

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	Readings:	"Letting Go" – 'Hiding (from God)' Genesis 3: 1-19 & Mark 14: 66-72
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	No service
Mon	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting at SJ's.
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
	8.00pm	PCC at SJ's
Wed	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children at SJ's
Thur	2.00pm	Friendship Club at SJ's
	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Joint Service at Coney Hill Baptist Church, Coney Hill Road.
Fri	10.00am	Walk of Witness from St Mark's Church to the Swan
	11.00am	United Service at St Francis' Church
NEXT SUNDAY – 27th MARCH - EASTER SUNDAY		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	No service

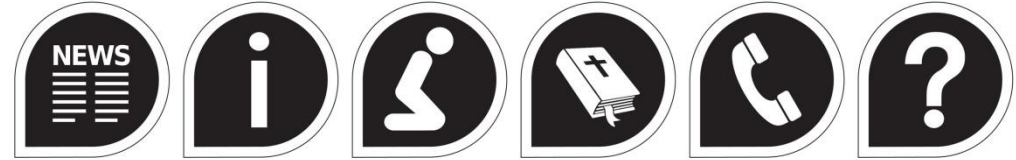
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Israelites were fed-up with having only manna to eat, they wanted meat. Moses appealed to the Lord who ultimately provided them with meat for a whole month.

But what kind of meat? Read Numbers 11: 31 - 32

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

The last of these in March will take place on 21st. All welcome.



PALM SUNDAY

Today is Palm Sunday.

It has been our practice for a while now to distribute Palm Crosses this weekend. They are a simple prompt to take away and help you focus on the events central to the Christian faith in this final week of Lent.

We also take a collection for the Bishop's Lent Call, which this year has had the theme of 'Caring for the Whole Person'. The diocese is looking to provide financial support to a selection of projects from the Holy Land, Zimbabwe and Southwark. They are wide-ranging projects covering education, healthcare, church building, specific hospitals, vocational training and refugee centres.

If you would like more specific details, then there are materials on the table by the Missions noticeboards in church. We hope you feel able to give generously and thank you for your support of these ventures.

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 Cienicala, 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 come off the rota.

Please speak to Jon or the wardens if you would like more information.



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Saturday 26th March

10a.m. If you would like to help bring scissors or secateurs and any foliage you have.



HELP NEEDED

Would you like to read, lead the prayers or administer Holy Communion at our 10am Service? We need people to join the rota. We anticipate you will be called on about once every 3 months. If you can help 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 sjs.enquiry@gmail.com



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Liz & Mike Jeggo working in Japan with OMF;
- The Bishop's Lent Call, as described on the front of the News Sheet;
- God's will to be done in the inspector's decision for the planning appeal relating to the All Saints Site;
- Becca Davies and Sam Callard who will be getting married in the Summer;
- The US presidential race;

- Peter, Josie and the kids as they prepare to move in June;
- Barry Turner and all those taking on the 'Mountain Challenge' this weekend';
- Youth Alpha as it enters its final few weeks;
- 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.



FRESH NEWS

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



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