

the BULLETIN

29th January 2012

Today at St John's...

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am All Age Communion

Revelation: A Last Word

Exploring the call to faithful Christian living and witness today

The teaching today is based on Revelation 2:12-17

If children are restless, parents are warmly welcome to use the Quiet Room at the back of church; the service is relayed in there. Please feel free to return once your child is settled.

God is a forward-looking strategist who plans ahead: planning is part of God's nature. At the beginning of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells us that, in Christ, we were chosen even before the foundation of creation (1:4) and goes on to say it was God's plan for the fullness of time to unite all things together in His Son (1:10). Threading the wider purposes of God through to the personal connection, Paul writes that, in Christ, we have become the workmanship of God, part of God's plan and created for a purpose - a life of good works. God's people have become God's response to the turmoil of our disordered world, not as onlookers or bystanders, but as hands-on agents of change.

"Vision without action is just a dream; action without vision is just passing the time; vision with action can change the world." - Nicky Gumbel

Looking Ahead: Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th

'Wear & Care' meeting 7.30pm

A follow-up regarding the

Baptisms & Bereavement Ministry.

Tuesday 31st

Tuesday Worship 11.30am

'Jesus Christ's power over demons and evil.'

Luke 8 : 26-27

Tuesday Lunch 12.15pm

Wednesday 1st

Prayer Meeting 8.30am

Thursday 2nd

Toddler Group 10.00am

Alpha Course 7.30pm

Sunday 5th

Holy Communion 9.00am

Morning Worship and

Sunday Club 10.45am

Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th February

Holiday Club 9.30am- 12.30pm

Sunday 19th February

Holiday Club 10.30am- 1.00pm

Wednesday 22nd February

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Celebration 7.00pm

Tuesday 13th March

Smiles Foundation Evening of Worship and Testimony

Prayer Points...

Prayer Life

Prayer is simple, but SO effective; anyone can do it - and it's a great way to start the day!

Come and join us on Wednesday morning at 8.30 in the Waddington Lounge as we pray for the people and ministries at St John's.

Wednesday

Please pray for the Church Office, and for Pat and Clare as they serve there; give thanks for Peter and all he does to host and make welcome all who use the facilities at St. John's. Give thanks for our facilities and pray that God will give us wisdom to know how best to use them to serve Walton and beyond in His name.

Thursday

Give thanks for Little Fishes, and for the parents, carers and the team as they meet together this morning; please pray also for the Alpha Course as it meets this evening; that faith might be born,

nurtured and strengthened with understanding as those gathered explore the Gospel together.

Friday

Please pray for Chris and David; that they might enjoy a day of rest today; as the weekend approaches pray that all families might have the space to relax together and be refreshed from school and work. Please pray also for Street Pastors as they demonstrate the grace and compassion of Christ on the night-time streets of Chesterfield this weekend.

This week please also pray for the residents of Barnham Close.

Church Family Notices & News

Please do check out *the BULLETIN BOARD* at the back of church for . . .

- * 'Come & Learn Together' details
- * A notice about the New Wine Women's Day in Harrogate
- * Book Reading Group information
- * A special men's event at St Thomas' Centre

Christmas Giving

Donations from the well-attended Christingle Service on 24th December enabled us to send £76.92 to The Children's Society.

A total of £54 was given by people signing the large Christmas card and this, together with other giving, means we have donated a total of £176.23 to the Aftercare project to help young people leaving care.