



FAMILY NEWS

FROM
ST JOHN'S EALING

Sunday 6th 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 Rev Jane Morris

This time of year often feels like a turning point. Summer turns to autumn, schools go back, parliament resumes and so much more. Over these summer months, it has been amazing to see the practical generosity of giving to Ealing Foodbank. Apparently a total of more than **two tons** of food gifts have been given! One in three people in Ealing live in poverty, and it is a practical privilege to give in this way that makes such a difference. Let's continue!

There's a new beginning at St John's is starting this Sunday. In our Sunday services we will be learning from the New Testament letter to the church at Philippi. Do take some time to read through the four chapters of this letter? At one time in my life I was a teacher in a Quaker school. One of the phrases that I remember is to come to worship 'with heart and mind prepared'. You will find details of the Sunday readings below – why not set aside some time to read and pray around each passage before coming? There are also details below of some bible studies and reading.

'I want to know Christ..' (Philippians 3:10)

This Weekend

All Age Service

Sunday 06 September | 10.00 am | Church

Join us on Sunday 6th September, for our All Age Service, followed by light refreshments, please remember this service now starts at 10am. We will be starting our autumn series our reading will be from **Philippians 1:1-11**

Café Church

Sunday 06 September | 5.45–7pm | Church Lounge

Restarting after the summer break, please 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 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.

Looking Ahead

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!

Parish News

Memorial Service - Ruth Matovu

Tuesday 8 September | 2pm-5pm | Church

Ruth Matovu died on Saturday, 8th August, after a long fight with cancer. Ruth was a member of St Johns from the early 1980's - when Stan Dakin was vicar. She came to Ealing from Uganda with 3 small children: Angela, Agatha and Simon. Paul, her fourth child, was born in Ealing after her husband joined her from Uganda. Ruth's children went through the children's groups and were members of the youth group, and many at St John's remember Ruth and her children well. If you knew Ruth, you'd be very welcome to join the service. Sam Sanya will be leading the Memorial Service.

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.

Mission Partners

Open Doors prayer webinar: Arise Africa online

There will be a special online event to unite in prayer with the church in Africa, and

for the final few months of the Arise Africa petition, on **Wednesday 9 September from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**. Join in praying for the persecuted church in sub-Saharan Africa and hear from the incoming CEO, Tiffany Barrans. The event is free, but you should register at: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/webinars/>. The **Arise Africa petition** is calling upon the global community to ensure that Christians and other vulnerable individuals in sub-Saharan Africa are treated with dignity and respect, through protection, justice and restoration. The petition is intended to be presented to the African Union, United Nations, EU and local governments around the world in 2026.

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