FAMILY NEWS
FROM ST JOHN'S EALING

Sunday 22nd November 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 Youth & Children's Minister Eman Henein:

As we are about to begin the Advent season, **Habakkuk 2:3** offers hope to anyone waiting for an answer to prayer, facing a difficult time, or feeling alone in a hard season. When life feels shaken and God seems far away, this verse reminds us that we have not been forgotten: *"**Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.**"*

During Advent, we remember how God's people waited for the promised Messiah. Their waiting was long, but God answered their hope by sending Jesus at the right time. Advent reminds us that God is faithful, even when our prayers seem unanswered or we do not understand what is happening. We can keep trusting that God hears us and stays with us through every season.

Last Saturday's **Tearfund Big Quiz Night** brought families and our community together for an epic evening of poverty-beating fun. It was a joyful reminder that, while we wait and hope, we can support one another and work together to bring hope to others.

Everyone, young and old, is warmly invited to our **Christingle service on 6 December**, as we celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World and the hope he brings. As we prepare for Christmas, may Christ's light bring comfort, strength and hope to all who are waiting

This Weekend

St John's Men's Monthly Breakfast
Saturday 21 November|9.00-10.15am|Creperie Cila, Northfield Ave, W13
Join with other men for fellowship, conversation, and connection over breakfast!

Holy Communion
Sunday 22 November| 10am |Church
Join us this Sunday at 10am for our Holy Communion Service where we continue our **November series** in Luke. Our reading will be from **Luke 14:25-35**

Café Church
Sunday 22 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 25 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.

Morning Worship
Sunday 29 November| 10am |Church
Join us the following Sunday 29 November at 10am for Morning Worship and the final talk in our series from **Luke 21:5 -18, 34-36.**

Other News

Advent Books to give away
Sarah Broadbent has some Advent books to share: to have or to borrow. They have something to read each day through Advent. Sarah will be at the back of church after the service this Sunday – please have a look and see if you'd like to have one. Advent begins next Sunday (29th Nov).

Parish drop of Christmas leaflets - Your help is needed!
We've ordered the invites to our Advent and Christmas services - please pick up a pack of leaflets at the back of church - to deliver to the streets in our parish before 6 December which is the first event. Many thanks!

'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**

If you have any questions then please contact **Angelo**

Parish News

Fred Parsons Memorial Service

There will be a memorial and thanksgiving service for Fred on **Thursday 10 December 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. **The service will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend-link can be found here**

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 please contact the **church office.**
Also, there is no regular team scheduled for the 5th Sunday next week (29 November), so could you consider helping out just once?

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