

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	Reading	'Oh Hell' – How are we to understand hell and should we talk about it? 2 Peter 3: 1-13
	11.45am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Prayer Evening

Mon – Wed No usual activities during half term.

Tues 12 noon Half term lunch in church for under 8s and their carers

Thur 2.00pm Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre

Fri 10.00am Hearing Aid Clinic in the Beacon Centre

NEXT SUNDAY – 22nd February

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club, Crèche & Sunday Tots
6.30pm	No service

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

A rich tax collector named Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus who was on his way to Jerusalem but being of short stature he could not see above the crowds, so he ran on ahead and climbed a Sycamore tree. When Jesus came to the place he looked up and saw Zacchaeus.

What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus that displeased the crowds?
Read Luke 19: 2 - 7

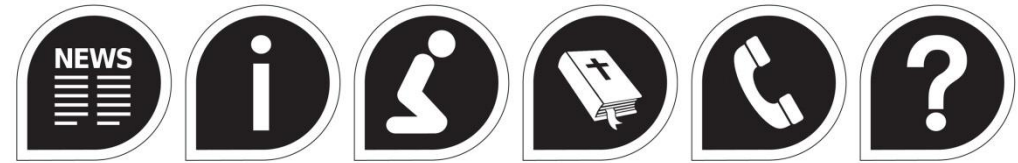


PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

There are no more Monday evening prayer meetings in the Beacon Centre during February.



15th February 2015
Sunday next before Lent



THE SEASON OF LENT

Once again, Lent is on the horizon.

As part of Southwark Diocese, we are annually invited to respond to Bishop Christopher's 'Lent Call'. He encourages us to support a set of projects around a theme, and last year the diocese was able to provide grants totaling £92,000. This year's theme is 'The smallest of Seeds', from the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. The idea is that from the humblest of beginnings, mighty things can grow. We are invited to offer support for a selection of simple projects that might develop and have a significant impact on the lives of those they reach. These include PECAN, XLP in Southwark diocese and different projects in 2 dioceses in Zimbabwe.

More details of the projects can be found on the noticeboards, which are also a great fuel for our prayers. As we have done in the past, we will take a collection on Palm Sunday for the call, but their publicity mentions other ways in which people can contribute.

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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.



HALF TERM LUNCH

Tuesday, 17th February
12 noon to 2.30pm in church. For under 8s and their parents/ carers. A

Churches Together in West Wickham event.



ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February at 8pm
United Service at Hawes Lane Methodist Church.



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS WITH CHRISTIAN AID THIS LENT

Why not follow the Christian Aid leaflet of Lenten daily reflections, prayers and actions to help transform the lives of the most marginalised and poor of this world? The giving amounts are suggestions only – please give what you can. Adult and children's versions are available from the back of the church or you can download the adult or collective (for 16-25 year olds)

versions free from the Apple App store or Google Play.



HILARY GRAY'S FUNERAL

Our thoughts and prayers are with Derek and the family, following Hilary's death last Sunday. The funeral will take place in church on Tuesday, 24th February at 12 noon and everyone is welcome. No flowers please.



DAY-TIME ALPHA COURSE

The course will begin on Tuesday 24th February at 10.30am at 103 Hayes Wood Avenue, the home of Tony and Beryl Holloway. If you are interested please let Jon, or Tony & Beryl know.



NEWS FOR ALL HEARING AID USERS!

The first good news is that the hearing loop is being checked and will hopefully soon be more effective. If you have been having difficulty using the loop it could well be the very patchy nature of the present system that is the problem.

The second good news is that the monthly hearing aid servicing clinic is

still running at the Beacon Centre on the 3rd Friday of the month. The next clinic is on Friday 20th February, 10.00am - 12.00 noon. Please spread the word to any you know who use NHS hearing aids as we think that some may be being deterred by the fact that the Centre is closed more often at the moment.



THE DIOCESAN BAME VOCATIONS CONFERENCE

This will be held at the Diocesan Retreat House, Wychcroft, from the evening of Friday 27 February until the afternoon of Sunday 1 March 2015. It's an excellent opportunity for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic members of our church communities to explore their faith journey; to receive encouragement, information and support regarding how one might further respond to God's call to service; and to benefit from shared fellowship and skilled listening at the conference. It's free and if you would like more information, please contact the parish office.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Pastor Emmanuel in India – our mission focus this month;
- Our Youth Work – that we can bolster the existing groups and

continue to see our work with young people grow;

- Preparations for the day-time Alpha course and those who are thinking about attending;
- The on-going wrangling about Ukraine;
- The PCC as they consider 2015 Budgets and prepare to meet with the people of St Francis and St Mary's;
- Our use of Lent as a church – that we will all draw ever closer to Christ.



FRESH NEWS

Please forward news for the News Sheet, to **Margaret Kingman** by Wednesday morning.



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annual leave all week.

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