

## You are the light of the world.

Last week, a team of for speakers led us along the path the PCC had taken at their Away Day a few Saturdays ago.

**Mark Sansome explained that a mission was something that was timeless.** St John's in 2050 could adhere to the same principles. It spoke of our purpose.

A vision was something that was measurable. We would be able to see at the end of three years whether or not we had succeeded in realising it. It speaks of our future.

**Tom Vandamme led us through the mission statement and the vision statement** – in other words our purpose and our future. He showed us how the church logo of the lighthouse was closely related to both.

### **Our purpose (mission)**

To shine the light of Christ in our neighbourhood:

Proclaiming the Good News.

Building a worshipping community.

Enabling people to serve God

### **Our future (vision)**

We will be a thriving church...

With a growing membership,

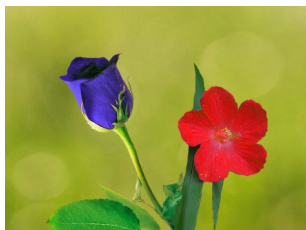
Seeing more people involved,

Always looking to God to transform both our lives and our community.

**Raymond picked up the idea of transformation** in the last line. We have been thinking about the idea of "morphing" over the last few weeks. This is fundamental to our evangelism. We do not encourage evangelism if we focus on telling one another to evangelise. We do that by being an authentic Christian community where God changes lives through energising worship, good teaching, a sense of belonging and community and where we learn things like love, kindness and generosity.

**Anna Richardson spoke on implementation.** This is the beginning not the end. It is both about being and about doing. The PCC has a programme going forward and our next meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> is dedicated to turning vision into reality. We will be using the APCM in 2019 as a target.

### **Roses and red - violets are blue**



We have produced these two statements on a red card and a blue card and we are asking the congregation to regularly use them in praying for the church. Pray through the red card one week and the blue one the next, that all the things on there might become a reality in our fellowship. We aim to make sure every single member has a red and a blue card in their hands by November 18<sup>th</sup>. That applies also to our children and young people .



## SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

### SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER.

*When you are organising an event, it makes such a difference if people offer their help in advance. Otherwise, organisers can spend a lot of time just trying to get hold of volunteers. This is the first time our four organisers are running the lunch on their own. So let's make it easier for them! This is what they write.*



We are looking for volunteers to provide food, transport and to help on the day.

If you can help in any way please contact

- **Louise and Faure** [loubreytenbach@gmail.com](mailto:loubreytenbach@gmail.com)

Tel: 07552 752643

- **Richard and Gail** [rag.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:rag.mitchell@gmail.com)

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### St John's Children's Choir (From Sarah and Jo)

Following a wonderful reception last year, **Jo Rudland** and **Sarah Dena** will be leading our Children's Choir again this year with 2 official performances planned.



The choir is open to children from our congregation who are aged 5 or above and are able to commit to perform at the **Seniors Christmas Lunch on Saturday 1st December** and **Christingle on Sunday 16th December**. Choir practice will start **Sunday 4th November** and will meet for around 30 mins each Sunday after the 11am service in the Quiet Room.

Children will be encouraged to practice at home, so we apologise in advance for early Christmas Carolling :-)

If your child wants to be part of the choir this year please email [sarah.dena@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.dena@yahoo.co.uk) to find out more and give consent for Jo and Sarah to share information via email.

## Poppies for Remembrance



St. John's Community Craft Club have been busy knitting and crocheting poppies for the British Legion. Some are on the table in the foyer if you would like to take one and leave a donation.

**Prayers:** We pray for **Andy and Carol Hall** and the latest addition to their family. **Winnie (baby) and Sinead (mum)** are home after a difficult birth. Pray that Sinead will quickly recover and that Winnie will really thrive. We remember **Pam Howlett and Brian Sweetman** in hospital. Many of us will know **Yvonne Rumble**, now a regular member of our service at James Wilks House. Her husband **Ivor** had a bone marrow biopsy last Thursday which shows he has myeloma. He is also very anaemic which is affecting his kidneys. Yvonne is independent while using a wheelchair but she has relied on Ivor to care for her since her stroke. Pray for them both in difficult times. **Mary Smith and Carol Nichol** that they may be free of pain and recover their health.

Mon 29th	2pm	Homegroup in Quiet Room
Wed 31st	1.00-3.00p	Craft Club in Church Room
Fri 2nd	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

**You can give to the Virtual Jar of Grace using online banking**

Account Name: PCC of St. John's, Haydon Wick  
 Sort code: 40-52-40  
 Account number: 00018582  
 Ref: JOG (if not gift-aided)  
 JOGGA (if able to gift aid the donations)



**Sunday Oct 28**

**Trinity 22**

**Our Remembrance Day Service will begin at 10.55 am on Sunday Nov. 11th**



*Something we all need*

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Raymond Adams	Proverbs 1: 1-7 Luke 11: 29-32
11.00am	Morning Praise	Raymond Adams	Proverbs 1: 1-7 Luke 11: 29-32

**Please pray for our church family**

<b>Mon 29th</b>	David & Judy Evans
<b>Tue 30th</b>	Phil Evans & Jenny Robertson
<b>Wed 31st</b>	Irene Ferguson
<b>Thurs 1st</b>	Peter & Pam Fletcher
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	Paula Foster & Millie
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	Loretta Francis
<b>Sun 4th</b>	Linda Frost

**That Sinking Feeling**

**Gareth Morris** continues to lead the work on the subsiding floor in the lounge area. Right now, we are carefully measuring.

We have been assured that the walls are secure and that the floor can be restored to the right level. Our job is to provide accurate information over the months ahead. That will allow the experts to determine the right course of action so we don't waste money.

**Services Next Week**

<b>4th Nov</b>	9am	Holy Communion	Andy Hall
	11am	Morning Praise	Andy Hall