



St John's Park Church Family: Followers of Jesus who Love and Learn from God, so we can..... Empower and Support each other, so we can Serve and Reach out to the community and beyond, so we can.....

Sunday 27 June 2021

Services The PCC has decided that for the time being, our Gatherings each Sunday will continue to be online on zoom at 9.00am, and also in the church building at 10.45am.

Sunday 4 July Next Sunday we plan to hold a church picnic on the grass outside church at 11.45am following the morning service. This is to welcome Kirsty who begins work with us as our Children and Families' Leader, and it will be an opportunity to meet with Stewart and Becky and the boys as they will be leaving us shortly. We will have two services as normal - 9.00am zoom as well as 10.45am in church. If you plan to be on zoom, do join us at church at 11.45am. Bring your own food and drink and something to sit on. We may also have Communion and sing a song or two.

The Food Project Since the first lockdown we, at St John's, felt that Norfolk Park TARA was better placed to run the Food Project than we were, and they have been looking after it for the last year or so by providing food for many families, including a number of church families. We have been praying for them and have raised some money for the Project. The PCC met recently to discuss the future and we agreed, unanimously, that it would be better for Norfolk Park TARA to continue this, and with us supporting them in prayer, and resources from time to time. Please do continue to pray for this, and for Kim and Rachel Wilkinson particularly, who oversee and carry out this important work. Please also pray that we at St John's may know the Lord's guiding hand as we seek to serve those in need as best we can. If you have any questions about this, do speak to David.

Litter Picking We continue to meet at church at 5.30pm each Monday. Come and join us to litter pick or pray, or both! Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to meet people who live nearby.



Spare room? Kirsty, our new Children and Families' Leader, begins work with us on 1 July. She wants to live fairly close to church and is looking to rent a room with someone who wants a housemate. Any suggestions, please contact Kirsty on 07519 369714.

Giving If you would like to support the work of St John's Park Church financially, or review your giving, please contact Colin, our Treasurer, at StJohnsPark@outlook.com. The Church bank details are: ST JOHNS PARK P C C Sort Code: 20-76-89 Acct: 60362786. Thank you.

Bible Reading Mark 3:20-35 Jesus accused by his family and by teachers of the law

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.' ²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.' ³⁰ He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.'

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.' ³³ 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked. ³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

What is God saying to you.....?

What will you do about it.....?

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