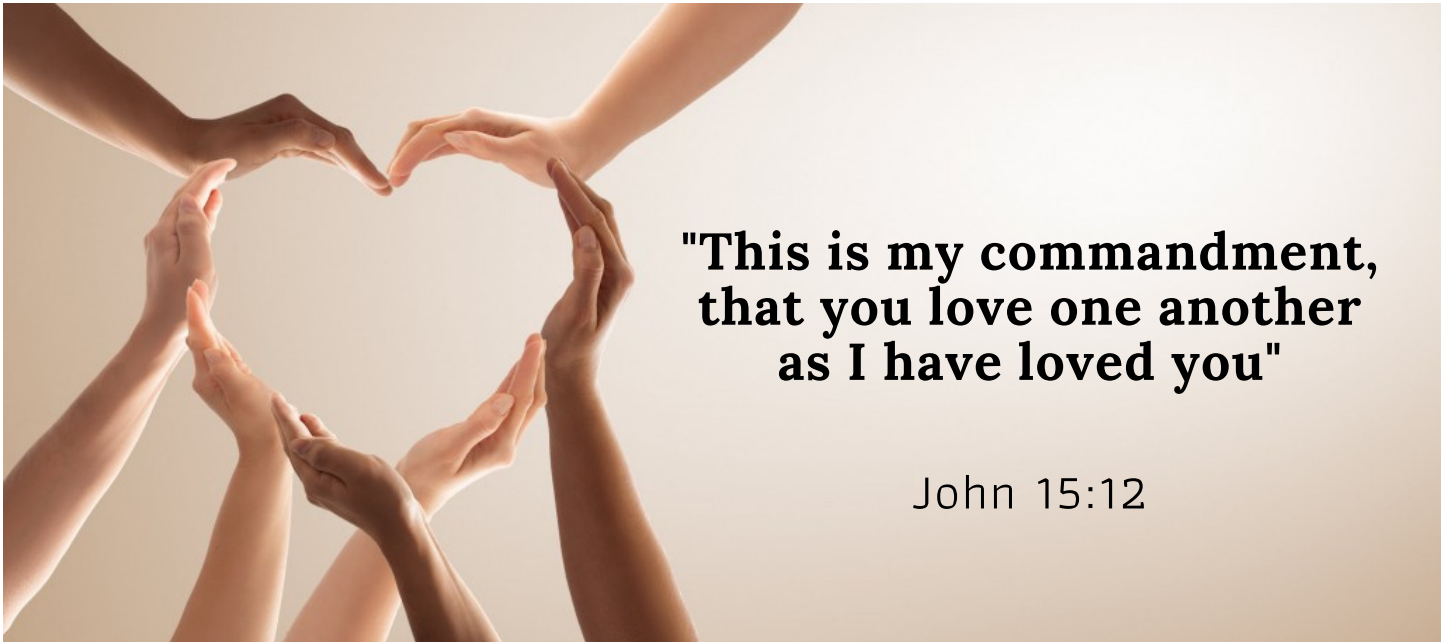


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Weekly Sunday School Newsletter*



**"This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you"**

John 15:12

Inside the Issue

WHAT'S GOING ON @ ST MARYS

40 days after we celebrate Jesus going up to Heaven for the Feast of the Ascension (Thursday 13th May). We'll follow Jesus there one day we pray.

SAINT PANCRAS

No, he wasn't a train spotter, despite there being a station named after him. He died for his faith and prays today that we have his courage. Feast day 12th May.
Find out more here:
<https://tinyurl.com/ayms4uf6>

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four different Greek words for 'Love' in the New Testament. Eros (Romantic), Storge (Family), Philia (Brotherly), and Agape (God's divine love).
Not all love is equal!

YOU DONT LOOK LIKE A CHRISTIAN!

by Tayo

Have you ever heard 'I didn't know you were a Christian' or 'You don't look like a Christian'. How did you respond? When this happens to me I always genuinely want to ask 'What do you think a Christian looks like?' Instead I usually smile and nod. So what does a Christian look like. We can wear outward symbols like a cross but ultimately our journey with Christ is an inward transformation, a private intimate walk with God that no one else can see or judge. Only Jesus knows our hearts, Samuael 16.7 tells us "... People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart". So the next time you confirm proudly and maybe surprise someone, you've taught them that Jesus is for everyone and it's what's inside that makes us who we are.





FREEDOM

by *Father Morris*

I was so happy when I had a hair cut for the first time in four months. "Back to normal," is a phrase on everyone's lips but I'd encourage you to think of the ending of lockdown as the rediscovery of freedom, rather than just returning to normal. The old 'normal' might not have been that good anyway.

God gives us freedom as one of His gifts. We're able to do amazingly kind and wonderful things because we are free. We may love our pets and appreciate it when they give us big lick, but their capacity to express love is limited. The flip side of the immense freedom we're given is that we can be pretty awful to people too.

Wake up each day and remember your freedom. You'll have responsibilities to God, to others and to yourself, but you can choose not to do them if you wish and you can choose how to do them, with a cheerful heart or full of resentment. Freedom doesn't just mean we're entitled to do whatever we want. Freedom means we should make good decisions to worship God and love our neighbour.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Junior Sunday School Zoom, Sunday 10am.
 - Passcode: 746 1019 9569
 - Password: 089711
- Weekly Bible Class Zoom, Tuesday 8.15pm
 - Passcode: 772 5689 1288
 - Password: Tottenham

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LEARN A LITTLE SCRIPTURE...

John 15:9-10

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love"

Jesus is on his way to the cross and here he is giving his friends the disciples and us some very clear advice and assurance.

For St John, the word abide is really important. He tells us that Jesus is the Word who dwelt among us (1:14) and who invites the first disciples to come and see where He lives (1:39). The same John describes a revelation he has, which is what is described in the last book of the Bible, the Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse. Here John sees "the dwelling of God among humanity" (21:3). This is the final intention of our interaction with God that we will be in His home in Heaven.

Keeping Jesus's commandments

It's hard doing the same thing day in and day out. Finding the courage and will power to always do what's asked of you. Without running away, looking for short cuts or giving up.

Whether it's being responsible for your little sister, listening to your parents or keeping up that weekly trusted task, it can be tough, but we are never left alone with our struggles.

When can this scripture help us?

When duty feels overwhelming or endless, or if we are struggling to stay on a path, keep to a promise or commitment whether it's to God or others. Think about this scripture.

He asks us only one thing: to abide in him, remain in his ways and we receive the limitless immeasurable love He has for us.