

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship with Sunday Club, Sunday Tots & Crèche
	<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Psalm 146 & Ephesians 3: 14-21</i>
	11.45am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Breakout – Evening Service
Mon – Wed		No usual activities during half term
Thur	2.00pm	Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre
Fri	10.00am	Hearing Aid Clinic in the Beacon Centre

NEXT SUNDAY –	23rd February	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	United Service at Emmanuel Church

SEEKING STILLNESS Opportunities to spend time in stillness and prayer, led by Jane Hoskins @ St James Church, Riddlesdown CR8 2DL

Sat 15th Mar, 10am -3pm, 'Desert – Place of Bleakness or Blossom?'

Thu, 3 Apr, 6:45 – 9pm, *Forgiving and Forgiven.*

For further information please see the notice on the board in church.



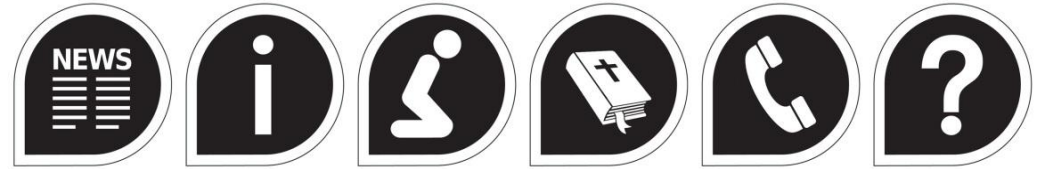
This Week's Question

Why was Jesse's son David hiding behind a pile of stones in a field, waiting for Saul's son Jonathan to come back and fire three arrows at the stones?

Read 1 Samuel 20: 10 - 22

PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

The next prayer meeting will be on Monday, 24th February at 8pm.



THE POWER OF PRAYER

'One of the best ways to get on your feet is to first get on your knees.'

There is a rich seam of quotes to mine when it comes to the topic of prayer. Not least of all because Christians, down the ages, have recognized its significance in the life of anyone who wants to walk closely with God. We don't want to be people who treat God like a lawyer, only going to Him when we are in trouble.

Following on from our 'All In' series, we are going to explore together the subject of prayer over the coming weeks. I hope that it will give us big imaginations as to how and when we can pray, and the impact that prayer can have on us individually, and as a community. As someone else said,

'Prayer will put backbone where your wishbone is.'

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.



SACRED SPACE

On Saturday 22 March, we are privileged to have singer songwriter, John Nuttall, join us to lead another retreat day. John uses his acoustic, devotional music to convey the nature of God and the love He has for His children. The day will explore our identity in God and how that affects the way we become more Christ-like. It will be an unashamed opportunity 'to receive' from God through music, scripture, story, poetry and meditation.

Time: 10am – 4pm, Saturday 22 March (Lunch Provided)

Venue: Holmshaw Farm, Off Layhams Road

Cost: Free - although we will invite people to give towards a collection for John.

If you would like to come, please sign up on the sheet in church, or let the Parish Office know.



HALF TERM LUNCH

Tuesday, 18th Feb, 12 noon to 2.30pm. In church. For under 8s and their carers.



ARCHBISHOP TENISON'S SCHOOL'S TRICENTENARY

Archbishop Tenison's School in Croydon is celebrating the 300th anniversary of its founding this year. It is inviting all former students to register to be kept in touch with information about the celebrations. See the link below.

<http://www.archten.croydon.sch.uk/index.php/news/recent-news/croydon-s-tenisonians>



SILENT DISCO - FOR ALL AGES

Saturday 1 March, 8pm @ Holmshaw Farm, including licensed bar, nibbles and a raffle. Tickets in advance for £10, or £5 for 14+ members – please contact Milly Johnson on 07796 338483 or camilla@highamsfarm.com

All the proceeds will go to the Link to Hope building projects in Moldova.



NEW SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS NEEDED

With effect from the APCM in April we will need 2 new Safeguarding Officers. Training will be provided. Further information can be obtained from David Biddle and Anne Ford, our retiring officers. Please let Jon know if you are interested.



TAKING ON THE LONDON MARATHON

John Johnes is running the Marathon in April in memory of Beth Gaved. All the money he collects will go to the Evelina Children's Hospital. If you would like to donate online go to : <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnJohnes64>, alternatively contact John in church. Many thanks.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- The family and friends of Doris Baldwin & Muriel James, local residents who both passed away recently;
- The marriage course which continues this week;

- Premier Radio Lifeline & Pastor Emmanuel in India – our mission focus this month;

- All those across the country who have been affected by the floods;

- Peter & Doreen Everest following Peter's recent diagnosis of cancer, and any other members of the church family struggling with illness;



FRESH NEWS

If you have any news for inclusion in the news sheet, please forward it to Margaret Kingman by Wednesday morning. Weekly News is also available in the Beacon Centre and by email.



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