

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Laurane Cooper & Cliff
Tue	Mike & Wendy Crosby
Wed	Rachel Crosby
Thurs	Nigel & Jill Crowhurst
Fri	Harry & Pauline Davis
Sat	Jean Dean
Sun	Peter Dibbo

Challengers Helper

Challengers - our Sunday School group for children aged 11-18 - is in need of an extra pair of hands to help in the group on Sunday mornings. The helpers take turns week by week on a rota basis and no previous experience is necessary.

For more information, please speak to Heather or another member of the Sunday School team. Thank you.

Please Pray

For the continuing process of appointing a new vicar following last week's interviews, praying for wisdom and discernment for all involved as we relaunch the recruitment process.

For Irene Ferguson, Tricia Roberts, Lesley Hawkes and others known to us who are unwell at this time.

For the situation in Gaza, Ukraine and other areas of conflict in our troubled world. Your Kingdom come, Father.

Sound and Multimedia

We are short of people to operate the sound desk and multimedia at both the 9am and 11am services. If you are able to help with either of these vital roles, please contact the Parish Office. Full training will be provided. Thank you.



Sunday 29th October



Last Sunday after Trinity

Services for Next Sunday			
5th Nov Advent-4	9am	Morning Prayer	Simon Robertson
	11am	Morning Praise	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	John Martin	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12 Matthew 7:21-28
11.00 am	Holy Communion		

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

Welcome Course 4

We will be starting another Welcome Course, for Hongkongers who have recently moved to the UK, on Monday 6th November 11.30-2.00pm. We look forward to helping integrate these families into British culture with videos, small group discussions and sampling of some British food.



We have a team of volunteers (British, and also Hongkongers from previous Welcome Courses) to enable the practical running of the course, but we would value your prayers.

Thank you.

Learning to Pray

Jesus' disciples once asked him "Lord, teach us to pray". We all probably feel that we would like to get better at praying. Prayer is simply the way we communicate and commune with God. If as individuals we are more immersed in prayer, then that will impact our life as a church together and what God can do through us. So at St John's we are going to take some time in November to learn more about how to pray.

Our sermons for four weeks starting on 5th November will look at the following aspects of prayer:

- Talking to God
- Talking with God
- Listening to God
- Being with God

In addition there will be a course covering these topics in more detail with video teaching, practical exercises and a workbook you could use at home. Some of our homegroups will do this together. For those not in a home group there will be two groups meeting in church:

- 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings in church from 7th November
- A daytime option on Thursday or Friday. (If you are interested in this option, please let Simon know which day / time you would prefer.)

Please speak to Simon for more info or if you have any questions.



Real Advent Calendar

If you are thinking of giving Advent calendars as presents this year, why not give a calendar that celebrates the real meaning of Christmas?

We are putting an order together for [Real Advent Calendars](#) (with fairtrade chocolate) again this year. There is a sign up list in the foyer where you can register your interest. The price of each calendar will be somewhere between £4.50 and £4.80, depending on how many we can order.



Thank you 

Lynda Gough writes:

Thank you so much for all the cards of condolence, the messages of comfort and for your prayer support as we mourn the passing of my mother.

With love,

Lynda and Colin Gough.