

**Welcome!**

We are so glad you are here with us today. We welcome those who are new to the Church. If you would like more information about us, please take and complete a slip in the Welcome Area and give it to a Steward or a Minister

**Collect for This Sunday**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Today at St. John's**

8.00am	Communion	Reading: 1 Sameul 11 <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>
10:00am	Communion	Reading: 1 Samuel 11 <i>Preacher: Peter Chamberlin</i>
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Reading: Psalm 115 <i>Preacher: Glyn Lucas</i>

**Today at Emmanuel**

9:30am	Communion	Reading: 1 Samuel 10:17-27 (video)
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**Next week at St. John's**

8:00am	Communion	Reading: 1 Samuel 12
10:00am	Morning Worship	Reading: 1 Samuel 12
6:30pm	Evening Worship	Reading: Psalm 148

**Next week at Emmanuel**

9:30am	Morning Worship	Reading: 1 Samuel 11
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*Gluten free wafers and a non-alcoholic alternative are available for communicants:  
please ask the administering clergy.*

### Events This Week:

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 11:30am& 8pm	Ladies' Bible group Prayer leader workshop	Church lounge Church lounge
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s) Music group rehearsal	Youth Centre Youth Centre Church
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am 7:45pm	Men's Bible group Homegroup in church	Church lounge Church lounge
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am 7:45pm	First-steps toddler group Christianity Explored	Youth Centre
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Narthex
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Ladies' Breakfast	Church lounge

### Dates for the diary:

**Men's Games evening:** Friday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and Mar 14<sup>th</sup> (*see below*)

**Church working party:** Saturdays, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Ladies who Breakfast:** A new year brings mixed feelings - hope, disappointment, weariness, enthusiasm, all of the above! However we feel, we can be sure that our loving and unchanging God has big plans for us and for his church in 2025. Join us for a time of encouragement and discussion on **Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:45am** as we reflect on 2024 and look forward to 2025 over a continental breakfast. Book your place by signing-up in the welcome area or by contacting Jo Chamberlin ([chamberlin.joanna@gmail.com](mailto:chamberlin.joanna@gmail.com)) by 22<sup>nd</sup> January. £3 payable on the day.

### Men's Games evenings – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Would you like an opportunity to get to know other men at church? Would you like an easy invitation for a friend or neighbour to meet a few other Christian men? Do you know any of the 1/3 of men in the UK who report regularly feeling lonely?

The men's games evening is a free, 'youth group' style drop-in for men. Who knows how the Lord may use the friendships that develop?

Contact Peter with any questions. Arrive 15 mins early to help us set-up.

**Coffee Rotas** The coffee rotas are still desperately short of people, which makes it more difficult for those serving already. Please consider joining! No existing barista skills required – full training/mentorship available, and the rota can be arranged so that not everyone has to arrive early to set up: help is required more to serve and clear up. Please speak to the Chandlers or to the church office to find out more.

**SGP Prayers: Manor Road Evangelical Church:** Praise God for Christmas events (Carols, Women's wreath-making, etc.) and for new visitors. Pray for follow-up plans. Pray for our weekly ministries resuming (Life Groups, Ladies Bible studies, Children and Youth Groups). Pray for energy for leaders. Pray for Elders and Deacons as we seek to lead and shepherd MREC well. Pray for wisdom, discernment and unity.

'For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy' (Daniel 9:18).

There was in Daniel, as there in us, a deep desire to speak with our God - a desire:

- To set before the Lord our deepest anguish and hurt
- To pray for our closest friends and families as well as those a way off
- To give thanks with a grateful heart for so many things in our life – long ago and now
- To bring to the Lord something that has arisen during a sermon, something that burns in our heart
- To seek comfort at a time of loneliness
- To express these things in the presence of another or to have another express them to the Lord on our behalf.
- For intimacy with God
- To gather with another to be in the presence of God
- To pray for the lost and orphaned be they close or far off
- To cry out for those suffering from war and the effects of war
- To share with a friend
- To spend time reflecting on the present and the past
- To marvel at the works of creator God and declare His mighty acts
- For the health, happiness and peace for our children, parents, and friends
- To make right with God through His Son
- To be in community with other like-minded people
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The prayer team also have these desires - so do make contact with them in the front of the church after a morning service. Each Sunday there are two members of the prayer team available to pray with you. You will know them by the blue lanyards they wear.

'He satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good things'  
Psalm 107:9

## Sermon Notes

Are you new to St. John's church? We would love to get your name and contact number. This QR code will take you to a secure online form.



*Someone from our Prayer Ministry Team (with [blue lanyards](#)) will be available after the 10am service to pray with those who would like prayer.*

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Kirkman, is available for advice or to talk through concerns relating to safeguarding.

Tel 07763 456015 or email: [safeguarding@stjohnswoking.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjohnswoking.uk)

*Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website.*

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