#### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am 10.00am <i>Reading:</i>	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Sunday Club, Sunday Tots & Crèche (at Parklands Nursery – start in church) 1 Cor 13
	6.30pm	United Service at Coney Hill Baptist Church
Mon	7.30pm	Christmas Choir Practice in church
Tue	6.15pm 7.30pm	Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms Club 2000 (11 – 13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church
Wed	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children (with crèche) at the Beacon Centre
Thur	2.00pm 7.30pm	Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre 14 Plus – Venue as advised
Fri	10.00am	Craft Club in the Beacon Centre
Sat	1.30pm	CHCU match at Norman Park, Hayes Lane, BR2 9EJ

1<sup>st</sup> December **NEXT SUNDAY –** 

> **Holy Communion** 8.00am

10.00am Church Parade and baptism of Lyra Stockdale United Service at Coney Hill Baptist Church 6.30pm

### This Week's Question



Sisera was the commander of an army that had been oppressing the Israelites for twenty years. Following their appeal to the Lord, the Israelites defeated Sisera's army but Sisera abandoned his chariot and fled on foot. He made his way to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite because there were friendly relations between his clan and Sisera's king. Jael went out to meet Sisera and invited him into her tent. What happened then? Read Judges 4: 15 - 22

#### AMBER CPC PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

The next prayer meeting in the Beacon Centre will take place on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. All welcome.



24<sup>th</sup> November 2013 Sunday next before Advent. Christ the King













# **ALL YOU NEED IS** LOVE...

The apostle Paul said something like this long before McCartney and Lennon!

Last week, as we surveyed 1 Corinthians 12, we discovered that we are called to belong to the one body of the church...worldwide and here at St John's. Each and every one of us has a vital part to play with the gifts we have been given; no-one more important than another.

But...Paul goes on to say today, in chapter 13, that the most important characteristic for Christians is love. Notwithstanding all the exciting and varied gifts Paul speaks about, he is clear that the most excellent way is love, and if we don't have that, the gifts count for nothing.

So, as we continue to explore the use of our gifts over the next weeks and months, what it means to 'love one another' will be at the forefront of our thinking. We start to explore that today.

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#### **WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S**

If this is your first time here, we are delighted to see you. If you can, do stay for a drink after the service. If you would like to know more about our church life, complete one of our welcome cards.

(Large print bibles are available if you want, just ask a welcomer).



#### **CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

The Carol Service will take place on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. We will be having a

choir again this year and rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings on the following dates: 25<sup>th</sup> Nov and 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, from 7:30pm to 9:45pm. There will be another rehearsal on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. For information, email Paul Showell on:

paul and heather showell @gmail.com



#### **BAPTISM**

Lyra Stockdale will be baptized at the next Family Service on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please

come and show your support.



### CAROLS IN THE PARK

Warm up your Christmas singing voice

on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm at Parklands Nursery. All welcome.



# SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 14 December at the Assembly Rooms. Invitations are available at the back of the church or in the Beacon Centre.

Help will be much appreciated, so if you can, please sign up on the noticeboard, or contact those listed on the leaflet in church.



#### **NEW WINE 2014**

St. John's will be attending week 1: 26 July – 2 August. Book now for

reduced rate – see Richard or Nicky Greenhalgh for further details.



### ASSEMBLY ROOMS EVENING

Hope Church Bromley are holding a Fun Evening at the

Assembly Rooms on 30 November at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Barry Clements (0779 3970299).



### CHCU ARE DOING MOVEMBER

To raise money for Prostate and Testicular Cancers several

members of the team are attempting to grow moustaches for Movember with varying levels of success. To sponsor, please visit the address below or speak to Warwick or Jonny. http://moteam.co/coney-hallchurches-united



## CDS, SPICE JARS AND RIBBON!

**Friends and Heroes** needs your old CDs, clean spice jars and any

remnants of ribbons. We will be collecting these in the blue bin in the porch until Sunday 8th December. Thank you! **N.B.** Thank you everyone who contributed cereal boxes — no more now needed.



### 'BIG CHRISTMAS SING' FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Saturday 7th December at 4.00pm in St Francis

Church. No admission charge. but a collection to be taken for the work of Christian Aid. Pupils from Pickhurst Junior Academy will be singing, plus Traidcraft stall, refreshments. If you wish to be in the choir please contact Geoff Mussard <a href="mailto:geoff@mussard.org.uk">geoff@mussard.org.uk</a>



#### **PRAYERS**

Please pray for:

 The recovery work in the Philippines;

- Gemma & Simeon Locke working with ReachAcross in Mali, and Barry & Chrissie Turner working with Marriage Resource (newsletter available on the Missions table) our mission focus this month.
- The last couple of sessions on the Alpha course and the planned follow-up;
- All our preparations for Christmas and engagement with the community over this season;



#### **FRESH NEWS**

If you have any news for inclusion in the news sheet, please forward it to Margaret

Kingman by Wednesday morning.



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