



FAMILY NEWS

FROM
ST JOHN'S EALING

Sunday 7th April 2024

Dear friends,

I hope this finds you all well and that you enjoyed the Easter bank holiday weekend? Please see below for all the latest church family and parish community news:

Sunday 7th April

Join us this Sunday for our **All Age Service** which will be a celebration at the end of a fantastic Easter Holiday Club. This will start at the earlier time of **9.45am** and there will be a light breakfast and refreshments served along with games and crafts for everyone to join in. Please do come along and invite your friends and family.

New Wine Celebration Sunday 7 April | 6.30pm | St Paul's Ealing

This Sunday, St Paul's are delighted to be welcoming Ben and Ellie Doolan for their New Wine Celebration on 7 April. Ben is married to Ellie and together they lead St Thomas' Newcastle. He is also on the National Leadership Team of New Wine. This will be a great service, so do come and bring your friends as well.

Church Electoral Roll

We always update our Electoral Roll before the APCM. If you know that you are already on the roll (you can check the current version which is posted in the Church lounge) then you do not need to reapply. If you would like to join then please sign up online by clicking <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/forms/nd8y7itw>. The deadline for applications this year is this **Sunday 7th April**.

Open Doors Prayer webinar

There will be a special prayer webinar to pray for the upcoming elections in India - and particularly how they will affect the persecuted Indian church. It will take place on Wednesday **17 April** from **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm** online. The event is free, but you need to register at <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/webinars/>

APCM & Bring and Share Lunch

St John's APCM will take place this year on **Sunday 21st April**. This will be after the morning service at 12pm and we will share lunch together while we meet. Please do let the office know here office@stjohnsealing.org.uk if you are planning to bring anything so that we know for catering purposes. Please also note that there will be **no Cafe Chuch** taking place that Sunday as we would love to share lunch and celebrate together what God has been across the Parish. All are welcome to attend.

Alpha 24

We are excited to invite you to our next Alpha course from **Thursday 9th May 7pm** for **8 weeks** including one Saturday morning. Please click here <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/calendar/events/789> 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 500 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.

An Evening with Steve Legg | Saturday 18th 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 :)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nina".

Nina McMahon
Church Administrator