

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Worship
Reading 'Do they know it's Christmas?' – Luke 1: 67 – 80
11.30am Holy Communion
4pm Christmas Choir Practice
7pm Carol Service

Mon 9.30am – noon Coffee Morning at SJ's
8pm No Prayer meeting at SJ's

Tue 6.15pm Journey (CRU2) (Yrs 3-5) CH Baptist
7.30pm Explore (Club 2000) (Yrs 6-9) at CH Baptist
7.30pm Discover (14+) at CH Baptist

Wed 1pm – 4pm No CareerCafé

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Fri 10am Hearing Aid Servicing Clinic at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 22nd December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All Together Service
(Refreshments from 09.45am)
6.30pm No Service



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

How did Elisha revive the Shumanite woman's dead son?
Read 2 Kings 4: 32 - 37

CAREERCAFE

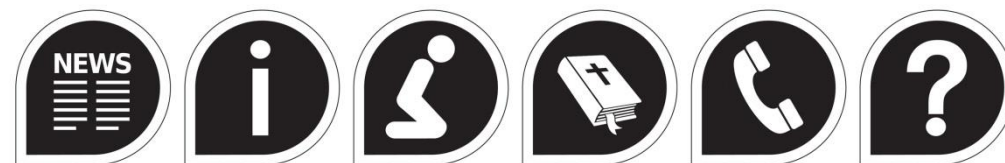
NB The Careercafe will be closed for Christmas on Wednesdays 18th, & 25th December, & 1st January. Reopens 8th January.

PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

The next Monday evening meeting will be on 6th January.
All welcome.



15th December 2019
3rd Sunday of
Advent



WORKING THOSE KNEELERS...

It's been amusing to witness some of the baffled responses to the invitation to grab a kneeler from the church and take it home... 'Does Jon want us to bring them back next week?' ... 'Is this his way of getting rid of the kneelers on the sly?' ... 'will the pews for the log burning stove be next?'

It really is as simple as encouraging you to press into prayer this advent.

It's surprising how a physical, visual prompt can be more helpful than we might imagine. Some people have said they put it in their bedroom and it's caused them to kickstart the day in prayer.

Fix it to your wall, put it in your fridge, use it as your bed pillow – however it will best serve as a disruption to your everyday. The power is not in the kneeler, but in engagement with the One who longs to break into our every waking moment. Happy praying.

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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**.



CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

We like to give you advance notice of some of the charities we will be looking to support over the Christmas season. They will be as follows:

Christingles Services – As always, we'll be taking a collection for the **Children's Society**, which seems particularly poignant this year in light of some of the political 'discussions' over the true level of child poverty and homelessness in our country.

Carol, Midnight & Christmas Day Services – (i) **The Bromley Homeless Shelter** support the homeless by providing a Winter Night Shelter. Further information can be found on www.bromleyshelter.org.uk. (ii) **'There is Hope Malawi'**, an organisation who work with refugees in Malawi, where it is particularly hard to be in that desperate situation.

Please pray for all these organisations and the people they are trying to help.



CHRISTMAS DATES

CAROL SERVICE 15th December @ 7pm in church

Choir rehearsal before the service itself at 4pm to 5.30pm on 15 December.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING 23rd December @ 10am in church.

Join the production line in preparation for our ever-popular Christingle services.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES 24th December @ 3pm & 5pm in church

Collection candles are available in the porch.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION 24th December @ 11.15pm in church

CHRISTMAS DAY 8am Holy Communion 10am All Together service

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER

There will be one service of Holy Communion at 9.30am instead of separate services at 8am and 10am.



CHRISTMAS EVE SWIM

That time of year again - the Stockdales and Faints are going to West Wickham swimming pool on Christmas Eve (around 9:30-10am ish) then to the Faints for a late Jonny fry-up breakfast and drinks. Everyone welcome.



SJ's EVENTS FILM NIGHT Friday evening @ SJ's 20th Dec - Scrooged Arrive 7pm for mulled wine & nibbles. No charge.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Jane and Adrian are hosting an Open House on New Year's Eve, 8pm onwards. Please bring drinks, games or nibbles. Please confirm by 27th Dec if you can attend. Address is 21 Wickham Court Road, BR4 9LW. Email Jane on janerbrts1@gmail.com or ring 07956 087726.



FOLLOW UP... TEAMS

We hope that you are continuing to pray about your possible involvement in the Teams in the New Year. Don't forget to chat to our new Team Leaders and head to the website for the Team Profiles (which includes contact details for the leaders).

CHURCHSUITE

Hopefully your beginning to get to grips with ChurchSuite, our new church communication tool. It's just the basics currently but we will begin to extend the use in the New Year, so keep an eye out for further details. If you didn't receive an invitation, please check your

junk or spam folders, or contact Margaret in the Parish Office (parishadmin@stjohnsww.com) for a GDPR form, etc. Further Information is on the website under 'Blog'.



BROMLEY HOMELESS SHELTER

The charity is looking for financial support and extra volunteers to help with the Night Shelter. Further information from: www.bromleyshelter.org.uk
We are also collecting new and pre-loved jackets, gloves, scarves, thermals etc, for shelter. Please pop these clean items in the entrance foyer. If you have any questions, please speak to Alexandra Dobson.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- 'Bromley Homeless Shelter' and 'There is Hope Malawi' our Christmas charities and mission focus this month;
- The engagement with our community in the next 2 weeks, when we see so many people take the trouble to visit us;
- Our country and its future direction, whatever the results of the General Election.