

WHAT'S ON OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, 22nd December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
Reading: Luke 2: 21 - 40
6.30pm No service

Mon 2.00pm Christingle making

Tuesday, 24th December, Christmas Eve

3.00pm FIRST Christingle Service
5.00pm SECOND Christingle Service
11.15pm Midnight Communion
Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10 & Luke 2: 1-14

Wednesday, 25th December, Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Worship
Reading: Luke 2: 1-14

Sunday, 29th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
Reading: Matt 2: 13 - end
6.30pm No service

Thurs 2.00pm Over 60s in the Beacon Centre

Sunday, 5th January, 2014

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Service
6.30pm No service

PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

The next Monday evening prayer meetings in the Beacon Centre will take place on Mondays 6th & 27th January at 8pm. All welcome. The next prayer meeting for Amber CPC will take place on Tuesday, 28th January at 8pm in the Beacon Centre.

St John's
west wickham

22nd & 29th December
Christmas 2013



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

This edition of our News Sheet covers two weeks. Therefore, you maybe casting your eye over this itching with anticipation for 25 December (possibly staggering to the 'finish line'), or you may be looking back on all the Christmas celebrations wondering where 2013 has gone.

I hope that whatever your vantage point, there is time to pause and give sincere thanks to God and know the reality of 'Emmanuel' – God with us.

Please accept a big thank you for all the hard work that you put in throughout the year to contribute to the life of our church. I hope there is space for some rest and we can approach 2014 with anticipation.

May Christ's Spirit bring you peace and joy this season. God Bless.

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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.



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, **especially on a Tuesday morning from 11am to 1pm.** 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.



BEACON CENTRE OPENING TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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| Wed 25 th Dec | } | Closed |
| Thurs 26 th Dec | | |
| Fri 27 th Dec | | |
| Sat 28 th Dec | | |
| Mon 30 th Dec | } | Open |
| Tues 31 st Dec | | |
| Wed 1 st Jan | | Closed |

Thurs 2nd Jan onwards: open as usual



CHRISTINGLES

Christingle making

Monday, 23rd at 2pm in church and our services on Christmas Eve @ 3pm & 5pm.

Please bring back your Christingle candle collecting box to a Christingle service with the money you have collected – all funds will be going towards the work of the Children's Society.

Go to www.childrenssociety.org.uk for details of their work.

OPEN EVENING FOR READER & SPA MINISTRIES



Southwark Diocese are running an evening for anyone interested in finding out more about these ministries - Wed 29 January, 7:00 – 9:00pm. If you would like further details, then please let Jon know.

SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE TRAINING IN MENTAL HEALTH



Mon 6 Jan – 17 March 2014 @ Mary Magdalene, Peckham. Organised by the S London and Maudsley Mental Health Promotional Team. For more information contact Juney Muhammad, the course co-ordinator on juney.muhammad@slam.nhs.uk



DIARY DATES

SHINE - The next Shine is on 9th January, 1.30 to 2.45 pm in church.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Service at St John's, Mon 20 Jan, 8pm.



DIOCESAN SERVERS' FESTIVAL

A celebration at Southwark Cathedral for all servers on Sat 11 January at 12 noon. If you are interested, let Jon know.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Amber Crisis Pregnancy Care and Tearfund – our mission focus this month;
- The people of South Sudan and the recent upsurge in violence;
- The Syrian refugees struggling in harsh weather conditions – all the aid agencies trying to provide water and food;
- The Stockdale family following the funeral of Alison's mother;

- The preparations for church life in the New Year;
- Those we know who will be struggling with loneliness at this time of year.



FRESH NEWS

If you have any news for inclusion in the news sheet, please forward it to Jon Ward by Friday morning, 27th December for the next issue, or to Margaret Kingman by Wednesday, 8th January for the following issue.

N.B. Jon will be on annual leave on 27th December, and 30th December to 6th January inclusive. The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th December to Friday 3rd January inclusive.



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