



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 11 July 2021

Sunday 11 July We meet on zoom at 9.00am (Meeting Number: 323 564 9987 Passcode: 483559) and in the church building at 10.45am.

PCC Meeting We meet on Monday 12 July at 7.30pm. Do pray for this meeting that we will be led by God and His agenda for St John's.

Sponsored Dawn Walk Saturday 17 July We start at 4.45am in Hope (takes about 35 mins from church) parking by the church on the main road in Hope and walk 8 miles up Lose Hill and then along the tops to Mam Tor and back. Some great views. Should take about 4 hours. The purpose is to have a great walk and also to raise some money for the Children and Families' Leader post in three years' time. Let David know asap to get your sponsor form. Don't worry about raising lots of money – taking part is as important!

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.

Messy Church is back! We are holding a Messy Church on Sunday 25 July from 4.00pm – 5.30pm in church. Speak to Rachel Walker for the details.

Networks – Romania The charity that Chris and Aoife worked for in Romania are looking for volunteers to come and join the charity and spend a year in Romania. They are running a faith- based training programme that release and equip volunteers to work amongst the poor and join in what Jesus is doing. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please speak to Chris, Aoife or David.

Online Connect Groups We continue to meet midweek in small groups. If you are interested in joining one, let us know.

Online Prayer We meet Monday to Friday each morning from 8.00am – 8.30am. Do join us. (Meeting Number: 323 564 9987 Passcode: 483559)



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 4:21-34

A lamp on a stand

²¹ He said to them, 'Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand?' ²² For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.'

²⁴ 'Consider carefully what you hear,' he continued. 'With the measure you use, it will be measured to you – and even more. ²⁵ Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.'

The parable of the growing seed

²⁶ He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

The parable of the mustard seed

³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.