



FAMILY NEWS

FROM
ST JOHN'S EALING

Sunday 28 April 2024

Dear friends,

Please see below for all the latest church family and parish community news & events that are coming up:

Earth Day

On Monday, we welcomed Bishop Lusa to St John's who had cycled to all of the Willesden Eco Church Silver Award churches! They stopped at St John's for a short while and spoke with members of our Eco Church team church.



Out & About - Eco Church Sketching Workshops

Our Eco-Church Champion, Izzy Glebocki, is running a series of sketching workshops, starting this **Friday 26 April** at **Walpole Park 11.30am - 1pm**. These workshops are an introduction to sketching the natural world using a variety of materials and will take place on **May 17, June 7, 14 & 21** at Walpole Park, Hanwell Zoo and Richmond Park.

Click on the link <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/events/ojuu5myo> to find out more and sign up for this Friday or visit our website www.stjohnsealing.org.uk for details of future dates.

Encounter - Saturday 27 April

Join us for our Encounter service of extended worship with space for prayer and ministry. It's every **4th Saturday** of the month at **5-6pm** and takes place in the church lounge. Come along and invite a friend/loved one.

Prayer Evening - Wednesday 1 May

Our next monthly prayer evening will be at **8pm** on **Wednesday 1 May**. Do come along to pray and listen to God together. We meet in the church lounge.

Swap Shop - Thursday 2 May

Come and enjoy a free event this Thursday! St Mellitus in Hanwell are hosting a clothes swap evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Please bring a few items of clothing to swap & refresh your wardrobe. This is a free event but you will still need to book. For more details and to book your ticket please click here <https://stmellitushanwell.churchsuite.com/events/m8ffvaa9>

New Wine Celebration - St Paul's, Ealing - Sunday 5 May

St Paul's, Ealing would love to welcome you to join them for the next New Wine Celebration taking place on **Sunday 5 May at 6.30pm**. The guest speaker will be Kath Johnson who is on the Leadership Team for New Wine England, alongside her husband Rich. Kath is the Church & Community Mobilisation Lead for International Justice Mission (IJM) and part of the leadership of All Saints Worcester. Together, she & Rich have the great privilege & pleasure of raising 3 teenagers and the joy of trying to tame their lively cocker spaniel!

Alpha 24

We are excited to invite you to our next Alpha course from **Thursday 9 May 7pm** for **8 weeks** including one Saturday morning. Please click here <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/events/zz3er2vn> if you would like to sign up or find out more.

Alpha 24 Team

Thank you so much to all who helped us with our last course. We saw over 15 guests attend, some of whom have now become regular members of St John's. Our Vision is to **belong, serve and give** which is very much a reflection of the early church. They were one in Spirit and pulled their gifts together in discipleship and mission. Here is a list of some ways in which you might consider serving or giving to enhance belonging;

- Praying - we need people to pray and will be sharing weekly prayer items.
- Publicity - We have plenty of flyers, one for each member of the Church and one to give away.
- Catering - The meal is a highlight at Alpha as it is a great welcome and facilitates conversations.
- Music - Worship is at the heart of the sessions. Could you serve or give your music talents.

- Financial - We spend on publicity, food, bibles and important christian literature. Could you give towards Alpha?
- Setting up and Clearing up - It's good to have a clean, welcoming environment. Could you serve in this way?
- Facilitating Group Discussions - Have you done Alpha before and feel able to help lead a small group?
- Team training - We run a session of planning and prep which will be on Saturday 4th May at 10am - 12pm.

Please let Sam or Nina know how you might help by writing to us here thevicar@stjohnsealing.org.uk.

Open Doors Event

Open Doors is holding an event at Kensington Temple (near Notting Hill Gate) on **Friday 17 May from 7 pm to 9 pm** (doors open at 6.30 pm for drinks and nibbles). This is an opportunity to celebrate what God is doing in some of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian and to meet persecuted Christians, hear their stories, ask them questions and pray with them. There will be space for worship and you'll also get to sample what life is like for millions of believers worldwide. A ticket costs £7. To book please visit the link <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/standing-strong/>

An Evening with Steve Legg | Saturday 18 May 6-8pm

We are so excited to be again hosting a fun filled evening of laughter. The event is for the whole church family with food and refreshments provided. It is a free evening with suggested donations of £10 or whatever you can afford to help cover the costs. Please come along with friends and family.

This is a free but ticketed event so please reserve your place by signing up <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/events/lyusf36nhere> To find out more about Steve Legg, please visit his website <https://stevelegg.com/>

Have a blessed weekend :)



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