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Notices for week beginning Sunday 24th April

Morning Service 10.30 am led by Mr John Hay

Zoom details for Sunday Evening Service 6.00pm led by Rev.Mike Hall.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82812897112?pwd=dXpzb21ackhiZU8zMXJWNjFrQ1ladz09>

Meeting ID: 828 1289 7112

Passcode: 414664

M:APS Prayer time 10:00 (this is the same log in each week)

(This is the same log in each week) 10 mins prayer for mission at 10.

We encourage everyone to join in to this prayer time. We are looking at the possibility of holding a second session at a different time but need volunteers to co-ordinate it. Join

Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94322536249?pwd=WVRnQ1dTNEpNaIVDdFhveUdhZDU2QT09>

Meeting ID: 943 2253 6249, Passcode: 854056#

Thank you to all who helped with and prayed for the Easter Children's event in Mason's Yard . It was great to be able to share the Easter story with the children and to engage with adults who stopped to chat . Some also came up to look at the Church re - development . Mason's Yard is a great place to interact with the community .

We rejoice that children's Sunday Club is happening regularly at St John's . If you can help with this please let Sue Eckersley know . All volunteers need to be DBS checked and to undergo safeguarding training which we will arrange .

Thousands of people have been helped to manage their finances better by attending the CAP money course . This free course begins at St John's at 1030am on Wednesday 27th April . Please spread the word and let Sue Eckersley or John Hay know if you would like to come . Details at www.capmoneycourse.org .

Prayers for the week 24.04.22

A familiar figure on a distant shore, a familiar action at a kitchen table, a presence in the midst of doubt, O Risen Christ, you come to surprise and delight us, you open wide the door to joy. Hopeful, we come to you in prayer now for a broken and bruised world.

World

After Russia's unprovoked and unjust invasion of Ukraine, ask God to bring comfort, safety and provision to everyone caught up in the conflict. Pray for wisdom, calm and compassion for leaders on both sides. Pray that the Church in this region will be a voice for peace and have the resources they need to help those in need. Pray for an immediate end to the conflict and for lasting peace. Pray especially at this time as Russia intensifies its attacks in the East, that civilians will be able to stay safe or leave without fear of attack where able to do so.

Thousands of people have been affected by flooding and landslides after a powerful storm hit the Philippines a few weeks ago. Homes, crops and vital infrastructure, such as powerlines have been destroyed. Ask God to bring comfort to those whose loved ones have been killed or who are missing. Pray that resources will be made available for people who have lost homes, income or food because of the disaster. (*Tearfund*)

Peace talks between the Government in Chad and armed groups in the country have resumed again. The talks are part of a process to pave the way for free and fair elections later this year. Pray that common ground will be found between everyone participating. Pray for a restoration of relationships between all groups in Chad. (*Tearfund*)

Nationality and Borders Bill

O God, who holds the nations in loving hands, we pray for British Parliamentarians as they hold the futures of asylum seekers and refugees in their hands. We pray for new laws to be just and fair, to be compassionate and life enhancing. We pray for those who will debate, table amendments and vote on the Nationality and Borders Bill. May your love, O God, reign in their hearts. May they see beyond short term populism and grasp the common humanity that we all possess. May your Holy Spirit inspire your church as it campaigns against any government initiative which seeks to override the fact that we are all made in your image. (*Methodist Church website*)

Church

Pray for the St John's CAP Team as it looks to run a further CAP Money Course this week. Pray that people who might benefit will be encouraged to attend.

Pray for Ian and Daphne, St John's Refugee Welcome Team and the church as a whole as they prepare to welcome Kateryna and her children to Ian and Daphne's house in Llandegai under the Ukraine Refugee Sponsorship programme. Pray that the delays in the visa process

will be quickly ironed out, that flights will be arranged smoothly, and that they arrive safely without further incident. Pray for wisdom and sensitive love for all who will be in contact with them and for St John's generally as it seeks to be a support for those coming. Give thanks for all who have offered to support – pray for wisdom and discernment on how to deal with the many issues that need to be dealt with when they arrive.

We pray for those members of our church family and extended connections who are unwell or recovering from operations at this time and in need of our thoughts and prayers. Let us focus on each and ask God to bless them with an outpouring of love and wholeness.

“May the spirit of the resurrected Jesus burst open the doors of our hearts, stretch out our hands and liberate his incarnational presence to transform our needy world.” (Ros Murphy, Methodist Prayer Handbook 2020/2021)