

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club Nativity Play
	Readings:	Matthew 11: 2-11 & James 5: 7-10
	3.00pm	Choir Practice at church
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting at SJ's
Mon	9.30- noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting at SJ's
Tue	6.15pm	Cru 2 (Urban Saints) (7-11s) at the Assembly Rooms
	7.30pm	Club 2000 (11- 13s) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church
Wed	9.30am	Open Door for mothers & children at SJ's
	1:00-7:00pm	CareerCafe at SJ's
Thur	7.30pm	14 Plus – Venue as advised
Fri	10am – noon	Hearing Aid Clinic at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 18th December

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Holy Communion
4.45pm	Choir Practice at church
7.00pm	Carol Service



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Elijah was going up the road to Bethel when some youths from the city taunted him. How did the prophet respond?
Read 2 Kings 2: 23 - 24

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

Meetings in December on 5th & 12th. All welcome.

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



CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

This Christmas we will be taking collections across our services for the following organisations:

- i) Christingle Services – The Children's Society**
A national charity that runs local projects, helping children and young people when they are at their most vulnerable, and have nowhere left to turn.
- ii) Carol Service & Christmas Day Services - Church Urban Fund**
A national network of organisations that look to bring positive change in local communities, including setting up night shelters for the homeless;
- iii) Carol Service & Christmas Day Services – Medair**
An international Christian organisation aiming to bring relief to human suffering in some of the world's most devastated places. We will be collecting specifically for their work with families fleeing violence in Iraq.

You can find out more about their respective work by visiting their websites.

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

- The Healing & Wholeness service;
- All those we know who are sick, bereaved and simply finding life tough.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

18th December at 7pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

24th December @ 3pm & 5pm

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

24th December at 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

CAROLS IN THE PARK

Sun 11 December @

5pm, Outside Parklands Nursery.

Featuring Wickham Common School choir, mulled wine and mince pies and

a great sing! Wrap up warmly & bring a torch. All welcome!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Reminder: remaining practices - today at 3.00pm & 4.45pm on 18th Dec before the Carol Service.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 17th December at 10.15am. Bring scissors or secateurs and foliage.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Friday 23 December @ 10:00am in church, join the production line in preparation for our ever-popular Christingle services.



POLITE NOTICE - SAFEGUARDING

As Christmas approaches and many activities will be taking place for children and vulnerable adults, we need to ensure that we protect everyone. If you are engaged in any activity involving children or vulnerable adults when you might be on your own, you need to have a DBS check. It's a simple process which protects you and those you are interacting with. This also applies to any new helpers who have taken up regular positions helping with crèche, Sunday club, and our young people as well as the elderly and vulnerable who may visit SJ's. Please come and see us

in church and we can advise; Sarah Fletcher and Michele Fox



NEW YEAR'S DAY

On Sunday, 1st January we will be amalgamating our 8am and 10am services and holding a simple Communion service at 9am.



ASKING YOUR FRIENDS

We hope you're taking up our advent challenge to ask your friends what questions/topics they would want to knock about in relation to God, Christianity and Life. The responses we get will shape the evenings we run in SJ's in 2017, so feedback the responses to Jon.



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



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- The Church Urban Fund & Medair –

our mission focus this month;

- All those who will be 'visitors' to our church this month. Pray that they may meet with Christ this season;
- Nikki Nash who continues to recover at home and is grateful for our prayers;
- Carl's family and friends following the recent service celebrating his life;
- Jim Walters and his family, on the death of his mother;
- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who has only been allowed very restricted visits from her family. Pray that the Ayatollah Sayed 'Ali Khamenei would have a change of heart and quash her conviction.



FRESH NEWS

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



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