

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion with Crèche, Sunday Tots & Sunday Club. Theme – Remembrance.
	Reading: 3.30pm	Hebrews 9: 24 – end. Friends & Heroes
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	8.00pm	No Prayer Meeting at 11 Sylvan Way
<b>Tue</b>	6.15pm	Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms
	7.30pm	Club 2000 (11– 13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children at 44 Windermere Road
<b>Thur</b>	2.00pm	Over 60s Club at Coney Hill Baptist Church
	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
	8.00pm	PCC
<b>Fri</b>	10am – 12noon	Craft Club at Coney Hill Baptist Church

### NEXT SUNDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Holy Communion



### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Why did Jacob who was looking after Laban's livestock put fresh cut branches of poplar, almond and plane trees on which he had made white stripes by peeling back the bark, in all the watering troughs used by Laban's flock?

Read Genesis 30: 37 - 43

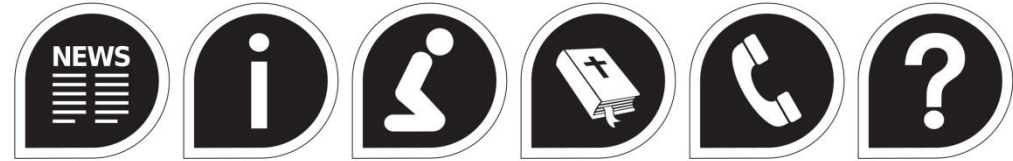
### MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

These will take place at Sybil Andrew's home - 11 Sylvan Way, instead of the Beacon Centre, during the refurbishment.

Meetings in November will be on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.

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

8<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
Remembrance Sunday



# 100 YEARS ON...!

This week a political leader wondered aloud whether it is right for us still to be featuring WW1 in our “remembering”. Then, later in the week, politicians let it be known that there would be little support for military action in Syria. And it is in that second point that we find the answer to the first.

We remember all recent wars not only to give thanks for the noble sacrifices of our troops but to ensure that we keep the horrors of death and destruction in mind when military decisions are being made today.

In our act of remembrance in church together, we will give thanks for the sacrifices of the past, pray for continuing peace throughout the world today and for wisdom and sound judgement in those leaders who are called to make such important decisions. Let that be our prayer in the week ahead.

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## WELCOME

If you're new to St John's and wish to find out more about what goes on beyond Sunday, then do introduce yourself to one of our leadership team. They can connect you with people and groups in our church family. You can also find out more from our website, and the parish office can arrange for you to receive information electronically, if that's easier.



### TODAY FRIENDS & HEROES

3.30pm in church.



### SJ's UPDATE

Please remember to look at the list of items required for the development of SJ's

which is on the wall near the coffee area in church – as is a box for contributions.



### SHOE BOXES

If anyone would like to help pack shoeboxes for Link to Hope, you are welcome to go to

Milly's on Tuesday 10th November 11.30am - 3pm, Wednesday 11th 11.30am - 3pm, Thursday 12th 11.30am - 3pm & Friday 13th 9.30am - 12 (lorry coming to collect boxes). Bring nibbles to share for lunch.



## BIG CHRISTMAS SING

This will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm at St Francis' Church in West Wickham. Collection in aid of Christian Aid. If you would like to be in the choir please see the poster for more details.



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Carol Service will be held on Sunday 20th December and choir practices will be held on the following dates (all Mondays): 16th, 23rd and 30th November and 14th December - 7.45 for 8pm. Everyone welcome.



## HOME GROUP OPPORTUNITY

Maybe you have been wondering about joining a Home Group. Maybe the thought of a weekly commitment has been a bit challenging for now.

There is a group that meets on a Monday evening, fortnightly, at Maureen and Nick's home. It is a small group and started for new Christians and those still exploring Christianity, following Alpha two years ago. The members have steadily grown in faith and confidence, but the group

really needs 3 or 4 extra members, including some mature Christians who would be able to enrich the discussions from their own faith experience.

Not in a Home Group? Sounds interesting?

Chat to Maureen or Nick Lang or ring them 020 8650 6151



## DAVID THOMAS

Some of you may remember David Thomas who was a member of our youth group and on the PCC around 1980. Sadly he and his son were among those killed in the whaling accident in Canada recently. We plan to include a time of prayer in next week's 10am service to remember his family and friends.



## CHRISTMAS GOODS

There is a range of Christmas cards with a Christian theme, Advent calendars and candles on display by the entrance to the side-chapel. Do have a look and stock up early ....



## CUPBOARDS

We are disposing of the cupboards and pigeon-holes in the entrance lobby to create a bit

more space. If you would like to give them a good home please let Jonathan or Richard know within the next week.



## EXPENSES

With the end of the year fast approaching please pass any claims for expenses to the Parish Administrator as soon as possible. Claim forms can be downloaded from the website on the Contact Us page.



## PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Barry & Chrissie Turner working with Marriage

Resource – our mission focus this month;

- Abigail and Jessica, as the on-going journey of growing in strength continues to have its ups and downs;
- Carl and recovery of his sight.
- The friends and family of David Thomas and his son who died last week.



## FRESH NEWS

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