

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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

No regular weekday meetings in the school holidays except

Fri 10am-12noon Beacon Centre open for coffee & chat and sale of cards & goods.

## NEXT SUNDAY – 16<sup>th</sup> August

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



### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Which creature did Noah first send out from the Ark?  
Read Genesis 8: 6 - 7

### PRAYER IN THE BEACON CENTRE

No more prayer meetings in the Beacon Centre on Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings until September.

### CONTACTS

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Day off Wednesday.

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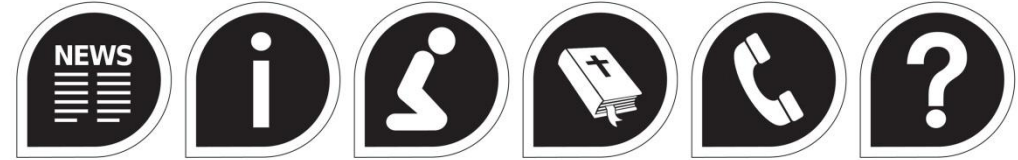
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9<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



## GOD WITH US IN OUR PAINFUL WORLD

Sometimes something familiar somehow surprises us or touches us in a new or different way. Earlier last week numerous people commented on how they had appreciated the service last Sunday when we baptised a baby, welcomed her into God's family, prayed for her and then heard from Mark about the next instalment of Jonah. An ordinary and familiar service seems to have touched us in a new way.

Since then we have been reminded in the news of the horrors, evil and complexities of our world. Hiroshima remembered, boat people in the Mediterranean, plane wreckage found in the ocean and transport disrupted in London. So much more too.

This leads us to think that it is the same God of peace and promise at Baptism that is with us in the chaos and disruption of life's events. In those chaotic moments, when we witness or hear of evil in our world, we need to remember the God of the baptism service, who came to bring new life and peace into our chaotic, painful and sometimes evil world.

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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 the welcome cards.



### BEACON CENTRE

The Beacon Centre will be open:

**Friday 14th August**

10.00am - 12 noon for

SALE of cards and goods - lots of bargains!

**Friday 21st August**

HEARING AID CLINIC

10.00am - 12 noon plus sale of cards and goods.

On both days we will be open for coffee and chat as well.

Please spread the word and come in - we have many lovely cards to clear.



### GREEN LIGHT ON THE BEACON CENTRE

We finally received all three quotes in for the refurbishment of the Beacon Centre, and the PCC approved the instruction of Dan Prayag to oversee the work.

Dan owns Anthuriums in Coney Hall and works closely with a design team

and a builder, who is also local. It's great that the best proposal came from a team who are part of our community. A detailed survey is now taking place, alongside initial CAD drawings, so that design concepts can really take off and there will be something for everyone to visualize.

We'll keep you posted with as many updates as possible.



### KEEPING YOU POSTED

As we continue to update the Contact Book, we're inviting you to indicate whether you are happy to receive text messages from St John's. A draft of the Contact Book is on the Welcomers' table and we're inviting you to:

- i) Provide your mobile number if you haven't so far, but are happy to do so and don't mind receiving the occasional text;
- ii) If you have provided your mobile number, but would prefer NOT to receive any texts from St John's, to place a cross next to your entry;
- iii) If you are new and haven't yet provided any contact details – to complete a new contact form and return it in the box provided.



## DIARY DATES

Here are some **September** dates for your diary. They all refer to Sunday mornings at 10am.

**13th:** we welcome the Bishop of Croydon, Bishop Jonathan to preach and preside at our service of Holy Communion.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** we will meet together in the Assembly Rooms instead of the church.

**27<sup>th</sup>:** 'Secret Church' service. We will meet somewhere other than the church – further details to follow.

**NB** Holy Communion at 8am will run as usual on each of the above Sundays.

**Saturday 3rd. October** Harvest Supper in the Assembly Rooms at 6p.m.



### SEPTEMBER SAUNTER

**Sat 19th September**

Sponsored 10 mile walk in aid of the Bible Society's Nepal Emergency project. For more information see the poster on the notice board or speak to Geoff Larcombe.



## PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- All those organizing & attending New Wine, Soul Survivor, Momentum etc over the Summer – our mission focus this month;
- Angela Walters and her mother following the death of Angela's father;
- Someone coming to visit St John's over the Summer to see whether it might be the right place for a curacy;
- Carl Hewson (one of CCHU football team members & good friend to many at St Js), who continues to battle leukaemia;
- Becca Davies as she settles in Uganda.



### FRESH NEWS

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

**NB See back page for contact information.**