

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club Nativity Play. Also Crèche and Sunday Tots. Theme – The Cast of Christmas – Mary & Joseph
	Reading:	Matthew 1: 18-28
	5.00pm	Carols in the Park (outside Parklands Nursery)
NB	No Prayer Meeting at 6.30pm	
Mon		PCC Party
	7.45pm	Choir Practice in church
	8.00pm	No Monday evening Prayer Meeting
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	2.00pm	Over 60s Club at Coney Hill Baptist Church
	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
Fri	10am – 12noon	Hearing Aid Clinic at Coney Hill Baptist Church
NEXT SUNDAY – 20th DECEMBER		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship with Infant Baptism
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Carols by Candle Light



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

God told Moses to go to Pharaoh and ask him to release the Israelites from Egypt. Moses asked God what should he say if he went to the Israelites and said that the God of their fathers had sent him and they asked him, "What is his name?"

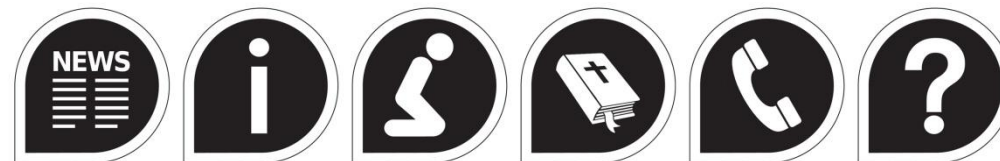
Read Exodus 3: 10 - 15

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

Next meeting in the New Year, on 11th January. Venue to be confirmed.

St John's west wickham

13th December 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent



GLORY TO GOD

If you were in church last week you would have been in Nick's "choir of angels." If you were not here then ask someone who was here to explain. Or listen in to the talk on the web site.

Nick says that he was really surprised, and pleased, at the number of people who said how much they enjoyed singing the words of the angels to the shepherds.

In case you may be wondering, it was not plainsong! Nor was it a high church responsorial anthem! It is called the "Peruvian Gloria" and it is a simple setting of a Gloria put to music by a church in Peru. Nick first heard it at his ordination service in Rochester Cathedral.

Some of us may have noticed this week that the tune sort of sticks in our mind. As we go over it in our heads we are actually continuing to praise God. Whether we sing it or say it let's praise God as we continue to prepare for Christmas

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father (repeat)

To God be Glory forever (r)

Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen.

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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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

20th December at 7pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

24th December @ 3pm & 5pm

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

24th December at 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

Christingle Services: Children's Society
Carol Service, Midnight and Christmas Day: Bromley Homeless Shelter & The Foundation for Relief & Reconciliation in the Middle East (Andrew White)



CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

The leaflets are now ready to be distributed around the parish.

Please collect them from the porch. We need a few more people to join the team – please speak to Sybil Andrew.



WELCOMERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES NEEDED

If you would like to be a Welcomer for the Carol Service, a Christingle Service, Midnight Service or Christmas morning at 10am please see Jonathan Tickner.



CONTACT BOOK

The new book will be available for collection in church on Sunday; one copy per family.



SJ's UPDATE

SJ's work continues to progress. We are onto painting and discussions about fitting out. Planning permission for the frontage and damp possibly coming from next door continue to be issues. Please pray for these to be resolved. Please also pray for the practical preparations for the operation of SJ's once it is open (lots for us to do there) and for the part you might play. Finally, thank you to all those who have returned cheques for the items you have pledged. If you haven't yet done so, now is the time - please!



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

CAROLS IN THE PARK

Sun 13 December @ 5pm, Outside Parklands Nursery.

Featuring Wickham Common School choir, mulled wine and hot chocolate, mince pies and a great sing! All welcome!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Reminder: remaining practices - Mon 14th Dec at 7.45 for 8pm, and 20th Dec at 5pm.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Friday 18th December at 10.00am. Bring scissors or secateurs and foliage.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Wednesday, 23rd December at 10am in church

Please come and help. Collection candles are available in the porch for children to take away and fill with coins to bring back to a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.



CHRISTMAS BIG SING 2015

The medley of Carols, readings and poems raised £1,080 in support of Christian Aid.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- o Bromley Homeless Shelter & The Foundation for Relief & Reconciliation in the Middle East (Andrew White), our mission focus this month;
- o Liz and Wayne, with Abigail now at home and Jessica remaining in hospital;
- o Carl and his continuing strengthening and healing;
- o Our local community over the Christmas period.
- o Kirk as he continues with treatment, and Ann as she supports him on the daily trip to St Thomas's.



FRESH NEWS

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



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