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Parish Calendar for February

Morning Prayer is said on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
in the Upper Room

3	Presentation of Christ		
	08.00 Said Eucharist		
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	12	14.00 Mother's Union
	With Little Fishes		20.00 Outreach Meeting
	11.30 11Up Group	13	09.30 Toddler Group
	12.30 Sunday Lunch Club		
	16.00 Choral Evensong with a procession of light	14	14.00 Tea and Chat
		16	09.30 Church Cleaning
5	10.00 Holy Communion		
	10.30 MU Coffee Morning	17	3rd before Lent
	13.00 Wordbox		08.00 Said Eucharist
	14.15 Praytime		09.45 Sung Eucharist
	20.00 PCC Meeting		With Little Fishes
		20	09.30 Toddler Group
6	09.30 Toddler Group		
		21	14.00 Tea and Chat
7	14.00 Tea and Chat		
	20.00 Reading Group	24	2nd before Lent
			08.00 Said Eucharist
10	4th before Lent		09.45 Sung Eucharist
	08.00 Said Eucharist		
	09.45 Sung Eucharist	27	09.30 Toddler Group
	11.30 Thirty Minutes		
		28	14.00 Knitting and Crochet
11	20.00 Julian Group		14.00 Tea and Chat

Regular Services at St John's

Said Eucharist

8.00am Sunday

a simple celebration of Holy Communion;
about 40 minutes

Sung Eucharist

9.45am Sunday

a celebration of Holy Communion with music
and ceremony; about 75 minutes
first and third Sunday with **LITTLE FISHES**
third Sunday with Ministry for Wholeness

Thirty Minutes

11.30am second Sunday

a lively service for pre-school children;
about 30 minutes

Praytime

2.15pm first Tuesday

songs, prayers, Bible stories and cake
for pre-school children, finishes in time for the school-run

Midweek Eucharist

10.00am first Tuesday

a simple celebration of Holy Communion;
about 30 minutes

Morning Prayer

8.45am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
(term time only)

a quiet time of prayer and readings; about 15 minutes

From the Ministry Team

After celebrating a very joyful Christmas and Epiphany here *inside* our beautiful church, *outside* it always feels and looks rather gloomy and dark at this time of the year. Will Springtime ever come? But even as I write, I can see that there are buds forming on the Magnolia tree, and shoots coming through in the garden, and snowdrops in the churchyard, and I have seen the first daffodils.

We are coming up to the Sunday when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, in the morning, and Candlemas, in the evening at Evensong, on February 3rd, an atmospheric candle lit service with a procession and hymns., showing us that the light will overcome the darkness.

Even more exciting is the fact that we have 6 lively and enthusiastic young people wanting to take communion for the first time, on that special Sunday in the morning service. Do they understand what they are doing? Yes, they do, and they take it very seriously too.

AND we also look forward to the appointment of a new Vicar to our church in the very near future, we hope. Things are moving on. Dark and gloomy it might be outside, but we have much to look forward to, and hope for, in the next few months.

Let us all continue to pray for the future of St John's, and thank God for God's goodness to us.

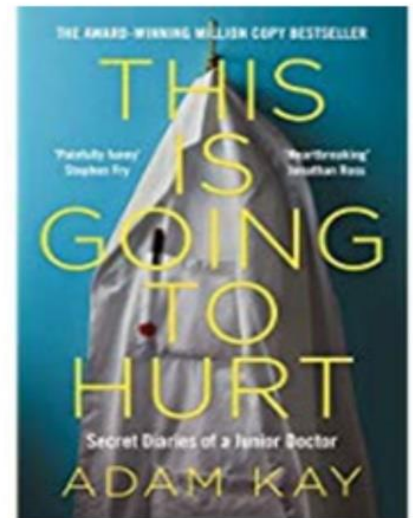
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St John's Reading Group



At our first meeting of the year we discussed **'The Sixteen Trees of the Somme'** by Lars Mytting, a Norwegian author. As Edvard took over the running of his grandfather's farm in Norway, he became aware of the mystery surrounding his parents and his great uncle. Believed to have been killed during the war, Edvard discovers that this was not the case. His curiosity takes him to Shetland where he finds out his grandfather and great uncle fought on different sides in WWII. One a hero and the other a

virtual outcast – explaining why Edvard's childhood was difficult. Wood and walnut trees in particular are described in great detail and are an important theme in the story as they link the characters and develop the idea of a family tree with identity and history. Edvard's journey of discovery takes him to the Somme and Delville Wood. It is here, in the 1970s where his parents met their deaths in mysterious circumstances and Edvard makes some amazing discoveries about his past.



Although in translation, it is a beautifully written book with wonderful descriptions of trees, weather, boats, isolation, and the unpredictable seas around Shetland.

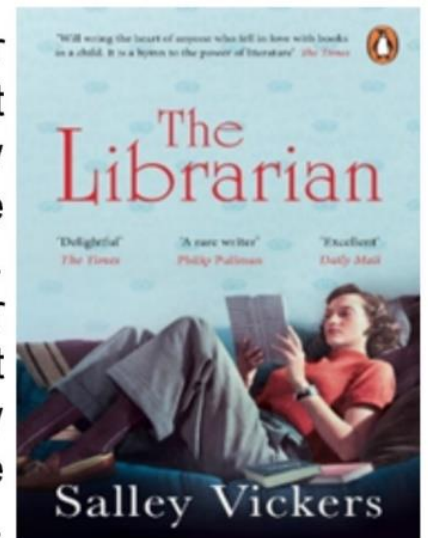
If you are searching for something different and memorable, then this book is for you. We gave it a score of 8/10.

For February, we enter the realm of doctors and the NHS. Described as 'often hilarious, at times horrifying and occasionally heart-breaking

diaries of a former junior doctor, and the story of why he decided to hang up his stethoscope.' Perhaps not for everyone, '**This is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor**' is by Adam Kay. It has sold over a million copies and has been awarded several prizes.

For March, we have selected 'The Librarian' by Salley Vickers. This author has written many of our favourite novels: Miss Garnet's Angel, The Cleaner of Chartres and Mr Golightly's Holiday. This novel transports us to the 1950s when Sylvia Blackwell goes to the middle England town of East Mole to take up a post as a children's librarian. It is about love, education, the love of reading and relationships within a small community.

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Our next meeting will be on Thursday February 7th at 8.00pm in the Coffee Lounge at church.

Happy Reading!

Marilyn Burkett



CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT 2018

'A fantastic day. A fantastic meal and entertainment was just so perfect.... I found it very moving and made some more friends. Without your efforts it would have been a very empty day.' This is an extract from a letter from a first-time guest, following the Christmas Day Event, which makes the hard work and preparation of the day all worth while. It really was a great day with everyone, guests and helpers, commenting on how well the day had gone. A very enjoyable and friendly event with many people from the local community, and beyond, working together to create a lovely atmosphere for everyone.

Of course, this event cannot take place without someone to do all the catering. This year we were extremely pleased that Marie Richter volunteered to help and the food she produced, for around 50 people, was wonderful. (Someone commented that it was better than being in a restaurant.) Marie is a very busy person indeed, a Matron in Kingston Hospital and an officer in the Territorial Army, but somehow managed to come and help us, together with Alan her husband. We are indeed very grateful that she gave up her precious time to help us. Thank you Marie.

Many people were involved in making this event a great day and we give thanks to them all. First and foremost thanks go to Maureen Hawkins and Kathy Wheeler who spent all day at the Hall making sandwiches for the supper bags, organising games and quizzes, and helping wherever needed.

Thanks also go to Iluska Beaton for the delicious canapés; to Lisa Simmonds for the big Christmas Cake; to Gemma and Kate who assisted in the kitchen; to Jenny, Amy, Angela, Grahame, Digby, Marilyn, Natalie, Stephanie who helped look after the guests; to Roger and Janet who spent all day washing up; to Martina, Monika and Margaret who helped with coffee and tea making; to all those who peeled and prepared the vegetables; to those who donated gifts; to Steve for arranging transport and to all the drivers; and for the finale of the day we thank all those who came to lead the carol singing. We also thank the generosity of New Malden Rotary Club who helped financially and John from Malden Chippy for donating all the vegetables.

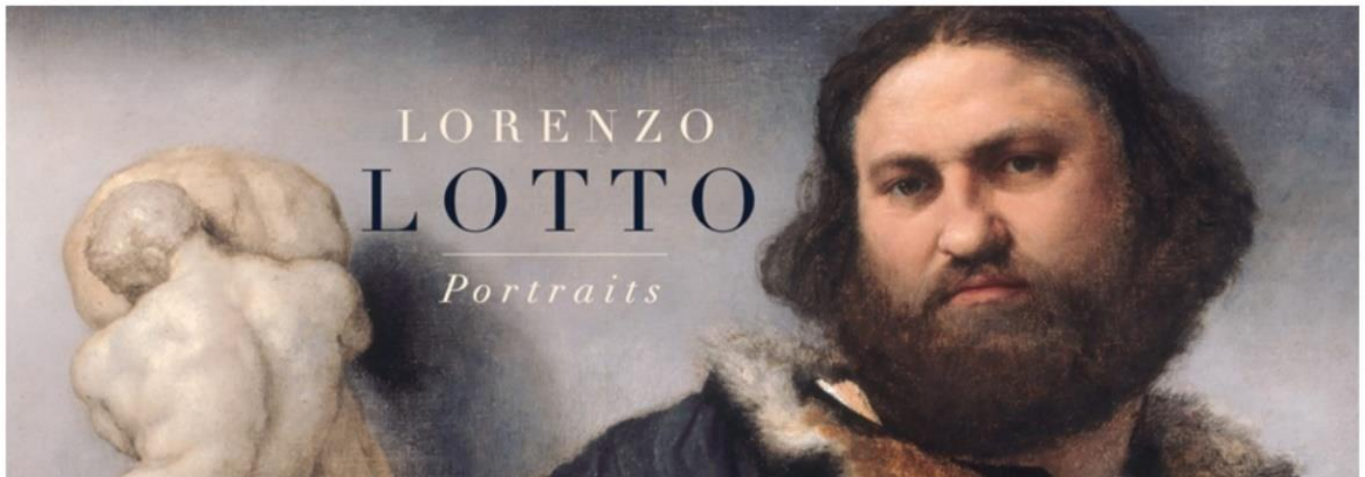
It was good to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Mayor of Kingston upon Thames , Councillor Thay Thayalan and Mrs Lata Thayalan and Councillor Olivia Boulton, who chatted to everyone and thanked the helpers. Also we welcomed Father Christmas during the afternoon who distributed gifts to everyone.

THANK YOU EVERYONE



'Chance Encounter'

It was one of those Mondays – many trains cancelled but eventually I arrived at The National Gallery. I really needed that cup of coffee and a large lemon drizzle cake to regain my composure. After reading another few chapters of my book it was time to move on. 'What are you going to look at today?' asked the lady at the adjacent table. 'Well, I shall definitely look at the Impressionists, a few Turners and Constables, and of course, Landseer's Monarch of the Glen' I replied. 'Have you see the free Lotto



Exhibition yet?' she asked. 'No, not yet, but what a good idea!'

So I set off to find the Lorenzo Lotto exhibition and was certainly not disappointed. Most of the works were portraits of middle-class sitters in their fine robes and dresses – but how modern many of these merchants, couples and clerics seemed. Many of these works were painted in the early 1500s, rich in symbolism and amazing perception. These were 'real' people, often surrounded by objects they used or loved – bejewelled and wearing rich damasks and furs, they came alive with Lotto's very individualistic style and skill.



Lotto lived about 1480 - 1556/7 and was trained in Venice. He could not compete with Titian so moved to Bergamo, where he painted several major altarpieces. He later lived in Treviso and later Ancona and finally retired to a religious house in 1552.

Had I not had that chance encounter in the café, I would never have discovered anything about Lotto or his paintings. The exhibition is on at The National Gallery until 10th February.

Marilyn Burkett

Lent Lunches



The Mothers' Union again hopes to arrange Lent Lunches with home-made soup. These are held in the church extension lounge and open to all. Money raised is for the church's contribution to the Bishop's Lent Appeal, which supports work with those in great need at home and abroad. The lunches will begin on Friday, 15 March, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m., and continue on as many Lent Fridays as our ageing volunteers can manage! If others would like to help, please speak to Beth Owen or Faith Bowers.

New Electoral Roll

A formal notice of a new Electoral Roll will be placed in the church on Sunday 10th February 2019. Preparation of the revised Roll will commence on 24th February 2019 and completed by 16th March 2019.

Those wishing to be placed on it should collect an application form from the porch, from Steven Clark or from Milly Broome before the completion date.

Please note that this is a new roll and so both new applicants and existing roll holders will have to submit applications.

S.Clark – Electoral Roll Officer 0208 3372392

Q. What's
happenning?

A. St John's
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Q. How much?

A. £10 per person

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Q. When and where?

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7pm in the church
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This year we celebrate the Feast of Candlemas on Sunday 3rd February. Forty days after his birth, Jesus is taken to the Temple by Mary and Joseph as is the Jewish custom to present the first-born to God.

At the Temple, Mary and Joseph meet Simeon who declares that Jesus is 'the Light' – the 'Light' that will overcome the darkness – hence the tradition of lighting candles to represent that Light.

We have our service of **Choral Evensong at 4.00pm** when we too have our candle-lit procession around the church. It is a very beautiful service – marking the 'end' of Christmas & Epiphany before we approach Lent.

So, you are invited to join us – 4.00pm on Sunday 3rd February.



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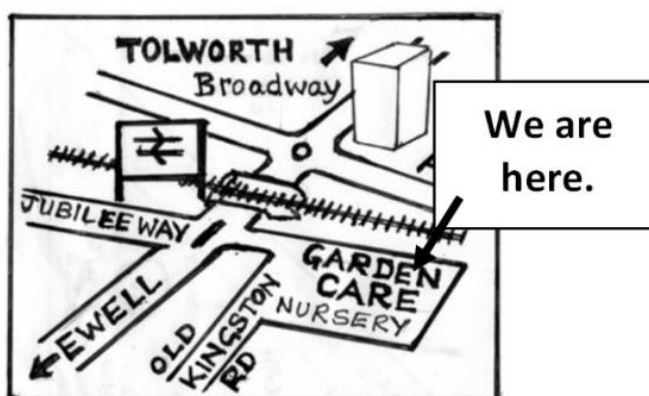
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