

Today we are livestreaming the 10am Sunday service from church.

The link for the service can be found on our website home page:

<https://www.stjohnswoking.org.uk>

or type the following into your internet browser: [stjohnslivestream.uk](http://stjohnslivestream.uk)

We are also keeping in touch through the St John's Church Facebook group and WhatsApp groups for men and women.

Please join these, or call the office, if you'd like to know how!

### This Week's Collect

Merciful Lord, receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that we may know those things we ought to do and also have the grace and power faithfully to perform them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Services today at St John's and via livestream

The 10.00 AM service from St John's will be livestreamed

8:00 am	Morning Worship	Reading:	Ezekiel 3
10:00 am	Morning Worship	Sermon:	Go set a watchman!
		Preacher	Peter Chamberlin

Services next week, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021, at St John's Church and via Livestream

8.00 am	Morning Worship	Reading:	Ezekiel 5
10.00 am	Morning worship		

### Home Group study guides

Study guides for our new sermon series on Ezekiel are available for home group leaders from the church office.

Please continue to pray for church members, using the membership list.

Staff days off:

Glyn – Monday

Peter - Saturday

Mary – from 1pm Fri & Sat

Robin – Mon, Weds, Thurs

Office staff – Saturday & Sunday

Recordings:

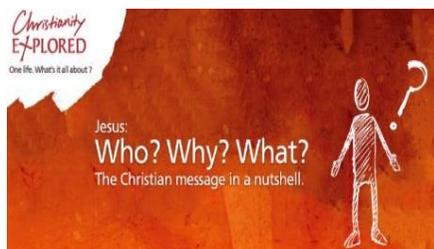
Want to listen to a sermon again?

The livestream recordings are available on our website:

[www.stjohnswoking.org.uk](http://www.stjohnswoking.org.uk)

Please bear with us if you don't receive prompt replies to any requests as currently only one person is in the office on any day.

## Christianity Explored – starting 20<sup>th</sup> January



We are planning to run a Christianity Explored course starting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about Jesus and Christianity – and to ask those unanswered questions you have. It will initially be run via Zoom. Please contact the office for more details.

Congratulations to Ewan and Alice on the birth of their daughter Seren Rose.

Other family news: we mourn the death of Iris last Sunday, sending our condolences to her sons, Steve and Andy and their families.

We pray for the Lys and her family on the loss of her father.

### New year, new challenge?

Parish Manager. St John's and Emmanuel is recruiting for a new parish manager. The details are on the church website here: [Vacancies | St John's & Emmanuel \(stjohnswoking.org.uk\)](http://Vacancies|StJohn's&Emmanuel(stjohnswoking.org.uk)). Please pass on to anyone who may be interested in applying. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Livestreaming: The past 9 months has been a time of change when we've become very reliant as a church on the technical skills of a few people in setting up, running and livestreaming our services. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, please contact the office and we will arrange some training so that we can share the load.

QR codes for the NHS track and trace app are displayed in the Welcome Area. We will continue to operate a manual system as a back-up.

Registration – If you are attending church in person this week, please ensure you sign in or use the QR code, so we have a record of those in church.

This plea from NHS staff has been passed on to us: Please make sure you and your family all dig out your NHS number and have a copy of it immediately to hand for when you or they are called for the COVID jab; it is causing the biggest bottle neck when it comes to administering the vaccine. You can find your NHS number on any NHS correspondence or through the NHS app.

Christmas gift boxes: Thank you very much to those who contributed financially to the Christmas gift boxes. They were packaged and delivered to the bereaved and some of our church family who have had a particularly challenging year. Each box included a mince pie, chocolates made into a Christmas cracker, a lemon and blueberry blondie, hand cream or notebook and pen, small pack of tea bags, a small bottle of wine, a poinsettia and a copy of Luke's gospel. Here are a few of the 'thank you's we received:

Thank you for the very thoughtfully assembled goodies which were thoroughly enjoyed.

*It was such a lovely surprise to receive one and it came on a day when we have cancelled some of our would-be Christmas visitors, so thank you*

*I would like to express my delight and pleasure on receiving the poinsettia and present from the church family. It is such a kind act and really cheered me up as I realised I was going to spend Christmas on my own this year.*

Your gift means so much. It reminds me that we are part of a bigger family with a father who has unique, unquenchable love for his children.

My sincere thanks and best wishes to those kind members of the church who thought of me and others spending a lonely Christmas.



Philippians 2:4

**"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."**

*It was so lovely to be remembered in my loneliness.*

As we have received such incredibly generous donations, we are able to support some of you as you share your faith with our local community. So, if you know someone, maybe a neighbour or family member, who is:

- recently bereaved
- shielding from covid
- unable to go out due to poor mobility/dementia/other medical needs
- living in isolation due to no family/family living far away
- suffering hardship

please contact the church office with their details,

*Margaret Molloy, Jo Chamberlin, Anne Lucas*

Sermon Notes:

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Kirkman, is available for advice or to talk through concerns relating to safeguarding.

Contact: 07763 456015 or [safeguarding@stjohnswoking.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjohnswoking.org.uk)

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