

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Church Parade
	Reading:	"Running with Giants" – Abraham Genesis 12: 1-7
	3.30 – 5.15pm	Friends & Heroes
	6.30pm	No service
<b>Mon</b>	8.00pm	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
	8.00pm	Bible Reading Group at SJ's
<b>Thur</b>	12noon	Shine Picnic at Coney Hall Park
	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 – 10<sup>th</sup> July

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Gideon had many thousands of people ready to fight the Midianites but God made him reduce the numbers to 300. They still won the battle but what was God's reason for insisting on such a small army?

Read Judges 7: 2

### MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS 8pm at SJ'

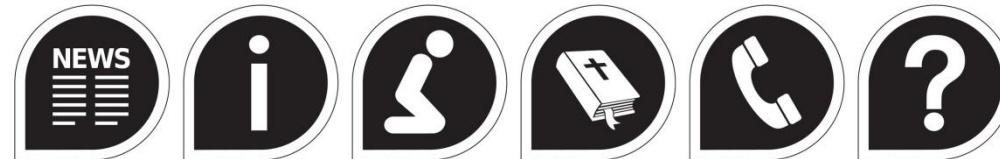
Dates for July: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, then a break until 5<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome.

### PRAYER FOR YOUTH

On Monday 4th July the Monday evening prayer meeting at SJ's will especially pray for the youth of the parish including the forthcoming summer camps and ongoing prayer needs.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



# OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM

In the Autumn, we will be hiring a baptism pool and celebrating the wonderful spectacle and event that is full-immersion baptism.

At least three of our young people have already indicated that they wish to declare their commitment to Christ in this way. The offer is open to anyone of any age. If you have been exploring Christianity in the recent past and feel ready to put down this marker of faith, or for whatever reason it's a step you have always postponed, then come and have a chat about the possibility.

Jesus commissioned his followers to 'make disciples, baptizing them...' (Matthew 28:19) and the early church embraced that practice. From those early days, baptism has been a normative part of becoming a Christian and it's why we like to give people the opportunity. It's a special moment for those being baptized and a special moment for those witnessing.

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## WELCOME

A big welcome to all our uniformed groups today for our Parade Service – as always, it's great to have you with us. 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.



## DIARY DATES

### TODAY

#### Friends & Heroes Summer Party

3.30 – 5.15pm in church

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Shine Summer Picnic.** Meet at 12 noon in Coney Hall Park by the swings with your lunch. Cakes & drinks will be provided. In church if wet. All under 5s and their parents/ carers welcome.

**Friday 8 July to Sunday 10 July – Spree**  
A camping weekend for 8-15 year olds at Ardingly - full of a host of activities, music, BBQs, some great Christian teaching, a lot of sugar and very little sleep. We'll be taking a crowd as usual. Speak to Julie Lancaster or Dawn Tickner for details.

**Sunday 17 July – Wardy Summer BBQ**



## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Our 21 day prayer period is over. If you felt God give you a personal nudge about any of the opportunities, or he laid on your heart something for the church, then please speak to Jon. You're not committing yourself to anything at this juncture, but an early response helps us gather a picture of where we find ourselves.



## BROMLEY FOODBANK

The Bromley foodbank are collecting food items to be used to support local families who struggle to feed their children during the summer holidays. Eg. tinned meat, fish, veg, potatoes, fruit, custard, rice pudding. If you are able to drop a tin or 2 into the box in the porch, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.



## NATIONAL PRIVATE FOSTERING WEEK – 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

The London Borough of Bromley is using the above as an opportunity to appeal to its community to assist them in identifying any existing private fostering arrangements ie one arranged privately without the involvement of the local authority. Legally such arrangements must be

reported to the local council and Bromley is doing all it can to publicise this. Please see

[www.bromley.gov.uk/privatefostering](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/privatefostering)



## POST-IT NOTES

Just to remind everyone that the pale yellow post-it notes in the pews are there to be used if anyone feels they have something on their heart from the Lord to share. They can be placed on the altar or given to the service leader.



## XLP FUND RAISER

Please give your sponsorship money to Aston or any other Stockdale you can find,

or visit

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Aston-Stockdale](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Aston-Stockdale)



## PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- o Gemma & Simeon Locke working with ReachAcross in Mali - our mission focus this month;
- o Nazanin Ratcliffe (wider family of Margaret Kingman) and her release from imprisonment in Iran. Go also to [www.change.org](http://www.change.org)
- o Our uniformed groups and all the volunteers who run them;

- o The SJ's opening this weekend and our on-going connections with the local community
- o All those receiving medical treatment at this time;
- o The UK and its leaders as it responds to the outcome of the EU referendum;
- o All the preparations for the run of Summer camps;
- o The church response to our 'Serving Opportunities' hand out.



## FRESH NEWS

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



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*Day off Wednesday.*

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