WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Holy Communion 8.00am Sun 10.00am Parish Communion

> Readings: Matthew 24: 36-44 & Romans 13: 11-14

3pm **No** Choir Practice

6.30pm United Service at St Francis' Church

Coffee Morning at SJ's 9.30- noon Mon Prayer Meeting at SJ's 8.00pm

Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms Tue 6.15pm

7.00pm & 8.15 Amber CPC Meetings at SJ's

Club 2000 (11–13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church 7.30pm

9.30am Open Door for mothers & children at SJ's Wed

> CareerCafe at SJ's 1:00-7:00pm

Thur 1.30-3pm Shine Christmas Party at SJ's 14 Plus - Venue as advised 7.30pm

Fri 10am – noon Craft Club at SJ's

Big Christmas Sing at St Francis' Church Sat 4pm

NEXT SUNDAY – 4th December

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am Church Parade with Infant Baptism

Choir Practice at Coney Hill Baptist Church 3.30pm

Friends & Heroes Christmas Party 3.15-6pm Service of Healing & Wholeness 6.30pm



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

When Jezebel was persecuting the Lord's prophets, Obadiah (not the prophet Obadiah) conceived a cunning plan. What did he do? Read 1 Kings 18: 4

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS – 8-9pm at SJ's

Last November meeting on 28th. All welcome.

Prayer requests and answers to prayer can be emailed to Sally Munns (sally@munnz.plus.com).



27th November, 2016 **Advent Sunday**













ADVENT ENQUIRIES

In the New Year, we are hoping to use SJ's to host a series of 'hot topic' evenings for people outside the church. With drinks and a bite to eat, the idea is to give people a relaxed space to knock around aspects of faith and life without having to sign up to the commitment of an 8 week course, such as Alpha demands.

Rather than making assumptions about the subjects which might be of interest to our community, we are going to ask. In the run up to Christmas, we are encouraging you as part of your normal interaction with friends and family to ask them what questions, topics, challenges would they be interested to explore, given the chance.

We'll draw together the responses and tailor a run of monthly evenings around the most sought after areas of interest. We've included an insert in the News Sheet as a gentle reminder and a means to provide feedback, but you can simply email Jon with people's answers.

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WELCOME

If you're a visitor this morning and wish to find out more about what goes on 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.



THIS MONTH'S PRAYER FOCUS

- Those baptised recently;
- The Alpha Course with the CHCU football team;
- Preparation for the Healing & Wholeness service in December.



Amber CPC event for parents, teachers, youth workers:
'Let's Talk About Sex (maybe)'
March 7th 2017

Please register your interest by emailing alison@amberpregnancy.com or texting 07927034971



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

No practice today. Next Sunday 3.30-5pm at Coney Hill Baptist Church. 11th Dec 3-

4.30pm in church. All welcome.



SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Next Sunday Evening (4 Dec), we are holding this service and giving people the opportunity to come and receive prayer and be anointed with oil. The emphasis will rest on God's care for us as a whole person – spiritually, emotionally and physically. You don't need to be wrestling with something difficult to be part of it – we know that God can bless us with expressions of his goodness and love in whatever state we find ourselves.



DATES THIS WEEK Tuesday 29th Nov, 7:00pm @ SJs Amber Crisis Pregnancy Care

The ACPC team will be sharing information from their recent trip to the Annual Conference of the Pregnancy Centres' Network (PCN) leading into...prayer at **8:15pm** All welcome!

Thursday 1 Dec, 1:30-3:00pm @ SJs Shine Christmas Party

Saturday 3 Dec @ Assembly Rooms Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

Saturday 3 Dec, 4:00pm @ St Francis Big Christmas Sing, Collection in support of Christian Aid.

Sunday 4 Dec, 3:15-6:00pm @ church

Friends & Heroes Christmas Party



CAREERCAFE

Unsure about your future options? Need help to think things through? Come to

CareerCafe at SJ's, Wednesdays 1pm - 7pm. For free careers advice call in or book an appointment careercafe.sjs@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS MEAL 19th December 7pm at Inaga Restaurant, Coney Hall.

£12 per person (drinks & dessert not included). This is not just for the Men's Group, it is for everyone. Please see Stu Carey or Barry Clements for more details or to book a space. You will need to pay before your place is confirmed.



NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE 2017

A number from St. John's attend the NW summer gathering. **2017 dates: 22-28 July.** Further details from www.newwine.org or speak to Richard Greenhalgh. For best rates book online by 30th November.



MOVEMBER

You may have noticed that a number of the church and the CHCU footie team are using

their facial hair to raise money for the Elimination of Leukaemia fund. If you'd like to sponsor, please speak to Warwick or visit

www.justgiving.com/CHCUMovember



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

 Dee Larcombe and the work in palliative care in

India in which she is involved – our Mission Focus this month;

- Nikki Nash and Ivan Court as they continue to recover from treatment;
- All Carl's family and friends as they prepare for his funeral and the Celebration of his Life service;
- Our church as it prepares for the different ways we engage with our community in the run up to Christmas.
- Alyssa and the Exeter CU as they look to share the gospel to students over Christmas. Pray for their Carol Service on 5 December:
- A drawing near to God in this season of advent;