

### A message from Si, our vicar:

I've been enjoying the daily psalms. They never fail to speak to me about God's greatness. I see the terrible things on the news with people displaced and homeless, institutional failure, the legacy of wars, and the harm humans do to each other (to name a few). And then Psalm 140:12 tells me 'I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.' God looks and he must have even greater concern - infinitely greater. I can't claim to understand it all, but our God has a bias towards the poor and the weak, wherever they may be found and we must praise him for it!

### This Week's Bible Reading:

'Matthew 6:9-13 and Ex 20:1-17 Message Version  
Command 3 'Do not misuse the Lord's name'

### The Collect:

Creator God,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### What's On This Week:

1<sup>st</sup> Feb 11am: Chinese Bible Study  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb 10am: Baptism Prep

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am Holy Communion Service** (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Morning Service** (& refreshments in the hall afterwards). Adventurers for ages 3-7 and Springboard for ages 7-11 are available during the service.

Children are welcome to stay in the service and there is also a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Prayer Meeting** in the church lounge.. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud.

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm: CYFA

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 11am: Chinese New Year Gathering

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm: Explorers

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: Pathfinders

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 12pm: Mums bible study

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – Christianity Explored

## Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the [St Johns YouTube Channel](#). It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

## Dates for your Diary:

13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm: Leprosy Mission Visit

27th February 7.30pm: Albanian Evangelical Mission Prayer Meeting

20th April - full immersion baptisms at St Johns

Full immersion baptisms are planned for the 20th April 2025. It is a day of great celebration at St Johns, as people publicly express their faith in the Lord and follow God's command to be baptised. If you would like to know more about baptism or wish to be baptised on that date, please speak to Glynn Jones.

## Please Note:

We've received a newsletter from Liz and Romu in Paris. You can find it on the mission board. You can read the recent CAP newsletter on the CAP noticeboard.

The Chinese bible study group would like to express their thanks for the gifts donated by church brothers and sisters. This week marked the beginning of the Chinese new year and the group would like to wish all church members, volunteer workers, brothers and sisters to have a happy and joyful life.

## Prayer:

The family of Vera Harrison whose funeral will be held at St Johns on the 4th February at 2:30pm

Joyce Hewer - Emily Lane - Les James - Joe Moore - Les Fox

The Walker family in Argentina. Further information can be found on the mission board.

## Some Final Words:

If you would appreciate a visit from myself or one of the Visiting Team, please do reach out to me. It doesn't have to be around a specific topic or issue, although you may want to talk about something and to pray. Thank you to everyone who asked about me missing last Sunday. I'm better now and look forward to worshipping together this Sunday as we gather in the name of the Lord.

Together in Christ,

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