

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Today - Christmas Day

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Worship
	Reading:	Luke 2: 1-14
	6.30pm	No service

No regular weekday activities this week

### SUNDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> January

	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Readings:	Isaiah 63: 7-9 & Matt 2: 13-end

### SUNDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> January

	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	3.30pm	Friends & Heroes
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting



### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Why did Elisha tell a widow to ask her neighbours for empty jars?  
Read 2 Kings 4: 1 - 7

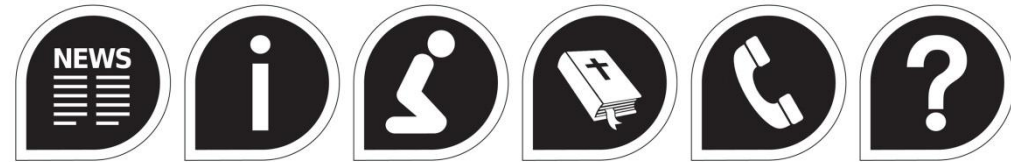
### MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS – 8-9pm at SJ's

No more Monday evening prayer meetings in 2016. Meetings in January 2017 on 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.

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

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

25<sup>th</sup> December 2016 & 1st  
January 2017. Christmas  
& New Year's Days



# FOR UNTO US IS BORN A SAVIOUR...

This publication of the News Sheet is 2 editions rolled into one.

Whether you are reading it as you ready yourself for the celebrations of Christmas Day, or as you stand on the cusp of making resolutions for 2017, I pray you know what it means to have received a Saviour.

The root of the biblical idea of salvation involves the idea of becoming spacious, enlarging, literally 'to be broad'. It carries the sense of deliverance from an existence that has become confined and cramped - God wants to set us free, so that we might live open and loving lives. As the psalmist says, 'I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free'(Psalm 119:32).

What greater Christmas present or outlook for the New Year? Praise God for his saving grace, and may you all experience a peaceful Christmas and a joy-filled New Year. God Bless, Jon.

WWW.STJOHNSWW.COM

## 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.



### **CHRISTMAS INFORMATION**

#### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICES**

24th December @ 3pm & 5pm

#### **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**

24th December at 11.15pm

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Morning Worship

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS**

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

#### **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.

#### **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;

#### **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.

See their websites for details.



### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

On Sunday, 1st January we will be amalgamating our 8am and 10am services and holding a

Communion service at 9am.



### **PRESENTS TO GIVE AWAY**

We still have plenty of beautifully wrapped presents, which were kindly donated by the Beavers, to give away. If you know someone who might be blessed by receiving a gift, or an organisation that would like to distribute them, then please let Jon know.



### **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.



### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

WWCTU Service at St John's on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 at 6.30pm.



### **THANK YOU**

Ivan Court would like to pass on his heartfelt thanks for the card that he recently received from everyone. He was very moved and encouraged.



### **PRAYERS**

Please pray for:

- The Church Urban Fund & Medair – our mission focus this month;
- The Children's Society as we support them through our Christingles Services, especially for the people they aim to help;
- Wayne, Liz and Jessica, as she was taken back into hospital with breathing difficulties after picking up a respiratory virus;

- All those who have been recently bereaved, as well as those for whom this time of year reminds them of loved ones who are no longer with them;
- 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.
- God's kingdom would manifest itself here on earth as it is in heaven



### **CONTACTS**

**Rev Jon Ward**

☎ 020 8462 8622

[jihward75@gmail.com](mailto:jihward75@gmail.com)

*Jon will be on holiday from 25-29 December*

*(inclusive)*

**Rev Peter Churcher**

☎ 020 8325 2268 / 07584 302071

[revchurcher@gmail.com](mailto:revchurcher@gmail.com)

*Peter will be on holiday from 25 Dec – 2 Jan (inclusive)*

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

**Margaret Kingman**

parishadmin@stjohnsww.com

9.15am - 12.15 pm Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri.

*The Parish Office will be closed for annual leave from 26<sup>th</sup> Dec to 4<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.*