

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club, Sunday Tots & Crèche
	3.30pm	Friends & Heroes
	5.00pm	Carols in the Park by Parklands Nursery (instead of a service in church at 6.30pm)
Mon	8.00pm	PCC party at the Rectory
Tue	6.15pm	Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms
	7.30pm	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	Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre
	7.30pm	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

NEXT SUNDAY – 15th December

	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship with Sunday Club, Sunday Tots & Crèche
	11.45am	Holy Communion
	3pm – 5.15pm	Carol Service music rehearsal
	7.00pm	Carol Service



This Week's Question

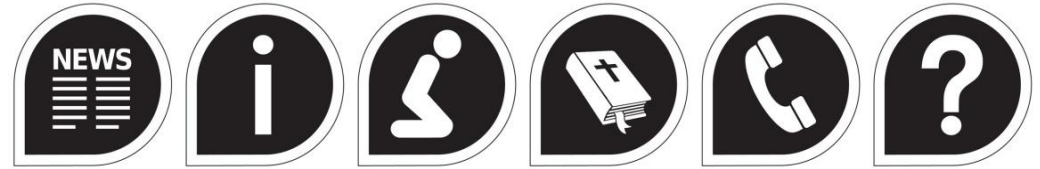
Gideon had many thousands of troops ready to fight the Midianites but God made him reduce the numbers to 300. They still won the battle but what was God's reason for insisting on such a small army? Read Judges 7: 2 - 7

PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

The next Monday evening prayer meeting in the Beacon Centre will take place on 16th December at 8pm. All welcome.

St John's
west wickham

8th December 2013
2nd Sunday of Advent.



A BIG ALPHA THANK YOU

The Alpha course concluded on Monday evening last week. It finished by looking at the whole idea of belonging to God's church; a body made up of all the people contributing to its life in different ways.

Alpha has itself been a great example of the church in action. Many people have contributed to its running by preparing and cooking meals, delivering them each week, leading groups, or giving talks. It has been serious business in a relaxed and fun environment, and the food has been a great start to each evening. It has gone down very well!

It's also a great encouragement that at least six of the group intend to continue meeting with Maureen and Nick for "After Alpha" evenings in the New Year.

So, a very big thank you to all who have helped the course run so well.

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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.



CAROL SERVICE REHEARSALS

The final rehearsals are as follows: Monday 9th

December from 7:30pm to 9:45pm and Sunday 15th from 3pm to 5.15pm. Any queries, email Paul Showell on: paulandheathershowell@gmail.com



TODAY CAROLS IN THE PARK

Come and join in with the festive spirit today (8th December) at 5pm at Parklands Nursery.



SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 14 DECEMBER

There are still places available for this meal in the Assembly Rooms, so if you want an invitation there are some at the back of the church, or in the Beacon Centre. We still need some help, so if you can pitch in, please sign up on the noticeboard, or contact those listed on the leaflet in church.

Small gifts for the raffle would be appreciated.



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday, 12th December at 10am.

Please bring foliage, scissors or secateurs.



BEACON CENTRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a spare hour or two during the week? The Beacon Centre needs a few more volunteers to join the team. You will always have someone else to work alongside you. Coffee and biscuits provided! If you think you might be able to help, please have a word with Lorna, Penny or Sybil.



WELCOMERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES NEEDED

If you would like to be a Welcomer for the Carol Service (15th Dec at 7pm), a Christingle service (24th Dec at 3pm and 5pm), Christmas Eve at 11.15pm or Christmas morning at 10am please see Jonathan Tickner.



CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION

The collection candles are available in the porch. Help yourself.



WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

First Steps: Saturday 8th Feb 2014, 10am –

4.30pm, Orpington Baptist Church. Maggie Gaved has sent details of this event. It's aimed at people who are wondering if God may be calling them to be involved in Bible Translation and the work of Wycliffe around the world. More information from www.wycliffe.org.uk/firststeps.



LONDON FESTIVAL SINFONIA CAROL CONCERT

On 16 Dec, 7:30pm at the Wesley Chapel, 49 City Road in support of Haiti Hospital Appeal. See noticeboard for more details.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Amber Crisis Pregnancy Care and

Tearfund – our mission focus this month.

- Geoff & Dee Larcombe in Chennai, India. They are working with an Anglo-Indian charity, providing medical & educational help to impoverished & marginalised Anglo-Indian families. Geoff has plenty of speaking engagements and they will be visiting a lot of poor families.
- Those affected by the recent flooding in the UK;
- The 'After Alpha' group;
- All our Christmas services and wider 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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