



FAMILY NEWS

FROM
ST JOHN'S EALING

Sunday 13th September 2026

Dear friend,

Below, you'll find details of our upcoming services & events for this week and next at St John's. Do check our website www.stjohnsealing.org.uk for the latest updates, news and details of all future courses and events.

A message from our Church Warden Paul Salter

A reflection for September

Traditionally September for Christians is seen as a time of transition, reflection and renewal, a month that bridges the warmth of summer with the quiet preparation for autumn. Harvest, which is strongly associated with September is also a reminder to give gratitude to God for his abundant provision.

Many schools and ministries restart after the summer and this can symbolize fresh starts and in a Christian context renewed commitments to prayer, Bible study and acts of service as echoed in Lamentations 3:23 "His mercies are new every morning". At St John's it is an opportunity for all of us to pray for our children and youth who will be experiencing new beginnings at nursery, at school, at university and in employment. It is also good to pray for those whose vocation commits them to working with children and young people and to remember those who serve in the children's ministry at our own church.

So, as we reflect on September as a month of transition and renewal, we can all embrace the following short prayer that is linked with this time of year. "Lord, help me gather what you have planted in my life. Help me return to you with a whole heart. Help me walk into this new season with gratitude and purpose".

Paul Salter

Church Warden

This Weekend

St John's Open Day

Saturday 12 September | 10am-3.30pm | Crypt and Church

Please come along as we open the doors to our community as part of the [Open House Festival 2026](#). Our 150th Anniversary Exhibition will be back and Cathy will

do guided tours of the church and crypt at 11 am and 2 pm. We would love you to be there as we welcome our community, so please stay around to chat with any visitors! There will be tea and coffee throughout the day. Please pick up any of the remaining invitations to distribute in our parish if you can.

Morning Worship

Sunday 13 September | 10am | Church

Join us at 10am for our Morning Worship where we continue our autumn series. Our reading will be from **Philippians 1:12-26**

Café Church

Sunday 13 September | 5.45-7pm | Church Lounge

Join our informal, café style service, with teaching and sharing of faith stories, prayer and discussions, as well as refreshments throughout.

Next Week

St John's 150th Celebration-An Evening of Music and Readings

Thursday 17 September | 7.30pm-9pm | Church

Join us for a relaxed evening of music and stories as we share highlights from the church's 150 year history. This is the second event we are inviting our parish community to, so please come along and look out for newcomers. Feel free to pick up a leaflet to give to neighbours and friends - all are welcome even if living outside the parish!

St John's Men's Monthly Breakfast

Saturday 19 September | 9.00-10.15am | Creperie Cila, Northfield Ave, W13 9QR

Join with other men for fellowship, conversation, and connection over breakfast!

Family Connect Party

Saturday 19 September | 3.30-5.30pm | Church

Join us for an afternoon of crafts, interactive Bible Study, fun activities and time to connect with others. All ages welcome. Invite friends, family and neighbours. Sign up at <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/events/m3tihnei>

Other News

Bridgathon charity walk.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Assistant Minister, Rev Jane Morris, in her Bridgathon charity walk last Sunday. Jane and friends successfully completed their walk across several London bridges! You can find out more at

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/janeandanniesbridgathon2026>



The next 150 Project

Please continue to pray for our plan to renew and strengthen St John's for the next generation. The Project team are working on a proposed priority list for the PCC to agree. You can read more in our project brochure, and if you can start or increase regular giving, make a one-off donation or add Gift Aid, please use our giving pledge form.

Thank you for praying, giving, and journeying with us as we invest in the future of our church.

Community

Ealing Foodbank

Please consider donating to the basket in the lounge. The September shopping list can be found here: <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>. You can also now use a platform called 'Give Today' to purchase the food items that are needed the most via this link: <https://givetoday.co.uk/ealingfoodbank/>

Church Office Contact Details

Church Office hours are **Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. If you need to contact the office, please email office@stjohnsealing.org.uk

Wishing you a blessed weekend :)

Sabrina & Daniela