

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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| Sun | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Morning Worship |
| | Reading: | Fight the Good Fight – Ephesians 6: 10-21 |
| | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 3pm | Christmas Choir Practice |
| | 6.30pm | Prayer meeting in church |
| Mon | 9.30 – noon | Coffee Morning at SJ's |
| | 8.00pm | Prayer Meeting at SJ's |
| Tue | 6.15pm | CRU2 (Urban Saints (&-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 |
| | 1pm-4pm | CareerCafé drop-in at SJ's |
| | 4pm-7pm | CareerCafé appointments & celebration at SJ's |
| Thur | 7.30pm | 14 Plus – 44 Windermere Road |
| Fri | 10am – noon | Craft Club at SJ's |
| Sat | 9am - noon | Advent Quiet Morning in church |

NEXT SUNDAY – 26th November

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| | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion |
| | 3pm | No Christmas Choir Practice |
| | 6.30pm | United Service at St Francis' Church |

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Ahaziah, the new king of Israel (who worshipped Baal) was badly injured in a fall. He sent messengers to the temple of Baal, to ask whether he would recover. The Lord had told Elijah to intercept them and ask them why they were going to ask Baal if the king would recover. What message did Elijah tell them to give to the king? Read 2 Kings 1: 2 - 6

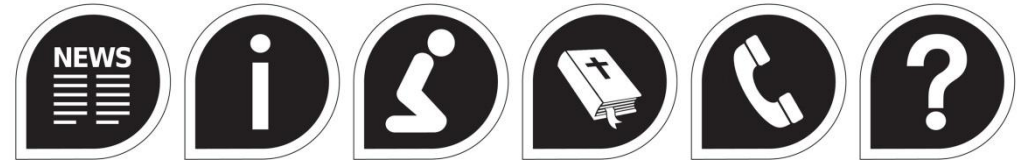
MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

8-9PM @ SJ'S

In November these will take place at 8pm at SJ's on 20th & 27th.
The meeting on 20th will focus on the persecuted church. All welcome.

St John's
west wickham

19th November 2017
2nd Sunday before Advent



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Brother Andrew, also known as God's Smuggler, once stated that *"only through mobilizing the church to pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ, will we see a significant shift in the involvement in their plight."*

This why we would like to invite you all to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ during today's service, and at the Prayer Meeting tomorrow at 8pm at SJs. "To suffer with the suffering no longer is something just for specialised agencies or special-interest groups in congregations. More and more, it has become an ongoing interest for every Christian, just as it should be according to the New Testament."

There is also an even broader political aspect. Beyond praying for Christians, IDOP has highlighted the plight of people who belong to other religious groups and of adherents to non-religious worldviews in countries of concern. It has done more to make this situation known to millions around the world than has any other tool. So even though it is a Christian worship service, the effect has been positive for many other people of good will.

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WELCOME

If you're a visitor this morning 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.



DATES FOR THE DIARY TODAY PRAYER MEETING

19th November 6.30pm in church.

This replaces the separate meetings usually held on 1st Sundays in November and December. All welcome.

CAREERCAFE

Wed 22nd November 2017, 6pm - 7.30pm CareerCafe has been open for one year. Come to SJ's, celebrate with cake and Prosecco and hear what's been happening. All welcome.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING

25th November, 9am-12noon in church

A chance to think about the reason for the season, get your priorities in order, and spend some time with God as we wait together. If you want to know more, please talk to Peter.



Amber CPC invites you to join them at their next regular bi-monthly prayer meeting on Tuesday 28th November at 7.00pm at SJ's. All welcome.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsals for the carol service will be held on Sunday

afternoons as follows:

19th November – St John's
26th November – No practice
3rd December - Coney Hill Baptist
10th December - St John's
17th December - Carol Service

All rehearsals will be 3pm - 4.30pm. All welcome.

NB Correction to previous information: there will be a practice today (19th Nov) but not on 26th.



SERVICE BOOKS

A small change: from today (19/11) we are going fully digital with our orders of service, so when we need words for prayers, confession or communion, these will appear on our various screens. We will put away the blue order of service books, apart from the chapel where

they will still be used for our 8am communion service. We will also hand them out for communion services after the main service and on special occasions, as needed.



JOAN KENDALL

On 9th November Joan moved to Caterham with her family. She writes:

"Thank you for all the love, friendship & prayers you have given to me. In Jesus' love, I say we'll meet again."



WW PANTOMIME SOCIETY

The WWPS are performing on 7th Jan 2018, 1:30pm at

Wickham Hall in Sussex Road. Tickets £9 each, 50% of which will be given to Link to Hope. If you would like tickets please contact Karen 07809228415 or Milly Johnson.



SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday, 2nd December. Invitations are on the Welcomers

table. Final date for reservations 23rd November. **Help needed** – please see separate blue flyer.



CROYDON

REFUGEE CENTRE

The centre is desperate for shampoo/conditioner and tinned foods. Please let Ann Gardner know if you can help.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- The persecuted church, our mission focus this month;
- Jenny Gaved's family, following her funeral on Friday;
- The currently fragile situation in Zimbabwe and how the future political scene will affect millions;
- The drawing up of a job description/advert for the Young People & Families' Worker & those who will respond to it;
- Our collective approach to Advent, and how we ready ourselves to celebrate Christmas;



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