

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	Reading	God's Pursuit of Us 4 – The Gracious Pursuit – John 8: 1-11
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	No Service
Mon	9.30am – noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's
	8pm	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	CareerCafé
Thur	7.30pm	Parenting For Faith Course
Fri	10am	Hearing Aid Servicing Clinic at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 22nd March - Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Communion
6.30pm	No service

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Lord said to Moses "come up to me on the mountain (Sinai) and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commands I have written on it". Moses stayed on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights and when he came down carrying the tablets, he saw something that made him so angry that he threw the tablets on the ground where they broke in pieces. What was it that Moses saw?

Read Exodus 32: 1 - 20

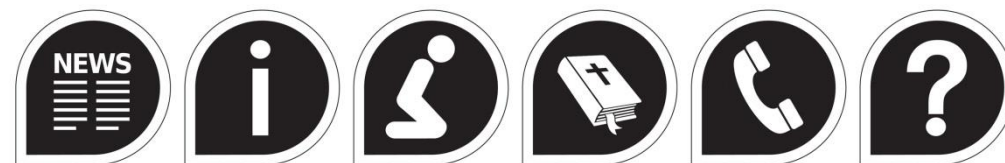


MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

Meetings in March on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. All welcome.



15th March 2020
3rd Sunday of Lent



COVID 19 CONCERNS

Unsurprisingly, the Corona virus is dominating headlines and conversations at the moment. I hope you're managing to walk the line between taking the concerns seriously, whilst not becoming unduly anxious.

It's all too easy to become pre-occupied with our own affairs in these circumstances. It's good that churches deliberate over matters such as the best way to administer Communion, but let's be honest, there are bigger issues: keeping foodbanks stocked, how people will manage childcare in the event of closure, food for kids who have free school dinners, care for the most vulnerable...

Our local foodbanks have already put out a plea for help, indicating a 30% drop in incoming supplies, at a time when demand is anticipated to increase (please see inside for details of the goods they would like). The coming weeks will present a moment when we can show people what 'Christian concern' can really look like. God Bless.

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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**.



SPREADING HOPE AT EASTER

Given the trend with Covid 19, it is highly likely that the plans for the Churches across West Wickham are to give goodie bags to commuters on Maundy Thursday will be shelved.

I will keep you posted as to the decision, or whether there is a variation in the plans.



ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll please consider adding your name if you've been baptized, you are at least 16 years of age (or sixteen on your next birthday), and live in the parish, or have worshipped at St. John's for at least six months. Membership indicates you view St. John's as your spiritual home, and you'd like to be involved in the shaping of our future. It gives you the right to vote at our APCM on April 26th, or to stand for election to the PCC. Electoral Roll forms are on the welcomer's table. Please speak to Paul

Kingman, Jackie Barter or Amber Stockdale for more information. There is a box in the porch for returned forms.



FOODBANK ASSISTANCE

Further to the front cover, the foodbank would urgently appreciate the following:

Fruit juice, Milk, Jam, Rice, Desserts, Cold Meat, Potatoes, Toilet Rolls, Washing Detergent, Baby Wipes, Shaving Foam, Deodorant for men/women, Razors, Washing Up Liquid. Thank you.



LINK TO HOPE CRAFT AND CAKE!

Tickets available now for 2 great events combining craft workshops and homemade cake!

Sat 21 Mar, 2-5pm: Make a glass beaded charm bracelet whilst enjoying afternoon tea! Also makes a fab Mothers Day gift, or experience together. Ages 10 to adult.

Tue 7 Apr, 10am-12.30pm: Easter holiday decoupage class - choose to make a faberge egg, spring hare or dragon money box egg! Ages 5 to adult. Book in advance at ticketlab.co.uk or via Facebook events on Milly's Shoebox Superhub

<https://www.facebook.com/shoeboxsuperhub/>. Both classes at the Assembly Halls.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

We have looked to top and tail Lent in a slightly different way this year. 9 April is Maundy Thursday, and as things currently stand, we would like people to keep the evening free to mark the occasion. Food, prayer and praise may be involved, but if you have any ideas please pass them on to the Prayer and Worship Team leaders who are making plans. More details to follow.



BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2020

The theme for this year's appeal is 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs'. This year the Bishop's Lent Call is supporting projects within Southwark Diocese and in the Holy Land, Nigeria and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

Projects in Zimbabwe: Initiatives supporting food security, water supplies, training and infrastructure in our Link Dioceses of Central Zimbabwe, Matabeleland, Masvingo and Manicaland.

The L'Arche community in Bethlehem

The Kaduna Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations

Projects in the Diocese of Southwark SparkFish, The Nicholas Stewart Project & Superkidz

We will take a collection for this Appeal on Easter Sunday, 12th April.



SERMON PODCAST NOW AVAILABLE

Our weekly sermons are now available on several major podcast platforms including Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Google Podcasts - just search for *St John's Sunday Podcast*. Or go to anchor.fm/stjohns. Sermons will continue to be published on the website as well.



PALM SUNDAY 5th April 2020

Our 10am service will take place at the Assembly Rooms in Gates Green Road. We look forward to seeing everyone there. The 8am service will be in church as usual.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Amber Crisis Pregnancy Care; our mission focus this month;