

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion Service with Sunday Club, Sunday Tots & Crèche.
	<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Psalms 88 & Colossians 1: 3-14</i>
	3.30pm	Friends & Heroes
	6.30pm	Breakout Service (Prayer & Praise)
Mon	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting in the Beacon Centre
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
		Marriage Course
Wed	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children 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
NEXT SUNDAY – 16th March		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship with Sunday Club, Sunday Tots & Crèche.
	11.45am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Holy Communion Service



This Week's Question

The son of the widow in whose house Elijah was lodging became ill and died. She accused Elijah of punishing her for her sins by killing her son. How did Elijah respond?

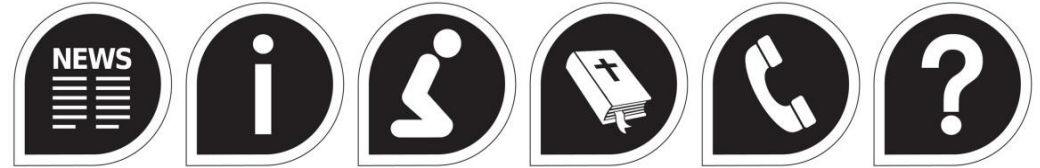
Read 1 Kings 17: 17 - 24

PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

Monday evening prayer meetings in the Beacon Centre in March will take place on 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st, all at 8pm.

St John's
west wickham

9th March 2014
1st Sunday of Lent



BELONGING AT ST. JOHN'S

It's that time of year again when we ensure that our Electoral Roll is up to date. If you've joined us more recently and consider St John's to be your spiritual 'home', then we'd love you to put your name on the Roll. It's a list of our regular worshippers, and whilst you don't have to include your name to be a part of St John's, it does help us keep a track of our membership.

Being on the roll also gives you more of a formal say in what happens in the church. In particular, it enables you to vote in elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27 April, and stand as a candidate for our leadership body, the PCC.

If you wish to add your name to the Electoral Roll, you must be baptized, at least 16 years of age (or sixteen on your next birthday), and live in the parish, or have worshipped at St. John's for at least six months. Please speak to Jon if you have any doubts about whether you are eligible.

Application forms are on the table by the entrance to the Side chapel and on the little table, where the Welcomers stand, as you leave church. Please return it either by putting it in the box in the porch or by giving it to Geoff Batten or Paul Kingman by Sunday, 23rd March.

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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.



SACRED SPACE

Time is almost up for signing on to our retreat day with singer songwriter, John Nuttall. We are looking to finalise the list this Wednesday, 12 March, to enable us to prepare and cater.

During the day there will be exploration of our identity in God and how that affects the way we become more Christ-like. Details are as follows:

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.



DATE OF APCM

27th APRIL during the 10am service.



TODAY
FRIENDS & HEROES
Sunday 9th March
3.30 – 5pm in church.



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Give thanks and celebrate the good things in your life this Lent with Christian Aid's 'Count Your Blessings' calendar.

It's available from St John's Church or the Beacon Centre. Each day from Ash Wednesday (March 5th) to Easter Sunday, forty bite-sized reflections will inspire gratitude, and enable you to step out in prayer and action to help the world's poorest communities. Note that the giving amounts are suggestions only. A children's version is also available, or from 5th March you can download a free app from the Apple Store or Google Play.



NEW SAFEGUARDING OFFICER NEEDED

We're still looking for one more safeguarding officer to take over from the APCM in April. 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. To donate online go to : <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnJohnes64>, alternatively contact John in church. Many thanks.



CAKE & CREATIVE THINKING

There is going to be a meeting this Friday evening in the church at 8pm for all Creche/Toddlers helpers and parents. It's a chance to enjoy some nibbles and drink, think about possibilities for the way we engage with our 0-5s on a Sunday Morning, and sort out some of the toys! If you are able to make it, please could you let Angela know.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- The continuing Marriage Course;
- The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call projects – our mission focus this month;

- The family of Lilian Mason, who passed away recently;
- The current tensions in the Ukraine
- Our collective use of Lent – that it might be a time of stripping out distractions and drawing close to God;



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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