

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship with Crèche, Sunday Tots & Sunday Club. Theme – The Cast of Christmas – The Prophets
	Reading:	Isaiah 9: 1-7
	N.B.	No service of Holy Communion at 11.30am
	6.30pm	No service
Mon	7.45pm	Christmas Choir Practice in church
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting at 11 Sylvan Way
Tue	6.15pm	Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms
	7.30pm	Club 2000 (11– 13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church
Wed	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children at 44 Windermere Road
Thur	1.30pm	Shine in church
	2.00pm	Over 60s Club at Coney Hill Baptist Church
	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
Fri	10am – 12noon	Craft Club at Coney Hill Baptist Church
NEXT SUNDAY – 6th DECEMBER		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Church Parade
	3.30pm	Friends & Heroes
	6.30pm	No service



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

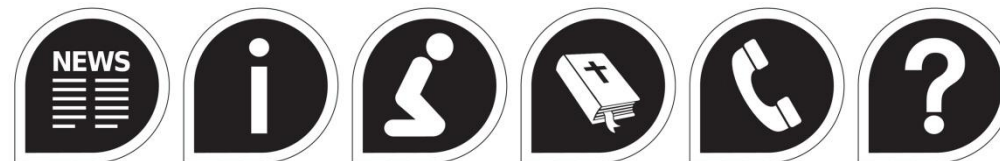
Why did Esau and Jacob, after they became friends again, decide of necessity to set up camp some distance away from each other? Read Genesis 36: 6 - 8

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

Last ones before Christmas will take place at Sybil Andrew's home, 11 Sylvan Way, on 30th November and 7th December. All welcome. First one in New Year on 11th January. Venue to be confirmed.

St John's west wickham

29th November 2015
1st Sunday of Advent



IN THE SPACE OF A FEW DAYS!

Sitting down to write there has just been a news flash. A Russian fighter has been downed by Turkey.

Earlier this morning the news was about the increased spending on UK defence.

Yesterday, in the wake of the horrors of Paris last week, a body bomb was found discarded.

And, Brussels is in lock down for the fourth day.

We could go on listing but that's surely sufficient to remind us that our world is very unstable and our peace and peaceful coexistence is so fragile. What should be our Christian response?

Whatever our politics or views on defence, in our democracy of freely elected leaders we are called to pray for those leaders and the leaders of all countries engaged in these struggles. Pray that they will have wisdom and sound judgement in their decision making; that they will be guided to protect us and our way of life; and that they will find a path to defeat evil and restore a lasting peace.

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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.



CONTACT BOOK

All being well with the printing, the new book will be available for collection from the church on Sunday; one copy per family.



SJ's UPDATE

The building work on SJ's continues. We are also getting on with planning for the use of the space – someone from the team will visit home groups soon to tell you what's going on and discuss possible uses and seek ideas too. Thank you to all those who have offered to pay for items on the list of fixtures for SJ's – the response has been brilliant. Just a few items remain to be funded. If you have made a pledge please return your cheque (payable to St John's West Wickham), along with the slip of paper with the pledge (so we know what the cheque relates to), in an envelope, and to post it in the SJ's box next to the

chapel entrance. And please continue to pray for safe and smooth building work, for planning permission for the frontage, for the work that God wants us to do inside SJ's, and for the part you might play.



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.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Reminder: remaining practices will be on Mondays 30th November and 14th December - 7.45 for 8pm.



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

SHINE
3rd December from 1:30-3:00pm in the church. All under 5s and their carers welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 12th December
at the Assembly Rooms 12.30 pm
Invitations on the Welcomers' table.
Please book by Saturday 5th December.

Help needed to run this event. Please see flyer inside last week's Weekly News for details.

BIG CHRISTMAS SING

Saturday 5th December 4.00pm
at St Francis Church, Ravenswood Ave.
Free admission and refreshments but a collection for Christian Aid.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

(Outside Parklands Nursery)
Sunday 13th December at 5.00pm.
Featuring Wickham Common School choir, mulled wine and hot chocolate, mince pies and a great sing!
All welcome!



PETER PAN

Wednesday
13th January 2016
Performed by West Wickham Pantomime Society at Wickham Hall in Sussex Road, West Wickham. Time 7.45pm.
St John's have been allocated tickets at £8.50 each, 50% of which will be given to **Link to Hope**. If you would like tickets please see Karen Powell or Milly Johnson, **by 30th November**.



WANTED

Small jam jars with lids. Please see Dee Larcombe if you have any that you could pass on to her. Thank you.



OPEN DOORS

Coney Hill Baptist Church are holding a fundraiser at their church for the charity 'Open Doors', which serves Christians facing persecution globally. It's on Wednesday 2nd December from 10am-1pm with tea, coffee, cake, homemade goodies and paper crafts for sale. Please support it if you can!



PRAYERS

- Please pray for:
- Barry & Chrissie Turner working with Marriage Resource – our mission focus this month;
 - Abigail and Jessica, as the professional teams work with Liz and Wayne to consider at what point it will be possible to bring one or both twins home;
 - Carl, and his ongoing health issues;
 - Kirk, as he starts his treatment on 1st December, and Ann as she travels daily with him to St Thomas's;
 - Becca Davies and the CU of Aberystwyth University as they plan their carol concert in the local football stadium;
 - Jon, as he comes to the end of his sabbatical (10th December), that he will be refreshed and renewed.