

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	No service
	10.00am	Holy Communion. Theme - Walking in the Light
	Readings:	1 John 1 & John 21: 19b - end
	6.30pm	No service

No regular weekday activities this week

### Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> January

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Service
Reading:	Colossians 1: 1-14
6.30pm	No service

Thur 1.30pm Shine in church

### SUNDAY - 10<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club, Crèche & Sunday Tots
6.30pm	No service



### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

In response to a question from Moses, the Lord told him to throw down on the ground the staff he was holding. What happened?

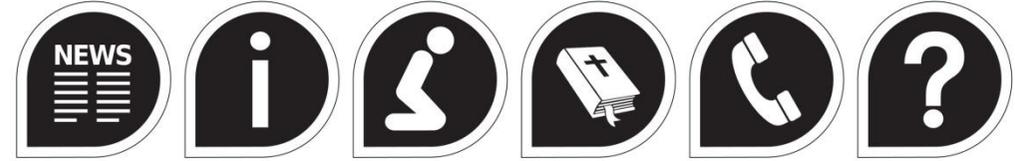
Read Exodus 4: 1 - 5

### MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

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

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

27<sup>th</sup> December 2015 &  
3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of Christmas



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

You're may be picking this up with 2016 imminent, or you've already seen the New Year in. Either way, it's quite possible that amidst all the activity of Christmas, the New Year is upon you and there has been little opportunity to consider the landscape of the coming year.

Whether or not you have given dedicated head-space to contemplate 2016, it's likely you harbor certain hopes and expectations for what lies ahead. And yet, the past year has contained enough personal challenge for many of you to encourage us all to sit lightly to our plans, but cling tightly to God. I hope you will carve out time to ponder the future, and in so doing, commit yourself afresh to the knowledge and security of 'Immanuel' – and seek his face.

As an old Anglican prayer goes, *'Oh God...grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do; that your spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and in your straight path we may not stumble; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.'*

Not a bad prayer to start the year.

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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.



### NEW YEAR TEACHING

We haven't worked through a book of the bible for a while, so we're going to start the New Year by looking at Colossians. Easter is early in 2016, and as Lent approaches, we'll begin a series called 'Letting Go...' - more of which later on.



### PRAYER DRIVE

Please note in your diaries that we are planning a 'Prayer Drive' on the evening of **Sunday 17 January**. We know it's quite short notice, but what better way to start 2016 than by covering the whole of our parish in prayer.

With modern technology, inspired organisation, and your help we will be able to pray on the spot for every

street in the parish in about 35 minutes!

To do this we need 12 cars (with drivers) and 3 passengers for each car. This is for everyone and we want to encourage as many as possible to get stuck in. Praying out loud won't be a requirement, but your presence is important. Prayer guidelines will be distributed.

To pull this off we want 48 committed names and ideally would like to complete signing up on 3 January to enable sufficient time for the remaining organizing. Please sign up on the sheet in church, or call Tony Holloway on 07763 549 544. Thank you.



### SHINE

The next shine will take place at St John's on 7<sup>th</sup> January from 1:30-3:00pm. All under 5s and their carers welcome.



### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The theme for this year's week of prayer is 'Salt of the Earth'.

The Service at St John's is on **Monday 18th January at 8pm** and the WW Churches Together United Service on Sunday, 24th January at Coney Hill Baptist Church at 6.30pm.

Details of the times and venues of the other services running that week will follow shortly.



### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Bromley Homeless Shelter & The Foundation for Relief & Reconciliation in the Middle East (Andrew White), our mission focus this month;
- Give thanks for all the services that took place at St John's over the Christmas period and the positive interaction there was with our community;
- For all the other churches in our town as they consider 2016 and the work that lies ahead;
- Liz and Wayne, as they continue to adjust with Abigail at home and Jessica remaining in hospital – for supernatural resources for them both;
- Carl's physical strength continues to grow and his spirit remains strong;



### FRESH NEWS

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



### CONTACTS

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*Day off Wednesday*

*Jon will be on annual leave from 26<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January.*

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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9.15am - 12.15 pm Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri.

*The Parish Office will be closed for annual leave from 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> January inclusive.*