# FAMILY NEWS
FROM ST JOHN'S EALING

Sunday 29th 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 Church Warden Iain Tromans

In last week's newsletter, as we approach the Advent season, Eman reminded us of God's faithfulness in answering the cry of those waiting and hoping for the arrival of the Messiah.

Advent is a time when we are challenged to consider whether we are ready for Christ's arrival. Are we ready to align with his plans and purposes for our lives? At St John's, Advent also happens to be the time when we become aware of who our new Vicar will be, following a period of waiting and hoping.

I pray that God will prepare our new Vicar to lead us in the next chapter of our journey but I also pray that this would be a season where I am being made ready to receive our new Vicar and align with the plans God has for me and for us, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future," (Jeremiah 29:11).

Blessings,
Iain

## This Weekend

**Morning Worship**
**Sunday 29 November| 10am |Church**
Join us this Sunday at 10am for our Morning Worship where we finish our November series in Luke. Our reading will be from **Luke 21:5-18 34-36**

**Café Church**
**Sunday 29 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 02 December| 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.

**Monthly Prayer Evening**
**Wednesday 02 December| 8-9pm |Church**
Please join us for our monthly meeting to pray and listen to God. All our welcome! These take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm. We especially want to pray for us to be ready to receive our new vicar, and for them as they prepare to join us and share in our ministry going forward.

**All Age Worship**
**Sunday 06 December| 10am |Church**
Join us next Sunday for our all age worship and Christingle Service. A service with something for everyone, whatever age and stage in life

## Other News

**Parish drop of Christmas leaflets - Your help is needed!**
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**

**Candelabra Concerts**
Some of you may have seen the publicity for a recent external concert at St John's - a source of income for us and an opportunity for visitors from the community to come into St John's. There is will be two Christmas concerts on Saturday 19 December - **see here**. We would like to run a simple bar before each concert - if you are able to help for an hour or two in the afternoon or early evening, please contact **Daniela**.

## 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 livestreamed 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.

## 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.**

## 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.**

## 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