

Welcome! We're so glad you're here with us today, especially if you are new to the Church. Please take a Welcome Card from the chair in front of you and if you would like more information, complete the card and give it to a Steward or Minister. We never have a collection during our services although you are welcome to give if you would like to and there is a box at the back of church.

Large print copies of the Bible readings are available at the back of church

This Week's Collect – Epiphany 5

Heavenly Father, keep your household the church continually in your true religion so that we may lean only on the hope of your heavenly grace and always be defended by your mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Services today at St. John's – Certainty - two witnesses

8:00am	Holy Communion	Readings:	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14
10.00am	Holy Communion		Revelation 11: 1 - 14
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Sermon:	Glyn Lucas

Today at Emmanuel Church – Certainty – two woes

9.30am	Morning Worship	Readings	Exodus 2: 1 – 3: 4 Revelation 10
		Sermon:	Daniel Newman

Next week at St John's - Certainty – trumpet call

8.00am	Holy Communion	Readings:	Joshua 6: 1 - 20
10.00am	Morning Worship		Revelation 11: 15 – 19
6:30pm	Real Issues – Revelation series revealed		

Next week at Emmanuel - Certainty - two witnesses

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Staff days off:

Glyn – Monday **Daniel** – Saturday
Mary – from pm Friday & Saturday
Andy – Friday & Saturday
Chris & Nicky – Saturday & Sunday

Recordings:

Want to listen to a sermon again?
They are available on our website:
www.stjohnswoking.org.uk

Diary dates this week:

Today	8.00pm	iNsight	Youth centre
Tuesday	5.30pm	Ignite	Youth Centre
	7.00pm	1eighty	Youth Centre
	7.30pm	iNsight	Youth Centre
Wednesday	9.30pm	Toddlers	Youth Centre
	10.00am	Men's prayer meeting	Lounge
Friday	9.30am	Ladies bible study with crèche	Church
	10.00am	Emmanuel Mum & Tots	Emmanuel, Mayford

Charity Concert - Friday 29th March at 7pm (doors 6:30)

St John's church is putting on a concert in aid of Toilet Twinning, a Tearfund linked charity bringing clean water and safe sanitation to the world's poorest people.

The concert will feature young people from across Woking including local secondary schools, members of our church and the Fortissimo Brass Band made up of young people from the area. Entry is FREE with a retiring collection towards Toilet Twinning. Why not bring the whole family and enjoy the music!

Unanswered question on Revelation. At the 6.30 service on 17th February there will be a review of the series on Revelation and a question and answer session to cover any unanswered questions

SWEET! an evangelistic dessert tasting event for women on Friday March 15th, 7.45 for 8.00pm. If you would be willing to make a dessert please contact Becky Thornber: becky:thornber@live.co.uk or Anne Lucas: ae_lucas@yahoo.com. Tickets are now available after the services in the Welcome Area or from the office.

We do apologise for the decided chilly conditions in church last Sunday. A pump on one of the boilers was failing so the system was unable to heat the radiators sufficiently to make an impact on the temperature in church. This has now been remedied and the heating was put on for some of yesterday so we hope today you will feel far more comfortable in church.

Singers needed for Easter Choir – We're looking for people of all ages and abilities to join the Easter Choir to sing two songs, one on Good Friday and one on Easter Sunday. **Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary!**

Rehearsals as shown below. If you cannot make both services or some rehearsals that's no problem, just let me know which you cannot do.

Please let me know you are interested, by emailing: music@stjohnswoking.org.uk

Sunday 31st March – 15:00-16:30: Friday 5th April – 19:30-21:00:

Thursday 11th April – 19:30-21:00: Wednesday 17th April – 18:00-19:00 (followed by food together tbc): Friday 19th April 12:00 – 12:30 Good Friday Choir

CAMEO: Next meeting is on Tuesday 5th March at 2.45 in The Narthex.

"Pancakes and Penguins." Come and enjoy Shrove Tuesday pancakes and hear about Kate and Duncan Rawson's recent Antarctic Adventure.

A call to action

It is estimated that 12 million that's 95% of children and young people in England and Wales do not regularly attend church. In light of this in 2017 Scripture Union launched *'The 95 Campaign'* encouraging Christians to take up the great commission, and to join with them in taking the good news to the 95%. This is a huge challenge. The campaign started with a period of evaluation, with Scripture Union examining their own activities and asking questions of many involved in vital mission with 'the 95'. They have now reported on what they have learnt.

There is not enough space here to detail their findings. However, significantly a key finding was that where there was prayer support, teams were more likely to report success in reaching their objectives.

Here at St. John's we can play our part in this challenge. On the third Sunday of every month there is a short prayer meeting specifically for the children's and youth work in our church and parish. We meet in the Sunday School room at 11.30, just for half an hour. Everyone is welcome, not just parents or those involved in children's work.

Times have never been more challenging for our youngsters as they are exposed to much which is contrary to Christian teaching. To counter this, prayer is our strongest defense and opportunity and yet sadly it can so often become our last resort.

Please consider joining with us, even if only for 5 or 10 minutes. We meet again next Sunday, 17th February. Please do join us.

Judith Beston

Hooker family vehicle appeal update

Josh and Cathy have written to thank the PCC for their gift of £500 towards their desperate need to raise £15k for a new vehicle. The appeal is now just £2,500 short. Are you able to help with a personal gift?

If so, you can give directly through the Crosslinks webpage

<https://www.crosslinks.org/people-and-places/africa/josh-and-cathy-hooker-car-fund>

The church office can also process your gift.

Church Office hours. Please respect the office hours of 9am-1pm Monday to Friday and do not stop by outside of those hours. This will enable the office staff to do all the work they need to do to keep the parish running smoothly.

Glyn and Daniel

Sermon Notes

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