

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Sun** 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion  
Reading: "From Selfish Leadership to Sacrificial Leadership"  
Mark 8:31-35 & Acts 11: 1-18  
6.30pm United Service at Hawes Lane Methodist Church

**Mon**  
**Tue** } No regular activities in the school holidays  
**Wed** }

**Thur** 2.00pm Over 60s Club at the Beacon Centre

**Fri** 10.00am Craft Club in the Beacon Centre

### NEXT SUNDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> May – TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Morning Worship  
11.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm No service

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

After Paul and Silas left Philippi, they travelled to Thessalonica and as was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue and on three Sundays, preached from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. Some of the Jews were persuaded as were some Greeks and a number of prominent women. But other Jews were jealous – what did they do?

Read Acts 17: 1 - 14

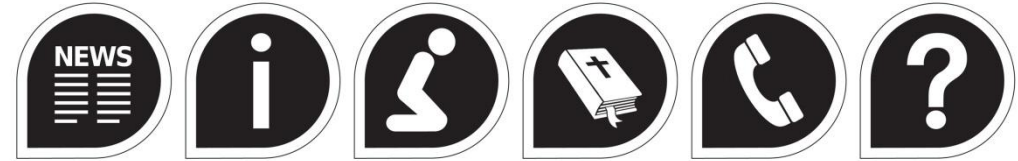
### PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

The next **Monday** evening prayer meeting will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 8pm. All welcome.

The next **Tuesday** morning prayer meetings at 10.15am will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. All welcome.

**St John's**  
*west wickham*

24<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Pentecost



## 'IF WE DON'T TEACH OUR CHILDREN WHO GOD IS, SOMEONE ELSE WILL TEACH THEM EVERYTHING THAT HE'S NOT.'

This is an eye-catching quote that I stumbled across this week.

It's personally challenging when I think of my own family, but it also reminded me of something of which we can all be guilty – impressing on God (and others) our own intuitions of what He is like.

Which is why Pentecost is so important.

Of the many gifts that God bestows on us through the Holy Spirit, the most fundamental reality we receive is His self-disclosure. We occasionally run the risk of talking about the Spirit for the Spirit's sake, which is to resist the Spirit's own movement.

His primary activity is to open Christ out to us and open us out to Christ.

As we celebrate the birth of the church, let's all come before God as children and ask him to impart Himself to us – that we may know Him better and be changed.

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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.



### ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF LAITY TO SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN SYNOD 2015

An election of 3 members for the House of Laity to the Diocesan Synod will be held shortly. Candidates do not need to be an existing member of Deanery Synod but would become an ex-officio member they were elected. If you are interested, please speak to Lorna Carey, Sybil Andrew or Ann Gardner who will be able to nominate you. Nominations are due on 31st May.



### WEDDINGS VERGER

We are looking for someone to take over the reins from Michael Fletcher in preparing the registers, and help out at the wedding services. It provides some 'pocket money' and we'll provide full training. If you are interested let Jon or Michael know.



Prayer meeting open to all this Tuesday 26th May 8pm at The Beacon Centre



### RICHARD FORD'S LICENSING 4 JUNE, 8PM

Richard is being licensed as Assistant Priest to the C of E churches in West Wickham at St Matthew's House on the above date. All are welcome to go and cheer him on, but if you think you might attend, please can you let Margaret know so we can pass on a rough idea of numbers.



### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015

A big thank you to all who helped with the house-to-house collection this year and to all who have given donations. The total we have raised so far is £1,893.11 (over £120 more than last year), which will go a long way to help some of the world's poorest in a great act of Christian witness.

Anne Ford & Jeff Seabrook



### LADIES' TEA PARTY

St Francis' Mothers' Union invites all ladies to their tea party on Tuesday, 2nd June at 2pm in their church hall.



### BELLRINGERS NEEDED

Did you hear the bells ringing out this morning? Then why not join St John's Bell Ringers. We ring before Sunday services and practise on Wednesday evenings 8:00-9:30pm - newcomers (or lapsed ringers) are welcome. We usually have an annual outing when we visit other towers, enjoy an annual barbeque and occasional dinners. If you're interested contact Judith Fry on 01689 602827, Derek Gray after the service, or visit us in the belfry before the morning service.



### RELEASE INTERNATIONAL FUND RAISER

on 30 May at Orpington Baptist Church. The Hartlip Singers are putting on a concert to help raise money for Release's work to support persecuted Christians. If you want tickets, call 01689 823491 (office hours) or 01322 527358 (evenings / weekends).



### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Tim & Maggie Gaved, working with Wycliffe Bible Translators and Christian Aid – our mission focus this month;
- Nepal, Burundi, and Iraq, following on-going traumas and challenges in the life of those nations;
- All the different people involved in leadership in our church – including the PCC, The Teams and the clergy;
- All those taking exams in the coming weeks, and their teachers.



### CONTACTS

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*Day off Wednesday*

**NB Jon will be on holiday all week.**

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