

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Parish Communion	
	Readings:	Lent 4 'Meditating on Scripture' - Psalm 1 & Matthew 4:1-4.	
	6.30pm	No service	
Mon	9:30am-noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's	} <i>See separate flyer about booking.</i>
	8pm	No Prayer Meeting at SJ's	
Tue	10am	Storytelling & craft at SJ's	
Wed	7.30pm	Chablis Chic at SJ's	
Thur	10am	Wrap around jewellery making at SJ's	
Fri	10am	Good Friday (See overleaf)	
Sat	10am	Decorating the church for Easter.	

NEXT SUNDAY – 21st April EASTER DAY

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion and Church family farewell.
6.30pm	No service

NB. Amber will be working at Spring Harvest 15th to 19th April.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Once again the Israelites had displeased God and he became angry with Moses, forbidding him to cross the Jordan and see the promised land.

What did he tell Moses to do and who led the Israelites across the Jordan?

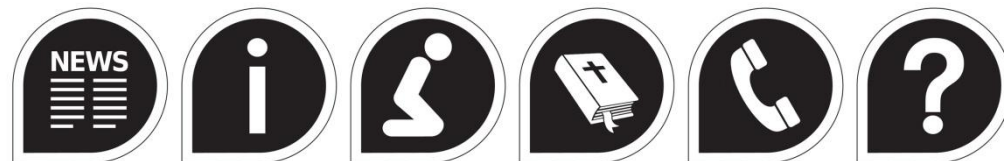
Read Deuteronomy 3: 24 - 28

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS 8pm @ SJ's

The next meetings will take place on 1st & 29th April, and 13th & 20th May. All welcome.



14th April 2019
Palm Sunday



LOVE CONQUERS HATE

At the time of the recent tragic events in New Zealand the word "love" was used constantly. People said "love conquers hate"; The NZ prime minister advised Mr Trump to "love Muslims". NZ Muslim leaders said how much they felt loved.

Love of God and love of neighbour is central to the three great religions. Devout Jews recite the words of Deut 6 twice a day. "Hear O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might." In other words, love God with all your being.

When Jesus was tested about the greatest commandment, he quoted that verse but added another from Leviticus. "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." In other words love of God needs to be manifest in tolerance, care and support of others.

With so much tension in society at present perhaps we should be saying this daily:

"Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. The second is this: love your neighbour as yourself".

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WELCOME

If you are joining us for the first time today and wish to find out more about what goes on then introduce yourself to one of our leadership team, or **fill in one of our Connect Cards**. Equally, help yourself to any of our packs, which explain a bit more of what's going on in our church family.



DIARY DATES THIS WEEK TODAY

THE BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2019

The theme for this year's appeal is 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly'. The Bishop of Southwark has asked if we can support projects not only in our own Diocese, but others in Sri Lanka, Kenya and Zimbabwe. Further details on the MOP notice board in church or Diocese of Southwark website. We will take a collection for this Appeal today (14th).

EASTER CHOIR 3pm Practice in church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 18th April

7.30pm at West Wickham & Shirley Baptist to join them to see the Riding Lights Theatre Company present 'The Narrow Road'. OR

7pm Holy Communion at St Francis' Church.

GOOD FRIDAY, 19th April

10am Meet at St Mark's Church to start the new style witness & reflection.

11am United service at St Francis' Church with separate activities for children.

EASTER SATURDAY, 20th April at 10am

Decorating the Church for Easter.

Please bring scissors or secateurs and foliage, if you have any.

EASTER SUNDAY, 21st April

8am & 10am Holy Communion (at St John's).

This will be Peter's last working day in the parish. There will be a tea and cake party immediately after the 10am service to say farewell to the Churcher family. This will end in time for people to attend any lunch engagements they may have.

Peter will be installed in his new parish in Ilfracombe on 13th May at 7pm.



APCM PREPARATIONS

Sunday, 28th April, at 11.30am, after

Morning Worship, will

be our **church AGM**.

We would like people to consider whether they might wish to become:

- **A PCC Member** - we refresh a 1/3 of the elected members of our leadership each year, so if you're interested in helping steer the church, speak to Jon. Nomination forms are on the Welcomers table. Completed forms can be returned to the box on the font.

- **A Welcomer** - we refresh our welcome rota annually, and if you want to become part of the welcome team, we will provide training. Please do speak to one of the wardens.



CHRISTIAN AID AUCTION OF GIFTINGS 18th MAY

6.30 pm in St John's Church, in aid of Christian Aid's 2019 appeal to support mother and baby health care in Sierra Leone. Please donate pledges offering time, skills or items and come along on 18th May to bid and enjoy an evening with finger buffet and drinks. For full details please see display by chapel or separate flyer or contact Milly Johnson (camilla@highamsfarm.com) or Anne Ford (07789 754768)

CYCLONE IDAI EMERGENCY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for the Cyclone Idai Emergency Appeal. £291.50 was sent.



GIFTS BOX

Don't forget to put the results of the Spiritual Gifts Assessment or Enneagram Test in the box in the porch. This will help us consider how to enable you to grow and give expression to your gifts.



BOOKING SJ'S

Bookings for SJ's will now be made through the Parish Office. If it is regarding something

new that hasn't been done before at SJ's, then please email Heather first on the SJ's enquiry email (sjs.enquiry@gmail.com) to run it past her, or anyone else on the SJ's team, then book through the Parish Office.

Bookings should be made using the parish admin email address (parishadmin@stjohnsww.com) in office hours which are Monday – Friday (except Wednesdays) 9.30am to 1.30pm. A reply will be sent as soon as possible.

You can check the on-line calendar on the church website, SJ's page, which will be updated regularly.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Tim & Maggie Gaved working with Wycliffe Bible

Translators, our mission focus this month;

- Our nation, not just for Brexit, but the many domestic issues which currently need attention.