

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Worship
	Reading:	"At the Feet of the Master" – Luke 6: 43-49
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting at SJ's.
<b>Tue</b>	8.00pm	PCC
<b>Wed</b>		
<b>Thur</b>	1.30pm	Shine in church
	2.00pm	Friendship Group at SJ's
<b>Fri</b>	10am – noon	Craft Club at SJ's

### NEXT SUNDAY – 11<sup>th</sup> September

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

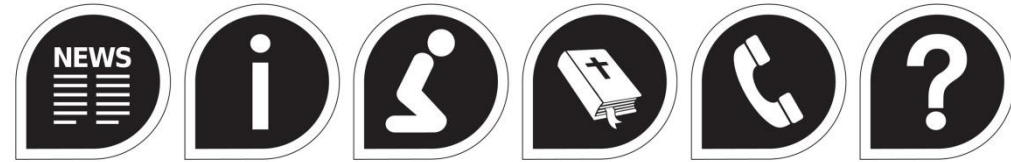


### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Why was David hiding behind a pile of stones in a field, waiting for Saul's son Jonathan to come back and fire three arrows at the stones? Read 1 Samuel 20: 10 - 22

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

Meetings in September on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.



## LET'S PRAY

*'Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge.'*

Philip Yancey

It's easier to talk about the importance of prayer than it is to cultivate a vibrant prayer life. We are aware that our Sunday night prayer meetings have recently been rather sporadic, so we are introducing a new regular time to get together and pray - the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 6:30pm, in church. We will produce a programme for the term, which will outline the topics for prayer (coming shortly), and these will be highlighted on the website and News Sheet for the remainder of the month for on-going prayer fuel.

This Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>) we're going to pray for:

- People's working lives (in anticipation of the new Sermon Series);
- The sale of the All Saints Site & the possibility of a premises for us.

See you there and we can grow our prayer lives together!

## 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.



### 'THANK GOD ITS MONDAY'

This is our teaching series for the Autumn, starting on 11<sup>th</sup> September. We'll be exploring our work and some of the challenges and opportunities that our daily activities throw up.

Here are the subjects we'll be covering:

- God is for life, not just for Sundays;
- A Theology of Work;
- Psalms, Hymns and Nappy Changing;
- The Business of Busyness
- How do you gain the whole world, WITHOUT losing your soul;
- Money, Mammon & Me;
- Go, and make Disciples.

The series will begin on 11 September. We hope that whatever the nature of your 'work' – paid, voluntary, at home, in retirement, etc – there is plenty of

room for God to speak into the things you spend a lot of time doing.



### HOMEGROUPS

There will be notes to accompany the new sermon series. As always, we strongly encourage people to key themselves in to a smaller group. If you would like to join a homegroup then please speak to Nick Lang.



### HELP NEEDED

Croydon Refugee Centre still needs 0-3 months baby clothes, teenager clothes, men's short-sleeved shirts, men's T shirts and adult shoes/footwear size 5 and above. More information from Ann Gardner.



### SPONSORED WALK

On 10th September Ann G is doing a 10-mile walk for the Bible Society: Reaching Refugees in Jordan. Please sponsor her if you are able to do so. THANK YOU.



### FUN IN THE PARK - SUNDAY

**18th SEPTEMBER**  
**2.00pm - 4.00pm by**  
**Parklands Nursery.** Bouncy castle,

entertainment, fun and games, cakes and drinks. Come and join the fun, no entry charge! If anyone can spare even half an hour we'd love some help as well. See Penny Seabrook or Alison Register.



### HARVEST FLIERS

Please would everyone who delivers these note that they will be ready for collection from the church on Sunday 11th September. Thank you.



### SHINE

The next shine will take place in church on 8<sup>th</sup> September from 1:30-3:00pm. All under 5s and their carers welcome.



### LINK TO HOPE AUTUMN FAIR

**St Francis Church Hall**  
**22 Oct, 11am – 3pm**

Milly and Angela are looking for assistance with the fair, so if you can help out, please contact them: Angela [angela.walters@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:angela.walters@yahoo.co.uk) or Milly – [acee.johnson@btinternet.com](mailto:acee.johnson@btinternet.com)



### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Link to Hope – our Mission Focus this month;
- All teachers and students returning to school this week;
- Nazanin Ratcliffe (wider family of Margaret Kingman) and her release from imprisonment in Iran. Go also to [www.freenazanin.com](http://www.freenazanin.com)
- Tony & Beryl's son who is struggling to gain needed investigations for a deteriorating eye;
- All those who have been affected by the recent earthquake in Italy;
- Our Health Service and all those who work in it, with the increasing strain it is under;
- All those we know who are recovering from treatment/illness;



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