

<b>Please pray for our church family</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	Brent & Abigail Maartens & family
<b>Tue</b>	Yvonne McCracken & David
<b>Wed</b>	Amy Mead
<b>Thurs</b>	Frank Mead & Amy
<b>Fri</b>	Dan Mead & Emily
<b>Sat</b>	Lesley & Brian Mead
<b>Sun</b>	Gail & Richard Mitchell & Family

**Please Pray**

For Helen Wheeler and her family as they cope with grieving the loss of Helen's mum.

For our PCC and the process of finding a new vicar to lead our church.

For the upcoming UKHK Welcome course, that those attending will find the love and support they need to flourish in a new country.

For volunteers to come forward to help on the Welcome Course, to serve on the PCC and to share the day-to-day workload of running our church.



# Sunday 23rd April Easter 3



**Lift-Sharing Scheme**

Do you have a problem getting to church evening meetings or getting to church on a Sunday? We would like to trial a lift-sharing scheme. If you have a car with spare seats on a Sunday or for an evening meeting and would be prepared to give someone a lift, or would love to come to the prayer meeting but are unable to get there, please either see Mary Southgate or add your name to the appropriate list on the table in the corridor after the service.

Let's enable everyone to come together to worship and to pray.

<b>Services for Next Sunday</b>			
<b>30th April Easter 4</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Tony Njoroge</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion 1662	Tricia Roberts	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35
11.00 am	All Age Service	Simon Robertson	

*Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please*

## What's Happening About The New Vicar?

This is a question many of us are asking at the moment and the simple answer is: Not much ... yet.

What with one of the churchwardens going off to the Caribbean and then the Easter holidays, the PCC have not met since Raymond left us. Whilst some of us have been discussing what to do, there is nothing definite to share. The PCC is meeting this coming week on Monday 24th April and will be considering the plans for the writing of our Parish Profile, reviewing our vision for St John's and the timetable for the recruitment of our next vicar. We should be able to give an update on this in next week's bulletin.

In other exciting news, some of the PCC met on Thursday with a clergy person who might be seconded part-time to us to help cover the vacancy. (The outcome is unknown at time of going to press and we may have to wait for official approval before we can say more.)

Please do pray for the PCC meeting, that we would be able to agree good plans and know how the Lord is guiding us.

*The plans of the Lord stand firm for ever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. (Psalm 33:11)*

### Electoral Roll 2023

The Electoral Roll is our list of church members. Joining the Electoral Roll means that you are being officially counted as a member of St John's Church

#### THE ELECTORAL ROLL

REASONS TO JOIN IT

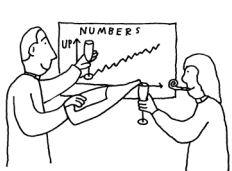
① YOU WILL DECIDE WHO SHOULD BE ON THE P.C.C. AND DEANERY SYNOD



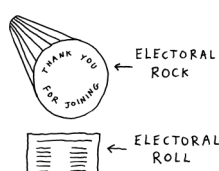
② YOU CAN PLAY A FULL PART IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



③ IT WILL BOOST THE MORALE OF THE CLERGY



④ THERE MAY BE A THANK YOU PRESENT - SEASIDE CONFECTIONARY PERHAPS



⑤ YOUR NAME WILL BE EXHIBITED IN CHURCH FOR 14 DAYS



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and you can vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The electoral roll is updated every year, and this year our update has been taking place since the 12th March and will finish on 26th April.

**We warmly welcome those who are new to the church, and would love to see you as members of St John's and on the electoral roll.**

***Please see Sharon for an application form***

### UKHK Welcome Course 3

The dates for Welcome Course 3 have now been confirmed

**May 15, May 22, Jun 8, Jun 12, Jun 19, Jun 26, Jul 3 and Jul 31**

Each session will be from 11:30am to 12:45pm, followed by lunch together ending at 1:45pm. The format is a bit like the Alpha course, where the group watches a video together and then splits into smaller groups for a discussion.

We have 22 people registered so far, and we are looking for 5-6 volunteers to help leading the small groups. Can you help? If you are interested, please contact Charmain Tan or John Hodkinson.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.ukhk.org/welcome-course-for-people-from-hk>

<https://www.stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk/an-international-welcome-at-st-johns/>

