

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

<b>Sun</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Church Parade - All Together Service (NB Refreshments from 09:45am)
	Reading	God's Pursuit of Us 2 – The Religious Pursuit – John 3: 1-21
	6.30pm	No Service
<b>Mon</b>	9.30am – noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's
	8pm	Prayer meeting at SJ's
<b>Tue</b>	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
<b>Wed</b>	1pm – 4pm	CareerCafé
<b>Thur</b>	7.30pm	Parenting For Faith Course
<b>Fri</b>	10am	Craft Club at SJ's

### NEXT SUNDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> March

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

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Israelites were being attacked by the Amalekites and Moses told Joshua to go and fight them. He said "Tomorrow I will go to the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands". Joshua fought the Amalekites, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. When Moses held up his hands the Israelites were winning and when he lowered his hands the Amalekites were winning.

What happened when Moses was too tired to hold up his hands?

Read Exodus 17: 8 - 13



### MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

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



1<sup>st</sup> March 2020  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent



## SAYING YES TO LIFE

Yes, we're doing a plug for more Lent resources.

'Saying Yes to Life' is the title of a book by Ruth Valerio and it's the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2020. Ruth Valerio is Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund, described as an environmentalist, theologian and social activist.

It's a book that you can read by yourself or is equally suitable for groups to mull over together and be challenged by the issues it raises. It encourages us all to lift our focus from natural, everyday concerns to issues that have an impact on millions of lives around the world. It draws on some strong biblical themes to help us all consider matters of environmental, ethical and social concern.

In short, the golden thread is what it means to be human and a follower of Jesus. Not a bad thing to contemplate during Lent.

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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**.



### DIARY DATES

**Amber CPC Prayer Meeting, Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 8pm @ SJ's.**

Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us at our open prayer meeting, for the work of the charity and our team. We look forward to seeing you there.

**World Day of Prayer: 10.30am on Friday 6th March @ St Mark's Church, West Wickham.** Rise! Take up your mat and walk.

Praying with Zimbabwe. All welcome.

**Quiet Day, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30am-3:30pm @ St John's**

Organised jointly by St Francis, St Mary's and St John's. It will focus on the "I am" sayings of Jesus. Please join us when you can.

**Amber CPC Event, Tuesday 10 March at 7:30pm @ SJ's.**

Don't forget to book onto 'How to talk with your kids about sex.' Workshop. Places can be booked online at [www.amberpregnancy.com/events](http://www.amberpregnancy.com/events)



## NEW WINE!

A few members of the church family have already booked onto New Wine (2nd- 8th August). It is set to be a great week of fun, worship and teaching for ALL the family! Check out the website <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united-20-week-2> Any questions do contact Amber Stockdale.



## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS WITH CHRISTIAN AID THIS LENT

Why not follow the Christian Aid leaflet of Lenten daily reflections, prayers and actions to give thanks for what we have and help transform the lives of the most marginalised and poor of this world? The giving amounts are suggestions only – please give what you can. Money can be sent directly to Christian Aid or we can send it on your behalf. Adult and children's versions are available from the back of the church. Anne Ford and Jeff Seabrook.



## SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns regarding a child or vulnerable adult; or you have any queries about safeguarding, please speak to Michele or Sarah.



## ADDISCOMBE WELCOMES REFUGEES

This is a community sponsorship group, based at Our Lady's Catholic Church on Bingham Road in Addiscombe. Addiscombe Welcomes Refugees is part of the UK Government's community sponsorship scheme, which enables communities to be directly involved in the resettlement of refugees in need of protection in the UK. In the next few months they will be supporting a vulnerable refugee family from Syria to rebuild their lives in Croydon.

They would like to give them the best chance of settling well into our community and having a new place they can call home. Finding suitable accommodation is the number one priority at the moment. They are eager to speak to landlords who may have a suitable house, which will be available to rent in the next few weeks, ideally a 3-bed self-contained property. They can offer them guaranteed rent for two years. The charity RESET have also made a brilliant 3-minute video in which two landlords speak about their experience of renting to refugees. Watching it may help to allay any concerns people considering this may have and serve to encourage them to consider the idea! <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wu-Kt5ZG-GE>

If you are interested please email [addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com](mailto:addiscombe.welcomes.refugees@gmail.com) or phone 07711 791 729



## FOODBANK

Needs for this week are: Desserts (jellies, instant whip and sponge puddings), Tinned potatoes, Custard, Long life fruit juice, Jam, Rice, Ladies deodorants, Men's razors, Washing up liquid, Washing detergent, Toilet rolls, and Shaving foam. Please leave any contributions in the box in the church porch. Thank you.



## PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Amber Crisis Pregnancy Care; our mission focus this month;
- The Parenting for Faith Course and all those attending;
- Judy Storkey and the considerable health challenges she is currently confronted with.
- Dorothy Batten and her family, following Geoff's funeral;
- The ongoing impact of the spread of the Corona Virus;
- The development of our joint mission and fellowship across the churches in West Wickham.