

YOUTH MINISTRY NOTICES

1. We are in urgent need of volunteers for Resonate and DC. Please consider whether you could help once a month or once a term. See Marc or Nicky or contact Sam Talbot at fcyouthministry3@gmail.com or 07805 446509
2. We are planning another Youth Ministry Mission Trip to Romania in the Summer of 2019. We have an information day on the 1st of July after church in FYC. This trip is for young people aged 14+. If you are interested, please make sure you attend.

Holiday @ Home



An annual summer event giving folk who can't get away a memorable week of holiday fun
Booking forms out now!



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Newsletter for Sunday 17th June, 2018

Welcome to St Alban's on Father's Day

Father's Day, despite its current commercial form, has a long history, based on the celebration of Joseph, Jesus' 'adoptive' father. It is naturally a time to remember the one true and good Father of all, and the qualities of fatherhood which God has shown in His relationship with His Son, Jesus, but has also shown in Christ Himself, and to us as He has rescued us and adopted us as His children, making us heirs with Christ. In Christ we are restored and made a new creation, as we read in our passage today, changed from the child who has squandered the Father's inheritance, and has cut him/herself off from the Father, to a true child of God, welcomed back by Him, and given a great inheritance which we didn't earn.

Events this week

Sunday 17th June	10.30am 1.00pm	Morning Worship 3rd Sunday lunch
Wednesday 20th June	2.30pm	Holy Communion

Events next week

Sunday 24th June	10.30am	Morning Worship followed by prayer after the service
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WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 17th June 2018

SUNDAY - Today is Father's Day. Thank God for those who have been father figures to you in your life, and pray for those fathers you know, that they will be good fathers and role models for their children. Pray that fathers would model themselves on their heavenly Father,

MONDAY – Consider the part that fathers, or the absence of them, plays in the lives of young men in particular, and how bad experiences of fathers encourage them to find their belonging in gangs. Ask that the Lord will help young men to find their belonging in Him, their true Father, and that they will also find earthly male role models who will help them find the right path in life.

TUESDAY – Please pray for all who have a responsibility or role in bringing an end to the scourge of violence, and particularly knife crime: for the police, that they will use their powers effectively and sensitively, for the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and for central government, that they will put resources into prevention, and helping gang members out of their criminal lifestyle, as well as into policing. Pray for community leaders and groups, that they will play their part in drawing young people to more worthwhile activities.

WEDNESDAY – Pray for Furzedown Youth Centre and its role in helping young people find positive things to do, as well as providing positive Christian role models. Pray for the FYC and FCL boards as they continue to think about how best we provide for our young people. Pray also for Steve Matthews, who works part-time for FYC, and does the outreach work, as he hasn't been well lately.

THURSDAY – Today is the Hobnobs trip out to Morden Hall – please pray for a good time for everyone, and pray for our older folk generally, that the Lord will bless them peace, love and joy in Him, even as they grow frailer and less able to do the things they once did.

Please also pray for Chris and Pat Mason as they fly out to Colombia today – ask that the Lord will give them a wonderful time.

FRIDAY – Today is the day in the church calendar when St Alban is remembered. As we recall the first known British martyr, pray for the church communities around the world where members are being martyred today, and ask that the Lord would uphold them in their faith, and comfort them in their grief.

SATURDAY – Today is the 'Love the Lane' event to celebrate the renewed public space, and celebrating the businesses in this part of Furzedown. Please pray that a good number of people will attend, and that it will help lift the profile of Mitcham Lane, and develop a sense of community among the businesses and the wider community.



Furzedown Festival at St Paul's:

As part of the Furzedown Festival, St Paul's is hosting a Flower Festival and Exhibition by Christian artists opening on Saturday, June 16th, A Midsummer Concert of light classical music on Saturday June 23rd 7pm, and an Organ Recital on Sunday June 24th at 4pm. All are welcome.