

THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE'S

Tuesday	7.00pm	PCC
Wednesday	10.00am	Piano repair
Thursday	1.15 pm-1.45pm	Lunchtime Prayers—led by Jenny Uff
	6.45pm	St George's choir practice

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Judy Dyke for being awarded an MBE for services to charity, particularly Edwards Trust.

WITH SYMPATHY

It is with sadness that we record the death of Neville Masterman, aged 107. We offer our prayers and sincere condolences especially to Neville's family.

EVENING WORSHIP IN JANUARY

We are trying out a new pattern of evening worship beginning this month. This is very much a 'work in progress' and we need not only to have your support at the services themselves but also your comments on how the pattern is working. Please note, (contrary to the information in the parish magazine): all the Sunday evening services/events will begin at **6 pm**. Those remaining are **Sunday 20th**: Night Prayer **Sunday 27th**: Lecture by Dr Sara Clethero: see below. Please pray for all these services and those who prepare and lead them. *JFF*

LECTURES BY DR SARA CLETHERO

We are very fortunate in our January Evening Worship schedule to have the second of two lectures on Voice and Philosophy. Sara, a professional singer as well as a distinguished academic, will set out to explore: 'how can we "frame" the discussion of voice to realise its human possibilities in the context of faith-based activities and on a wider stage.'

Sunday 27th: Voice in the wider community.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Please bring boxes to church as soon as possible. Thank you. *Pat Bullock*.

HELP FOR DEM-CAF

We are very short of visitors (with dementia and their carers) taking up the opportunity of coming to DemCaf. Please would people in the congregation take home 3 or 4 leaflets each and put them out to advertise DemCaf, (in corner shops, community centres, doctors' surgeries, chemist shops.) This could be along bus routes from the church. Please also give leaflets to friends who might benefit from knowing about us. If your friends show an interest in coming, perhaps you could bring them to DemCaf on their first visit? DemCaf will next meet on Tues, February 5th *Eve Kirby*

LUNCHTIME PRAYER: EPIPHANY TO LENT

Thursdays at 1.15 pm For the first five weeks we will look at the Christian virtues listed in Colossians 3. 12: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Please do join us if you can in the Whitmore room. *JFF*

LENT GROUPS AND STUDIES

Advance notice of our Lent groups. Our subject is prayer and how Ignatian spirituality can help us to deepen and encourage our prayer lives. Two groups meeting during the week; a daytime group (poss Wednesdays) and one in the evening (prob Thursdays). On Sunday evenings we will review some of the material covered by the groups and explore how our own stories of faith feed into the story of St George, Edgbaston and how both help to tell God's story in this place. *JFF*

INTERIM MINISTER ABSENCE!

John will be away between Wednesday 9th and Tuesday 22nd January. The Diocese agreed that he and Mary need some time to complete the removals from their curate's house to their current abode in Smethwick.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

1.15pm, 6th February—Curzon Brass. A quintet of 3rd and 4th year students from The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

'COME AND SING'

Saturday 2 February 'Come and Sing' BCP Mattins at St Mary's Handsworth. See flyer at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS DONATION

Many thanks to McCarthy & Stone for making a generous donation to St George's at Christmas. Part of the donation was used for the church flowers at Christmastide. Earlier in December St George's choir led carol singing for the residents at Ryland Place, the local McCarthy & Stone development in Norfolk Road.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND NATTERERS!

Sunrise Senior Living would like to set up a knitting group, with nattering too, of course! Perhaps knitting squares for blankets. Would anyone be able to help with this valuable fortnightly venture, please? *Caroline Shaw*.

PEW SHEET NOTICES DEADLINE

Please submit these by 10.00am on Wednesdays. Many thanks. *Marcia*.