FAMILY NEWS
FROM ST JOHN'S EALING

Sunday 15 November 2026

Dear friends,

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 Curate Revd Graham Worsfold:

This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. (John 3 v 19).
For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12 v 14)
The judgment of God is little talked about nowadays but the word of the Lord does not change so it does us well to remember that *we are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness* (I Thessalonians 5 v 5)
Hence we are grateful to Eman for organising the recent Light Party for our children and at this time of year, when the darker evenings are upon us, it is good to remember that Jesus is *the light of the world* (John 8 v 12). Jesus famously gave little children an important place in his earthly ministry. He told his disciples *let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these*.(Matthew 19 v 14)
As a church, therefore, we need to treat our children well and have good and wise policies in place. This Sunday is marked as Safeguarding Sunday. We value greatly our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Valerie Upton and she will be interviewed as part of our Sunday morning service to highlight the importance that we, too, place on keeping children (and others who are vulnerable) safe. It is also good to use this opportunity to remind ourselves that **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**.

This Weekend

First Aid Training
Saturday 14 November| 11-1pm |Church
Join our First Aid Duty of Care training session for our **children's and youth ministry leaders.**
To find out more or to sign up please contact **Eman**

Tearfund Big Quiz Night
Saturday 14 November| 6-8pm |Church Lounge
We look forward to the Tearfund Big Quiz Night this Saturday evening. Booking has now closed and the fish & chips has been ordered!
Proceeds will go towards helping transform the lives of people living in poverty. Go to https://www.tearfund.org/ if you would like to donate.

Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday 15th November is **Safeguarding Sunday** The theme this year is **Love Protects,** rooted in the well known passage from 1 Corinthians 13, which reminds us that "love always protects."
Morning Worship
Sunday 15 November| 10am |Church
Join us this Sunday at 10am for Morning Worship. Our reading will be from **Luke 12:22-34** as we continue our series:

Café Church
Sunday 15 November| 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

Midweek Communion Service
Wednesday 18 November| 11.15am |Church
Please join our weekly communion service followed by refreshments. All are welcome - toddlers to pensioners and all in between. We are now following a new series - Light Shines in the Darkness which will take us up to Christmas.

Midweek Movie Afternoon
Thursday 19 November| 1pm |Church Lounge
On Thursday Nov 19th we are holding a movie afternoon at 1pm. We are watching a comedy - Notting Hill in the church lounge. Do come and join us!

Parish News

Fred Parsons Memorial Service
There will be a memorial and thanksgiving service for Fred on **Thursday December 10th at 1pm** in **the church** followed by refreshments in the church lounge. Please email **Helen** to let us know of your own personal stories about Fred so we can include them in the tributes, please also email copies of any photographs you have so that we can have a slide show in the lounge while we have refreshments. Any offers to help with the running of the service and hospitality also appreciated.
'Toy Run' Christmas Appeal 2026
St John's are delighted to be supporting this project. The '59 Motorcycle Club' organises a toy appeal to help families in need. If you would like to donate a toy/gift (see below) these can be brought to church over the next few Sunday's.

- Interactive and educational toys & games for ages 12-16
- Chocolate bars, cookies (tin boxed), sweets with a long expiry date
- There is also an option to support the run with a **financial donation** via the Justgiving link **https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/toyrun-2026**

The Toy Run will leave St John's on Saturday 5 December at 10am.
If you have any questions then please contact **Angelo**

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 have met with the architect to refine the plan and the sound desk and related equipment has been ordered. You can read more in our project brochure **here,** and if you can start or increase regular giving, make a one-off donation or add Gift Aid, please use our giving pledge form **here.** Thanks to those who have already given at total of £37,000 to the project fund, which is now standing at £300,000.

Belong, Serve, Give

We are seeking to expand our **hospitality team** to help out on Sunday mornings. If you would like to get involved and are interested in serving please contact the **church office**

Community

Ealing Foodbank
Please consider donating to the basket in the lounge. The November shopping list can be found **here.**
You can also use the platform 'Give Today' to purchase the food items that are needed the most **here.**

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