly encouraging. One of our previous Alpha participants, Jenny, recently reflected on her first experience with us last year. Jenny writes....

Going Back to Basics: My Alpha Journey

Alpha helped me reconnect with the core aspects of my faith – Jesus' life and teachings, the power of prayer, and the importance of the Bible. It was like reuniting with an old friend and discovering new depth in our relationship. This journey reignited my passion for what I believe.

Personal Growth

Alpha pushed me to pray with more intention, read the Bible with fresh eyes, and actively live out Christ's teachings. This growth brought about real transformation in my daily life.

Community and Connection

Sharing this experience with others was truly uplifting. Discussing questions, sharing stories, and building friendships with fellow participants gave me so much encouragement and strength in my spiritual journey.

A Welcoming Space

Alpha provided a safe space for me to ask questions and wrestle with doubts. I learned that these aren't signs of weak faith but opportunities for growth and understanding.

Deepening My Relationship with God

Through Alpha, I felt a renewed connection with God. My prayer life became more meaningful, and I felt His presence in my everyday life. I realised that faith is an ongoing journey, and God welcomes us as we are.

Sharing My Faith

Alpha gave me the tools and confidence to share my faith with others. In a world that can feel uncertain, being able to offer hope and light through God's Word feels more important than ever.

Hearing this kind of feedback is a beautiful reminder of the impact Alpha can have on people.

The Alpha Course has another 4 Tuesday sessions.

David Jebb and the Alpha helpers



Alpha

A message from our Treasurer

As many of you will be aware the work of our circuit ministers and the maintenance of our buildings here at St John's are supported financially by the generous regular giving of many of our members and friends.

As many of these costs rise year on year, I invite our regular contributors to review their giving and, if they feel able to do so, to consider increasing it.

Also, newer members may wish to join our regular giving schemes to support the work of the church. An advantage of doing this is that the Church can reclaim Gift Aid on donations where the donor is a UK taxpayer and pays sufficient Income or Capital Gains Tax.

Our preferred method of giving is now by standing order direct to the Church's bank account. However, for those who prefer more traditional methods, cheque or cash donations can be made using our blue envelopes placed at the back of the Church which have the space to complete a Gift Aid declaration.

Please see me or one of the Church Stewards if you would like to set up a standing order and we can explain the process. **Robert Ward**

Thank you

to all who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning in September. Very pleased to say the final total raised was the grand sum of £665.
Pat Griffith



Churches Together in Potters Bar

CTPB would like to invite you to join them at 8.30am on the first Saturday of each month as they pray for the Churches and community of Potters Bar. Meetings last approx 45 minutes followed by breakfast.
www.ctpb.org.uk

Saturday 2nd November -

United Reformed Church, EN6 1BZ

Saturday 7th December - St Giles Church, EN6 3PE



Advance Notice - World Day of Prayer is to be held at St John's on the morning of Friday 7th March 2025.

4TH POTTERS BAR SCOUTS
CHRISTMAS MARKET
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
10.30AM - 13.00
 St John's Methodist Church, Baker Street, EN6 2DZ

Take a shop among our wide selection of Seasonal Stalls... Christmas Cakes, Candles & Wax Melts, Tombola, Raffle, Chutneys & Treats, Gifts, Books, Bric-a-Brac and more!

Grab a bite to eat with some hot food & drinks.

Have a go in our famous snow globe and hall of games and get your face painted and some glitter tattoos while you wait.

Come and say hello to some reptiles & creepy crawlies and of course...Father Christmas and his sleigh!

Babies & toddlers can rest and play in our ball pit room.

The Big Quiz Night

In aid of
tearfund

Saturday 16th November, 6.30pm at St John's
£8 each (pay at door) includes soup, roll and dessert

Please bring your own non-alcoholic drinks

Come as a team (6-8 people) OR come on your own and we can assign you to a team

Book your place by signing the sheet in the church
 OR email - minister@stjohnspb.org.uk
 OR let a steward know

TearFund will be so grateful for your support as... every pound raised will help empower people around the world to lift themselves out of poverty.



Christmas Services at St John's

- Sunday 8th December, 10.30am**
- **Christingle with Scout Parade**
- Sunday 15th December, 10.30am**
- **9 Lessons and Carols**
- Sunday 22nd December, 10.30am**
- **Creative Church - for everyone**

- Tuesday 24th December, 11.00pm**
- **Christmas Eve with Communion**
- Wednesday 25th December, 10.30am**
- **Christmas Day All Age Worship**
- Sunday 5th January 2025, 10.30am**
- **Covenant Service**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

more details on website - www.stjohnspb.org.uk

Mondays	10.00 - 11.45am	Jumping Johns - Main Hall	Margaret Bland 07887 532128
	10.00am - 12.00pm	Can We Fix It Group	Roger Croughton 01707 650438
	10.30 - 11.30am	Vestry Hour	Rev David Jebb 01707 652978
	2.30 - 4.00pm	Women's Guild - Clifton Room	Jo Hutton 01707 658436
	8.00 - 10.00pm	Badminton - Main Hall	Margaret Bland 07887 532128
Tuesdays	11.00 - 3.00pm	Welcome Space	Barbara Thompson 01707 665621
Wednesdays	6.30 - 8.00pm	Cubs - Main Hall	www.4thpottersbar.scoutsonline.co.uk
	2.30 - 4.30pm	Strafford Gate House Group - 3rd Wednesday	David Carter 07709 284852
	7.45 - 9.00pm	Bible Study in Clifton Room - fortnightly	Lesley Humphreys 07961 347152
Thursdays	7.00 - 8.30pm	Scouts - Main Hall	www.4thpottersbar.scoutsonline.co.uk
Fridays	10.30am - 12.00pm	Morning Coffee, Clifton Room - 1st and 3rd Fridays in month	
	10.30am	Byng Drive House Group - fortnightly	Dawn Fenner 07969 924346
	6.15 - 7.15pm	Beavers - Rainbow Room	www.4thpottersbar.scoutsonline.co.uk
Saturdays	9.00 - 9.45am	Let's Pray Together (zoom)	Revd David Jebb 01707 652978