

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	<i>Reading:</i>	<i>'Stories Jesus Told', Matthew 18: 21-35</i>
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	No service ( <i>Breakout has been cancelled</i> )
<b>Thur</b>	2.00pm	Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre
<b>Fri</b>	10.00am	Hearing Aid Clinic in the Beacon Centre

Other Mon – Fri activities will not take place during the summer holidays.

## NEXT SUNDAY – 17<sup>th</sup> August

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Morning Worship with Baptism
11.30am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Prayer Walk



## This Week's Question

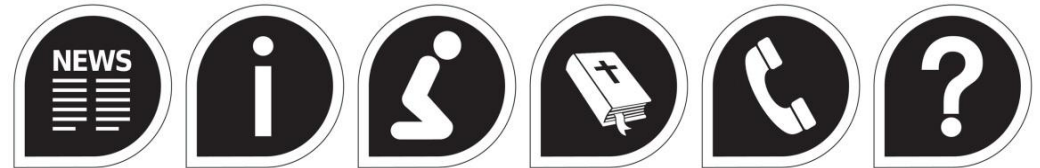
Jonah was angry and asked God to kill him because something he had predicted God would do was not going to happen.

***What was Jonah so upset about?***

Read Jonah 3: 4 to 4: 1 - 3

### PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

No Monday evening prayer meetings in the Beacon Centre until September.



# RECOVERING PERSPECTIVE...

Whilst on holiday, I didn't pick up a newspaper and rarely went near the 'on' button of my computer. The media sabbatical felt great; all part of having a good rest.

But it can mean the return to the fray is a bit of a shock to the system...watching the number by the inbox steadily rise as you download outstanding emails. There's an itch to return to your holiday destination, if not feel a little post-holiday dip.

And then I returned to the newspapers.

And my tendency to self-pity quickly evaporated. Reading about the plight of our Christian brothers and sisters in Iraq at this moment was a sobering corrective. I'm not knocking enjoying a good holiday, but it's good to put it in context. If you haven't read much about what is going on in Iraq at the moment, then can I encourage you to take some time to find out.

I hope it fires your prayers and puts things in perspective.

## 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.



### ALPHA COURSE 30 SEPTEMBER

The next Alpha course will start on 30 September, so now is the time to start thinking about who you might wish to invite along. There are a few people who have already made enquiries.

In a relaxed, unpressured setting at Maureen and Nick's home, there will be a meal, a short talk and some time for discussion in groups. No subject is off limits.

If you have friends or family who have asked questions, or expressed skepticism, then think about inviting them along? Start praying now that people will hear about it and will have their curiosity piqued. See the website for more details, or speak to Jon, Nick or Maureen.



### THE FUTURE OF THE BEACON CENTRE

**TODAY** is the last chance to email your thoughts and

comments on the recent document about the proposals for the future of the Beacon Centre.

**Please email your thoughts and comments to the parish office by Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August.**



### TEAM LEADERS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who put forward nominations for leaders to the Teams that we are looking to develop. All the nominations were pulled together and it was a great joy to contact individuals to let them know that the church had identified leadership qualities in them.

The possible nominees have been asked to think about whether they are prepared to put themselves forward for consideration by the PCC. The church's leadership will then pray about the shortlist and vote to establish the final choice of team leaders. We will then engage in the process of inviting others to help populate those teams, and get on with the real work of God's mission.



### STORIES JESUS TOLD

During the summer holidays, people are off in different directions and there is generally a lot

more fluidity to who is around on any given Sunday.

Given that, we are taking a break from the sermon series, '(Re)New – How the Gospel Changes Everything', and running a series called 'Stories Jesus Told'. We'll be looking at a number of parables that Jesus used to communicate different things about the nature of the kingdom of God. Each week will be targeted for all ages and fairly self-contained, so there's no worry about losing the thread if you're not around every week.



### FUN & GAMES AFTERNOON 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**2-4pm Sparrows Den**

**NB** Children under 6 yrs must be accompanied.

Why not make an afternoon of it. Invite friends & bring a picnic.

*Organised by Churches Together in West Wickham.*



### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- All the Iraqi Christians at this time, and especially Andrew White working in Baghdad, who is our mission focus this month.

- The future of our Young People's work, including Sunday Club and its location;
- The whole Munns family – that God's grace will be over them. Continue to pray for John's healing.
- The church's future use of the Beacon Centre;
- Those people who were nominated for team leadership, as they consider whether to agree to be put forward for consideration.
- Our young people as they attend Soul Survivor and Momentum;



### FRESH NEWS

If you have any news for the news sheet, please forward it to Margaret Kingman by

Wednesday morning.



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