

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion with Crèche & Sunday Tots
Readings: "Consider it Gain..."-Gain Joy. Philippians 1: 1-6
and 1 Timothy 6: 6-10
6.30pm United Service at St Mary's Church, West Wickham

Mon } No regular Monday to Wednesday meetings during
Wed } half term.

Thur 2.00pm Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre

Fri 10.00am Craft Club in the Beacon Centre
6.00pm Light The Night in church

NEXT SUNDAY – 2nd November

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Service with Infant Baptism
6.30pm No Service

NB. 23rd November Sunday morning in the Assembly Rooms.

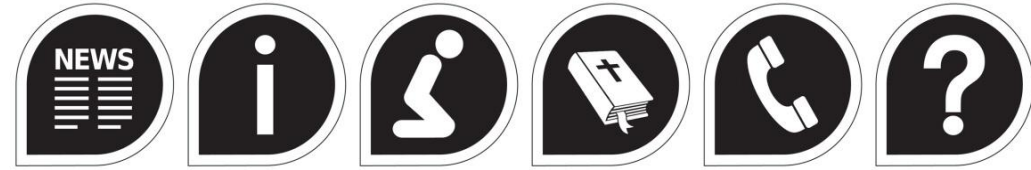


This Week's Question

In the parable of the talents, the master of one of the servants described him as "you wicked lazy servant". What had he done wrong? Read Matthew 25: 24 - 30

PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

There are no more Monday evening prayer meetings in the Beacon Centre during October. In November there will be meetings on 10th and 24th. All welcome.



'LIGHT THE NIGHT'

Our Light the Night celebration continues to draw a large following and is a great opportunity to rub shoulders (literally, given how packed it usually is!) with people in our community.

Not sure what it is?

Light the Night is our alternative to Halloween. Instead of basking in the typically ghoulish antics that come with 31 October, we encourage people to have fun in a different way. The evening is jammed with games, crafts, challenges, food and sometimes, the night rounds off with fireworks.

Someone once said, 'I'd rather light a candle than criticize the darkness'. We're not ramming our views about Halloween down people's throats, but offering a positive substitute.

It all requires some organizing. If you have capacity to help out – either in getting Wickham Court School / the Church ready, or during the celebration itself – then please sign up on the noticeboard, or let Julie Lancaster know. Thanks for your help.

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.



LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOXING TEAM NEEDS HELP!

Please contact Milly 07796 338483 if you would like to be part of the 'shoebox hospital'. A team of around 8 people is ideal as there are many jobs; checking/ filling/ wrapping/ packing/ carrying shoeboxes. This will be at Milly's house during the following times:
11:30am-3pm on 11th, 13th, 18th, 19th and 20th November.
Please bring nibbles to share. Thanks.



NEW SERMON SERIES

Last week we started a new 5 week series called 'Consider it Gain...' Lifted from Philippians 3, we'll be looking at different aspects of 'gain' that we graciously receive by having faith – including freedom, joy, family, growth, and meaning.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Carol Service will take place on Sunday, 21st December and we're having our choir in action again.

Practices will take place in church on Monday evenings 17th and 24th November & 1st, 8th & 15th December from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, with a final rehearsal on the afternoon of 21st December.

Everybody is welcome, so take a note of the dates now. If you have any queries email Paul Showell on: paulandheathershowell@gmail.com



AGATKA HOME

Agatka Cieniala is with us this weekend so take the opportunity to catch up with her and hear how things are going for her.



SLEEPING BEAUTY Wednesday

14th January 2015
Performed by West Wickham Pantomime Society at Wickham Hall in Sussex Road, West Wickham. Time 7.45pm.
St John's have been allocated 30 tickets at £8 each, £4 of which will be given to **Link to Hope**.

The shows are amateur in name but professional in performance and anyone can see video clips of them at www.westwickhampanto.org
Karen Powell or Milly Johnson will be selling the tickets after church each Sunday.



MEN & CURRY

This is a reminder about the opportunity to get together with other guys over a meal and think about what we might do to support and encourage each other. It's in the evening of Friday 28 November. If you would like more details speak to Stu Carey.



ADA HICKMAN

Ada died peacefully at home after a short illness on 4th October.
Her family would love those who knew her to join them for her funeral and thanksgiving on Tues 18th November. There will be a service in Hayes Parish Church at 12.30pm, following the cremation at Beckenham Crematorium at 11.15am. After the service there will be refreshments and a celebration in Hayes Village Hall, from 1.30pm. If you would like to come to the hall please phone Sam on 020 7732 6769 for catering purposes. Penny Seabrook



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- The Bible Society – our mission focus this month;
- The 3 WW CofE churches, as they continue to consider the future;
- Our Light the Night Celebration;
- All those we know who are bereaved;
- Our Team Leaders as they begin to consider the next steps for our Teams;
- The international response to the Ebola crisis and those affected.



FRESH NEWS

Please forward any news for the news sheet, to **Margaret Kingman** by Wednesday morning.



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N.B. Jon will be on

annual leave this week.

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9.15am - 12.15 pm Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri.

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