

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Reading:	"Thank God It's Monday" –God is for Life, not just for Sundays– Luke 19: 1-10
	3.30 – 5pm	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>	2.00pm	Friendship Group at SJ's
	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
<b>Fri</b>	10am – noon	Hearing Aid Clinic at SJ's

### NEXT SUNDAY – 18<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	No service



### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Saul was out searching for David to kill him. As it happened, David and his men were hiding in that very cave! David's men whispered to him that he should kill Saul. So David crept forward ..... And did what?

Read 1 Samuel 24: 4 - 12

### 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.



## RESPONSE TO 'SERVING OPPORTUNITIES'

Before the Summer break, we said that we would follow up in the Autumn with a summary of how the church responded to the invitation to consider whether there might be some roles people can take on in the future.

I will outline that response this Sunday morning and some of the implications for us as a church. If you are unable to be there Sunday morning, please can I encourage you to find out what is said from someone who is able to make it.

There are challenges before us that are much better confronted if we take them on together, and that begins with as many people as possible having a sense of what we are talking about. Hopefully, that will also help inform your prayers for us a church family, as we look to move forward into whatever season God is leading us towards.

God Bless. Jon.

## 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.



### LET'S PRAY

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.



### SPONSORED WALK

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



### TODAY - FRIENDS & HEROES

3.30 – 5pm in church.



## SPONSOR AMBER

On 25th September Amber is running the Kingston Half Marathon to raise some money to put towards her accommodation whilst she lives and teaches in LIV village, Durban next year. If you would like to sponsor her or find out more please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/amberstockdale> or give your sponsorship to Amber or any other Stockdale you can find.



### MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

On Monday 26th September the Monday evening prayer group, in line with the current sermon series, will have special focus of praying for those of us and others in secular employment. We meet for one hour in SJ's from 8-9pm. Do come along if you are able. Alternatively prayer requests and answers to prayer can be emailed to Sally Munns ([sally@munnz.plus.com](mailto:sally@munnz.plus.com)). Please note this is a fairly small prayer group and all prayer requests will be kept confidential within the group.



### 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 Regester.



### HARVEST SUPPER Saturday 1st October 6pm

The Assembly Halls  
Gates Green Road

Please sign up as soon as possible on the board.

### HARVEST FLIERS

If you deliver these around the parish please delay your delivery until Tuesday as there are also fliers for the Autumn Fair to go out at the same time which will be delivered to you on Monday evening. We are still short of some distributors so if you could deliver some please see David Biddle.



### LINK TO HOPE AUTUMN FAIR St Francis Church Hall 22 Oct, 11am – 3pm

Milly and Angela are looking for assistance with the fair: Calling all makers of pickles and preserves! We are hoping to run a preserves stall at the Autumn Fair, all proceeds to Link to Hope. If you are making any pickles, chutneys, sauces, jams or jellies this Autumn, and can

spare a jar or two for Link to Hope, please leave them (labelled) in the box in the church porch. All gratefully received - thank you!

Contact details:

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## PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Link to Hope – our Mission Focus this month;
- People's working lives (in anticipation of the new Sermon Series) and the sale of the All Saints Site & the possibility of a premises for us – our Prayer Focus this month;
- 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;
- Our Health Service and all those who work in it, with the increasing strain it is under;
- All those we know who provide care for those who need it;



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