

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am 10.00am <i>Reading:</i> 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion <i>Matthew 21: 1-11</i> No service.
<b>Mon</b>	7.45pm	Prayer Meeting for Japan in the Beacon Centre.
<b>Tue</b> <b>Wed</b>	}	There are no regular activities in the school holidays.
<b>Thur</b>	2.00pm 8.00pm	Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre United Service of Holy Communion at Coney Hill Baptist Church
<b>Fri</b>	10.00am 11.00am 2.30pm	March of Witness Service at St Francis' Reflections on the Cross Service at St John's

### NEXT SUNDAY – 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	'Breakout' Service of Prayer & Praise



### This Week's Question

Elisha was going up the road to Bethel when some youths from the city taunted him. How did the prophet respond?

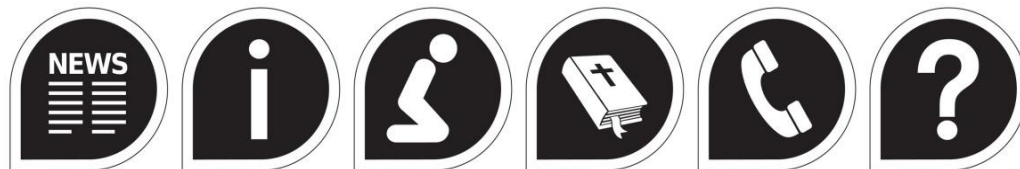
Read 2 Kings 2: 23 - 24

### PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

The next Monday evening prayer meeting in the Beacon Centre will take place on 28th April at 8pm. There will also be a prayer meeting for Japan, led by Liz and Mike Jeggo, on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45 for an 8pm start. All welcome to both events.

# St John's west wickham

13<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
Palm Sunday



## PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, when we concentrate on Jesus' journey to the cross. It all starts with a mood of celebration and optimism, but the pendulum swings. The undercurrent of foreboding gains strength and takes us to a painful place.

We all know that the Easter weekend sees the pendulum swing back the other way – from the darkness of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. It's worth following that arc through Holy Week. It helps us to frame the ups and downs of our own lives into the story in which we all sit – Jesus' story. It is in that narrative we discover hope and our true fixed point.

**This week, our loose collection during the service will be for Bishop Christopher's Lent call.** We will contribute to a number of projects that are looking to help people experience the pendulum swing from darkness to light. The focus of the projects this year include:

**Our neighbours** in the Diocese – Create, Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers, The Joel Community and St Mildred's Addiscombe Drop In.

**Our neighbours** in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

**Our neighbours** in the wider world, featuring Five Talents, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and the Institute for the Healing of Memories.

**Normal cash donations to St John's may be left in the plate by the door after the service.**

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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.



## EASTER PROGRAMME

**Maundy Thursday**  
17<sup>th</sup> April 8pm

Joint service of Holy Communion at Coney Hill Baptist Church

**Good Friday** 18<sup>th</sup> April

10am March of Witness from St Mark's Church to Swan car park

11am United Service at St Francis' church with separate activities for children aged 3 – 11 years

2.30pm Reflections on the Cross service at St John's

**Easter Sunday** 20<sup>th</sup> April

8am & 10am Holy Communion

6.30pm 'Breakout' service of Prayer & Praise



## WELCOMERS

We are looking for some new people to become welcomers, starting after the APCM in April. If you are interested could you see Jonathan Tickner.

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP



The APCM on 27<sup>th</sup> April includes elections to our PCC (4 vacancies) & Deanery Synod (2 vacancies). If you are interested in standing for election please take a nomination form from the box in the porch and return it to Ann Gardner the PCC Secretary. **Meeting Reports will be on the website shortly.**

## NB DATE FOR THE DIARY

- On **Sunday 18 May**, 10am we will meet in the Assembly Rooms for 'Mobilising for Mission'.



## JAPAN PRAYER MEETING

On Monday, 14th April Liz and Mike Jeggo will lead a prayer meeting for Japan in the Beacon Centre. Tea and coffee at 7.45 to start at 8.00pm. Please come and join in.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> MAY

We are currently assembling our collectors for Christian Aid Week 2014. If anyone can help us in the house-to-house collection or in organising the collection please contact Ann James (020 8777 4743) or Anne Ford (020 8289 2432).



## FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

**Easter Saturday - 19th April - 2pm**

Join us for an Egg-travaganza! An Easter Egg Hunt with a difference. Hunt the Easter Bunny, and discover the chocolate eggs! Lots of fun and a free Easter Egg for every child!

Come along to West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church.



## WEDDING

Wedding Service of Nana Araba Amonoo-Kuofi & Nana Kwame Adusei on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at St John's.



## LONDON MARATHON

Please support John Johnes & Graham Regester running in the London Marathon today. Their respective giving websites are <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnJohnes64> & <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GrahamRegester>



## PRAYERS

- Please pray for:
- Liz & Mike Jeggo working with OMF,

and Amber Crisis Pregnancy Care – our mission focus this month

- The church leadership and those contemplating standing for election at our APCM;
- Our Christian brothers & sisters around the world for whom marking Holy Week may involve great risk;
- Our church family at Spring Harvest – that they will be refreshed and renewed;
- Those we know who are sick or ill.



## 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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