

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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| Sun | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion |
| | Readings: | "Letting Go" – 'Fear' Psalm 27 & Philippians 4: 4-7 |
| | 3.30 – 5pm | Friends & Heroes in church |
| | 6.30pm | No service |
| Mon | 8.00pm | Prayer Meeting at SJ's. Please enter by the back door. |
| 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 SJ's |
| Thur | 2.00pm | Over 60s Club at SJ's |
| | 7.30pm | 14 Plus – Venue as advised |
| Fri | 10am – noon | Hearing Aid Clinic at SJ's |
| NEXT SUNDAY – | 20th MARCH - PALM SUNDAY | |
| | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Morning Worship |
| | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 6.30pm | No service |

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Lord said to Moses "Come up to me on the mountain (Sinai) and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commands I have written on it". Moses stayed on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights and when he came down carrying the tablets, he saw something that made him so angry that he threw the tablets on the ground where they broke in pieces. What was it that Moses saw?

Read Exodus 32: 1 - 20



MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

In March these will take place at SJ's on 7th, 14th & 21st. **Please note the new venue.** On 14th March please enter SJ's by the back door. All welcome.

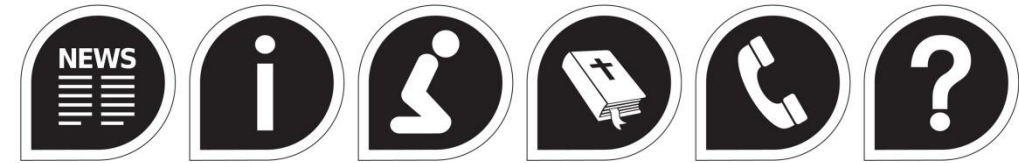


PHOTO SHOOT WEEKEND

You may have picked up that we are redesigning our website, as well as refreshing in the church building itself some of the ways we publicise who we are and what we do.

To that end, Jonny has been given license to wield his camera with wild abandon this coming Sunday in a bid to catch some shots of our church family. We would like a stock of pictures that we can draw on to convey the life of our church and make our website as personal to us as possible.

There will be a 'photo booth' after the service, which we're encouraging as many people as possible to visit. It won't be like having your passport photo taken – smiling is permitted, and there'll be some props to introduce some fun. However, if you find yourself already lining up your excuses, don't worry, we're not going to strong arm you into it – you can still come along on Sunday and not end up on the Home Page of the website.

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.



APCM PREPARATIONS

An important part of our annual meeting is the election of people to different posts in our church. These include:

i) PCC Members

In a bid to keep refreshing our leadership, each year a third of the PCC members resign. It means that there will be at least 4 positions available for the PCC.

ii) Wardens

Our existing wardens, Jonathan Tickner and Richard Cieniala, have agreed to stand for another year. However, we would like to think about succession now. Ideally, if there is someone who might contemplate taking over from Jonathan or Richard in 2017, we would like them to voice that as soon as possible, so we can acquaint them with

some of what is involved in the latter part of this year.

iii) Welcomers

We refresh our welcome rota annually, so we'd like to know if you want to help out (training will be given!), or you wish to come off the rota.

Please speak to Jon or the wardens if you would like more information about any of these openings.



TODAY FRIENDS & HEROES

3.30 – 5pm in church



TODAY ELECTORAL ROLL

Last day for returning application forms - either put them in the box by the welcomers, or give them to Geoff Batten or Paul Kingman.



PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Our 10am service will include the distribution of palms and a collection for the Bishop's Lent Call, which is supporting projects in Southwark, the Holy Land and Zimbabwe.



HELP NEEDED

Would you like to read, lead the prayers or administer Holy Communion at our 10am Service? We need some more people to join the rota. We anticipate you will be called on about once every 3 months. If you would like to do this please contact Margaret Kingman in the Parish Office.



EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 25th March 8pm Joint service at Coney Hill Baptist Church.

Good Friday 26th March 10am Walk of Witness from St Mark's Church to The Swan. **11am** United Service at St Francis' Church with separate activities for children.

Easter Sunday 27th March 8am & 10am Holy Communion (at St John's).



ALL THINGS SJ'S

There is a new email address for SJ's enquiries etc.

If you have any queries, suggestions or wish to use SJ's, then Heather Showell (for bookings) and Anna Seabrook are your first port of call. Please use the new email address sis.enquiry@gmail.com



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Liz & Mike Jeggo working in Japan with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship;
- The Bishop's Lent Call, supporting projects in the Diocese of Southwark, the Holy Land and Zimbabwe - our mission focus this month;
- The inquiry for the planning appeal relating to the All Saints Site, which will be ruled on by the inspector in the next few weeks;
- Becca Davies and Sam Callard who will be getting married in the Summer;
- Peter, Josie and the kids as they finish at Nottingham and prepare to move in June;
- The mounting challenges with displaced people and how Europe responds;
- Youth Alpha – that our young people will make new, or renew, commitments to Christ;
- That we will be a courageous church as we live out our lives of faith and share Jesus;
- All we know who are struggling with life in whatever way.