



## Making Disciples who make Jesus known

# HEADLINE NEWS!

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL, 11.45AM AT ST JOHN'S

Do come along to the APCM to hear about what has been happening in the life of our churches over the past 12 months and to listen and pray for the our plans for the coming year. At this meeting we will be electing our Churchwardens and any vacancies we have on PCC, Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officers. All church members are welcome to attend but you **MUST** be on the electoral roll to vote. Nomination forms are available at both churches. You can read a copy of the Annual Report for 2025 [here](#)

**PCC SECRETARY VACANCY** We still urgently need a volunteer for this crucial administrative role in the shared life of our churches. The commitment is essentially circulating the agenda and taking minutes for six meetings a year [relatively short, focussed gatherings – hour and half at most], some communication in between as and when necessary, and compiling various contributions into the annual report for the APCM which to be fair is a big piece of work. Please speak to Helen (outgoing PCC Secretary) or Rev'd Matthew if you'd like to know more.



Our next **BAPTISM INFORMATION SESSION** is on Monday 11th May, 7.30pm at St John's. If you are thinking about having your child baptised at St John's or St Luke's you are welcome to join our list of attendees for this session. Please get in touch with the parish office to find out more and to book your place.

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

### SUNDAY 19TH APRIL (*Third Sunday of Easter*)

- 9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am Morning Worship (SJ)  
*Readings: Acts 2:14a,36-41; Luke 24:13-35*  
10.30am Morning Worship (SL)  
*Readings: Acts 2:14a,36-41; Luke 24:13-35*  
*Hymns: SB 61; SB 170; SB 200; Holy Forever*  
12.30pm Baptisms (SJ)  
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)

# CHURCH LIFE

**THANK YOU** to everyone that contributed to and supported last Saturday's coffee morning at St John's, raising funds to support my London Marathon target for **Pancreatic Cancer UK**. An amazing **£806.90** was raised!



I am truly humbled by how generous our church family have been, and how supportive you all are.

Thank you!!

My bib number is **71144**, I'm setting off from Blackheath at 11.17am and you are very welcome to track my (slow) progress on the day.

If you weren't able to come to the coffee morning and would like to sponsor me you can donate in person at the office; scan the QR code displayed or follow this link

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/gill-clarke-3a338#qrCode>

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The next coffee morning is on **Saturday 9th May** in St John's Church Hall, 10am-12noon. Entrance £1 includes tea/coffee and biscuits (accompanied children free) and there will be the usual stalls: hand-made cards ~ cakes ~ jigsaws ~ books ~ tombola ~ raffle ~ plus refreshments.



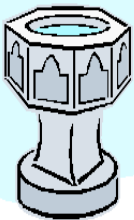
All proceeds this month will be for

**Christian Aid.**

Donations for the tombola and raffle are desperately needed as we ran out this month, they can be left at the back of either church. Any donations for the cake stall can be brought from 9.30am on the morning.

## Baptised at St John's on 5th April 2026

### Emily Beatrix Carlton



We welcome you into the Lord's family.  
We are members together of the body of Christ;  
we are children of the same heavenly father;  
we are inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

We welcome you.

Amen.

## JOINT STUDY GROUP

Resumes 12 noon, Thursday 23rd April at St Luke's and will meet weekly through to Thursday 9th July, working through Genesis and Mark. Please read Genesis 6:1-4 before the first session and bring a Bible (whichever version you like best!).

If you are reading a paper copy of this notice sheet and would like to receive this by email weekly and be added onto our email distribution list please apply via our website by clicking to 'subscribe' or complete a **CONSENT FORM** available in church (*the same form as to be included in the Who's Who*).

# THE GREEN TEAM

## EARTH DAY 2026: Our Power, our Planet

Wednesday 22nd April

Every individual has the power to create change. Join community cleanups, tree plantings, or peaceful demonstrations. Contact elected officials. Teach others. Make sustainable choices daily. When individuals act, communities form.

When communities speak up, leaders listen.

Earth Day 2026 affirms that environmental progress is real, resilient, and ongoing despite policy uncertainty. Innovation, education, and community problem-solving remain durable. Local systems — cities, schools, Tribal nations — continue implementing solutions that strengthen energy reliability, conserve resources, and reduce risk because they're grounded in economic sense and public safety.

Explore [some resources](#) and actions for Earth Day 2026 and year-round.

## SUPPORTING MINISTRY & MISSION


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We are looking for a new **GIFT AID OFFICER** to process claims quarterly on behalf of the parish through the HMRC website.

If you have access to a laptop and have some time please get in touch with the office or Matthew.

Full training will be given.

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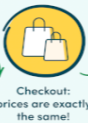
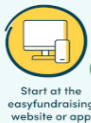
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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

We love welcoming everyone into our churches, whether it's to mark an important time in someone's life, to worship regularly, or to come together in the heart of the community.

If you'd like to support your local church, perhaps you'd consider making a gift? You can make a regular or one-off gift simply and safely online, through the



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# THIS WEEK'S DIARY

## MONDAY 20 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
7.30pm Green Team meeting (SJ)

## TUESDAY 21 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)

## WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am Thirst Coffee Morning at Dene Park Community Centre

## THURSDAY 23 APRIL

9-9.30am Morning Prayer (SJ)  
9.30-11.30am Little Fishes (Parent & Child Group) (SL)  
12-1.00pm Bible Study Group (SL)

## FRIDAY 24 APRIL

1-3.00pm Wellbeing Café (SL)

6.30-7.15pm Junior Choir Practice (SJ)  
7-7.45pm Adult Choir Practice (SJ)

## SUNDAY 26 APRIL (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

9.00am Holy Communion (SJ)  
10.30am Holy Communion (SJ)  
*Readings: Acts 2:42-end  
John 10:1-10*  
*Hymns: AMNS 126; AMNS 473;  
AMNS 426; AMNS 262*  
10.30am All Age Worship (SL)  
*Readings: Acts 2:42-end  
John 10:1-10*  
*Hymns: SB 163; SB 97; SB 132;  
SB 238*  
11.45am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SJ)  
6-7.15pm Ignite (Year 7+ Youth Group) (SL)



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