

THE TIN TABERNACLE TIMES

News from St.John's Bellingdon

The Village Edition - Easter 2018

Welcome to the third Newsletter for St John's Church Bellingdon but the first of the special 'Village editions'. We have started to produce a newsletter each month for the church but we want to have something we can circulate more widely in the village in March to tell people about the Easter Services at St John's and across the Parish, then in June for our 'summer event', September for Harvest, and December for Christmas!

Church News - We send our best wishes and congratulations to Peter and Maureen East who will celebrate their Diamond Wedding on the 29th March.

St.John's Church Building Redecoration.

The church building was constructed around 1904 on land provided by William Lowndes. This type of building is known as a 'tin tabernacle' – they were 'off the shelf' buildings and were very popular in the late 19th century. Many have been lost or had a change of use so St John's is now one of a limited number of churches. As you will have seen it is in



need of a coat of paint on the zinc sheet and the wood work. We're hoping this work will start in the early summer so watch out for developments!



Home Group: We have a small group who meet alternate weeks for Bible study. The next meeting is on Thursday 15th March with the next study on the first letter from the Apostle John. During the series the group will be looking at "*The heart of the matter*", "*Walking the talk*", "*True love*" and "*True confidence*" along with tea, cake and prayer. All are welcome to come along to the group. More details from Marjorie Davies (01494 783034)

Meeting Point: Another group at St.John's is 'Meeting Point' which usually meets on the 1st Wednesday in each month in church starting at 2.30pm. The programme includes speakers, crafts, and social events, For more details contact Pam Leach (01494 708336)



Services and Sermons at your church: The Church of England is committed to there being 'a Christian presence in every community' and St John's is the 'presence' in Bellingdon. Over our history the services have been at different times of the day – often reflecting the working pattern of a farming community. Now we meet at 10.00am every Sunday (though we did miss one before Christmas when it snowed!). Our service is a chance to meet together and to sing, and to look at the Bible and to pray. At present we're continuing a series on 'The way of the cross' which will take us to Easter and beyond. Our church is comfortable and friendly and all are welcome to join us! We're there for times of celebration such as baptisms and times of sadness such as funerals. And we're there Sunday by Sunday for you. And if you can't come along but would like us pray for you or someone you know or for something in the village then send an email to us at bellingdonchurch@btinternet.com.

Dates – March and April

Sunday	March 11 th	10.00am	Mothering Sunday
Thursday	March 15 th	2.30pm	Home Group
Sunday	March 18 th	10.00am	Morning Worship
Palm Sunday	March 25 th	10.00am	Morning Worship
Good Friday	March 30 th	12.00 – 3.00pm	St Mary's Chesham (More information from 01494 772914)
Easter Sunday	April 1 st	10.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	April 8 th	10.00	Morning Worship
Sunday	April 15 th	10.00	Morning Worship and Annual meeting