#### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

8.00am **Holy Communion** Sun Parish Communion with Sunday Club, Sunday Tots & 10.00am Crèche

> 3.30pm Friends & Heroes Prayer & Praise 6.30pm

Mon

6.15pm Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms Tue 7.30pm Club 2000 (11 – 13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church PCC in the Beacon Centre 8pm

9.30am Open Door for mothers & children (with crèche) at the Wed

Beacon Centre

2.00pm Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre Thur

> 7.30pm 14 Plus – Venue as advised

Hearing Aid Clinic in the Beacon Centre Fri 10.00am

19<sup>th</sup> January **NEXT SUNDAY –** 

> **Holy Communion** 8.00am

10.00am Morning Worship and Infant Baptism. Sunday Club,

Sunday Tots & Crèche.

6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity United Service at

West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church



#### This Week's Question

The Philistines were anxious to find out the source of Samson's great strength. Who did they persuade to lure him into revealing his secret?

Read Judges 16:4-6

#### PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

There are prayer meetings on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, and for Amber CPC on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January – both at 8pm.



12<sup>th</sup> January 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany













### 'ALL IN'

This morning we begin a mini sermon series entitled 'All In'.

Today will be an introduction to something that I hope becomes a hallmark of how we approach 2014 - that we jump in with both feet when it comes to living life for and with God.

What that looks like will vary from individual to individual, but the intention to run towards full-on commitment is something that grows in strength by joining together and cheering each other on. It's not about a collective guilt-trip that we're not doing enough. Rather, about sharing a common desire to allow God to help himself to us and see what He will do through us.

After all, we are but works in progress. As John Newton said, 'I'm not what I ought to be, I'm not what I'd like to be, I'm not what I hope to be, but I'm not what I was, and by the grace of God I am what I am.'

Let's be confident that if we give ourselves to Him, 'He who began a good work will carry it on to completion' - All In.

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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.



# TODAY FRIENDS & HEROES 3.30 PM IN CHURCH Theme: False Heroes

#### **Future dates and themes:**

February 2nd: True Heroes
March 9th: Sweet Freedom
April 6th: Easter Special



### MISSION ACADEMY

Not sure what that is?

There is a meeting for young people and youth leaders at West Wickham Shirley Baptist Church on **Saturday 25**January from 10am-5pm (lunch included) to see what Mission Academy is all about. In brief, it's a venture to explore what partaking in God's mission looks like in the place you find yourself. See the noticeboard for further details, but if you are interested in attending, let Jon know so he can pass on numbers to the organisers.



## MARRIAGE & PARENTING COURSES 2014

We are keen to give people opportunities to

invest in their relationships and families, so both the above courses will be running this year. The Marriage Course will begin in *early February, on Tuesday evenings* and the Parenting Course in *June*.

Both courses are open to everyone, so if you have friends who may be interested, spread the word. We don't want baby-sitting issues to preclude anyone, so if that's a problem then let us know.

We'll be doing a flyer drop around the parish shortly and will publish more specific details of times and venues, but in the meantime, if you are interested, then let Barry or Chrissy Turner know on 0208 4626925 or barryturner1@btinternet.com



#### MOLDOVA EVENING

Sun 2nd Feb. 8.15pm

@ Holmshaw Farm. Pastor Slavic will be speaking about how Link to Hope supports his community. All welcome. More details from Milly Johnson or Sue Watson.



#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January –

United Service at St John's on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.



### WEEKLY NEWS BY EMAIL

Weekly News is available by email. To be added to the mailing

list please notify Margaret Kingman in the Parish Office.



### BASKET BALL MATCH

We are looking to gather together a party of people to see the London Lions v Durham

Wildcats at the Copper Box stadium on Sunday 26 January at 4pm. If you are interested, text Pete Brien on 07958 665149.



#### **PRAYERS**

Please pray for:

Steve Read and his work through Ambassadors Football;

 Mark Watson, working with Youth For Christ – our mission focus this month.

- Our collective desire as a church to be whole-hearted followers of Christ;
- The PCC as they meet for the first time in 2014 and consider the year ahead.
- All those in this country and beyond who have been affected by flooding and recent weather:
- The many Christians in the Middle East facing persecution.



#### **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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