

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service
	6.30pm	No service.
<b>Mon</b>	8.00pm	No Prayer Meeting at SJ's.
<b>Tue</b>	6.15pm	Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms
	7.30pm	Club 2000 (11- 13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children at SJ's
<b>Thur</b>	1.30pm	Shine in church
	2.00pm	Friendship Group at SJ's
	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
<b>Fri</b>	10am – noon	Craft Club at SJ's

## NEXT SUNDAY – 8th May

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	No service.

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

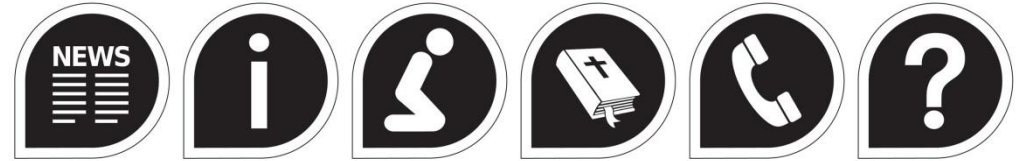
God caused the waters of the Jordan to 'pile up in a heap' up river and lower down the water drained into the Dead Sea. Thus, the Israelites were able to walk over on the dry river bed. When they had all passed over, God told Joshua to take twelve men, one from each tribe, and tell them to do something – what was it?

Read Joshua 4: 1 - 7



## MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

The May meetings will take place at SJ's on 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May.  
All welcome.



## ASCENSION DAY

This week marks 'Ascension Day', or as many evangelicals know it 'Thursday'. It doesn't feature significantly in our tradition and this isn't a rallying cry to have a special day to commemorate Christ's ascent into heaven. However, you could do worse than spend some time this week dwelling on the significance of the ascension in our understanding of God. Here are just a few things you might want to ponder and give thanks for:

- Jesus' ascension establishes his Kingdom. The bible pictures Jesus as arriving in heaven and sitting down at the Father's right hand – his rule has begun.
- Christ's ascension ensures we have an advocate with the Father, pleading our case– our own prayer partner in heaven.
- Christ's flesh in heaven is a guarantee that ours will be there too someday, not a disembodied soul, but real resurrected bodies in God's presence;
- Jesus' departure heralds the arrival of the Helper – God's Spirit.

Happy Ascension Day one and all.

## 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.



### SLAVIC VISIT

Slavic, a pastor from Moldova and connected with Link to Hope, is going to preach at our 10am service on 8th May, so ring that Sunday in your diary. There will also be a more informal opportunity to soak up some of his passion on Monday 9 May @ 8pm at Holmshaw Farm, together with some tea and cake. If you would like to come along, please let Milly know so she has an idea on numbers.



### APCM

### APPOINTMENTS

Our Annual Meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> April and the following appointments were made:

**Wardens:** Jonathan Tickner & Richard Cienciala.

**New PCC Members:** Bill Derham & Sarah Morgan.

They join Christine Blackburn, Esther Farah, Roger Jordon, Felicity Mason, Heather Showell, & Aston Stockdale.

### Ex-Officio PCC Members:

Richard Ford (Licensed Clergy), Penny Seabrook (SPA) & Sally Munns (Reader).

**Deanery Synod Reps:** Sybil Andrew & Ann Gardner whose terms continue.

The Reports for the meeting and minutes of last year's meeting are available to read on the website under the 'News & Events' section.



### SHINE

The next shine will take place in church on 5<sup>th</sup> May from 1:30-3:00pm. All under 5s and their carers welcome. NB Shine in June will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> June to avoid a clash with half term.



### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2016

Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, not just the ones next door or at the end of the street. Help us to join with over 20,000 other churches to put this love into action by raising money to help the poor and marginalised of this world. This year, in addition to the house-to-house collection, the MOP group are planning

a social, informative and reflective event with a bread and soup lunch after the morning service on May 15th, and we would love you to join us. It will in effect be our time of Communion. If anyone can help us in the house-to-house collection, please contact Anne Ford (020 8289 2432) or Jeff Seabrook (020 8777 0014).



### A CELEBRATION OF MISSION – PENTECOST SERVICE

On Sunday 15 May, 6pm @ Southwark Cathedral with The Kingdom Choir.



### 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](mailto:sis.enquiry@gmail.com)



### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Tim & Maggie Gaved, working with Wycliffe Bible

Translators, and Christian Aid - our mission focus this month;

- Premier Lifeline – a National Christian Helpline whose work we support;
- Jessica & Abigail as Liz and Wayne work towards a coming home date of 15 June.
- Carl and his family, as the start to his transplant treatment has been tough and exhausting for them all – God's supernatural strength;
- Kirk as he undergoes chemotherapy again, especially that he would not become anxious;
- As we approach Pentecost that we would all be more open God's Spirit at work in and through us;



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