

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

		EASTER SUNDAY
Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Readings:	"Holding on to Hope" Luke 24: 1-12
	6.30pm	No service
Mon – Wed		No regular meetings in the school holidays
Thur	2.00pm	Friendship group at SJ's
Fri		No regular meetings in the school holidays
		NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd APRIL
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service with infant baptism
	6.30pm	No service

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Lord told Moses to send men into Canaan to spy out the land and see if it was a rich or poor land and see whether there was wood in it.

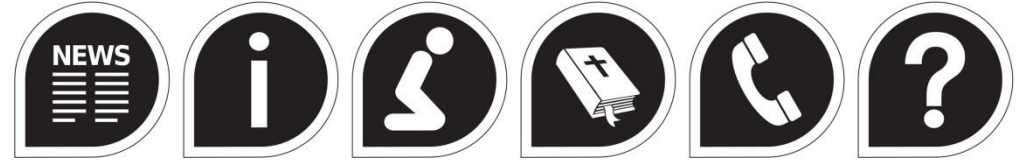
How many days were they away and what did they bring back that took two men to carry it?

Read Numbers 13: 21 – 27

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

No meeting on 28th March.

The April meetings will take place at SJ's on 11th, 18th & 25th. All welcome.



HAPPY EASTER

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

That is the great Easter acclamation – a greeting testifying to the truth of Resurrection Sunday.

We may not personally experience the immediacy of all the confusion and excitement of that first Easter Sunday. But we, and our world, need the hope that was breaking that day no less than those first witnesses to Christ's resurrection.

Raising Jesus to new life was not the end of God's miraculous work. Every time a believer receives the touch of God's Spirit and is filled with His hope, His resurrection love and power is at work.

I pray that whatever the complexion of your circumstances this Easter, you may experience and be renewed by the risen Christ. God Bless.

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 come off the rota.

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



TESTIMONIES

We are going to be running a short series between Easter and Pentecost called 'God in my World'. We will hear from people in our church family about how God has worked and is at work in their lives, to encourage one another and inspire greater trust in our living God. If you think you might be courageous enough to share some testimony, then please let Jon know. It doesn't matter how long you've been at St John's, or how confident you are about speaking in front of people. We can play with the format to suit what you feel comfortable with.



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.



There will be an open Prayer meeting on Tuesday 29th March, at 8.00pm at SJ's. All welcome.



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 OMF;

- God's will to be done in the inspector's decision for the planning appeal relating to the All Saints Site;
- Those involved in the bombings in Belgium this week, as well as how the international community responds to such events;

- Becca Davies and Sam Callard as they prepare for their wedding in the Summer;
- The US presidential race and discussions about UK involvement in Europe;
- Peter, Josie and the kids as they prepare to move in June;
- Teachers and Students as they have a break over Easter;
- For the churches in West Wickham that they would be renewed by the power of the risen Lord;



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 holiday on Tuesday 29th March.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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

The parish office will be closed for Easter holidays for the week commencing 28th March.