

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All Together service
Reading: Jesus said, "I am the True Vine". John 15:1-5
6.30pm No service

Mon – Thursday Regular Weekly Activities Resume.

Fri 10 to 12 noon Coffee & chat at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 8th September

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion – New Sermon Series: 'You Are...'
6.30pm No service

NB Margaret will be back in the parish office as usual from tomorrow (2nd September).

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

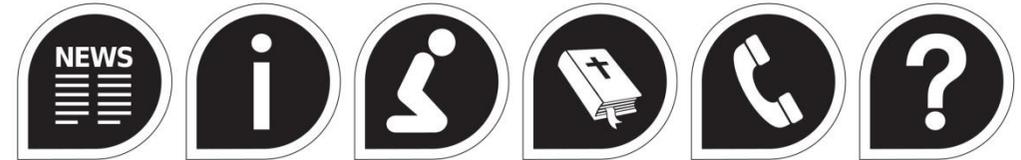
Saul, still determined to kill David, sent soldiers to watch David's house and to kill him when he came out in the morning. But David's wife Michal saved him – what did she do?

Read 1 Samuel 19 : 11 – 16



PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

Prayer Meeting for Link to Hope Mon 2nd September 7.45pm- 9.30 pm. Following meetings are 9th, 16th and 23rd September, 8pm @ SJs. No meeting 30th September.



THE TURNING UPDATE

The Turning initiative is only 3 weeks away, so here are a few more details that we have received about what's happening locally:

- The programme will kick off on Sunday 22 September, 6:30pm at Coney Hill Baptist, with all the churches praying for the week and worshipping together;

Throughout the week (Mon-Saturday, 23-28 September), there will be a pattern of morning and evening gatherings:

- The morning get together will start at 10:00am at St Francis (other possible venues to be confirmed) for training and prayer, followed by sharing faith on the Hayes, West Wickham and Coney Hall 'High Streets', finishing up with a debrief;
- The evening meeting will take place at 7:30pm at Coney Hill Baptist for prayer, testimony and worship – encouragement for the next day.

WELCOME

A big welcome to Nico and Laurence, and their family and friends, as they celebrate Oscar's baptism today. We hope you feel at home and have a joyful celebration.

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.



THANK YOU

In September you will receive a further update about the Sunday morning and mid-week activities available for our children and young people. Very slight changes are being made that will hopefully ensure that these activities best support our children, young people and families.

Our mid-week group 14+ is set to have the biggest change as it moves from a Thursday to a Tuesday evening. All three of our mid-week groups will then be on the same evening helping the children and young people to transition between the different age groups. This has come after many months of consideration.

One of the huge disadvantages of this change is that Guy Harris will no longer be able to lead the group. Guy and Rachel initially took on the responsibility of the role two years ago. Over the last year Guy has mentored and supported these young people and has talked openly and passionately about his faith, sharing with them what it means for him in his everyday life. Amber and the young people are going to miss the weekly input, enthusiasm and passion that he has poured into 14+. So, a big thank you Guy and Rachel for all you have done for 14+ over the last couple of years.



SOME AUTUMN CHANGES

There are a few new ventures and updates in the pipeline for the Autumn:

- Going online with 'Church Suite' – the new tool for some of our Communications and Publicity;
- Refreshing / Development of our Teams;
- An experimental initiative called 'Learning Leadership';
- Our Church Weekend Away.

Grab the Learning Leadership Flyer this week, which will let you know what that's all about.



FOODBANK

Below is the full list of most needed items:

Squash, Vegetables (especially tinned carrots), Cooking sauce, Custard, Rice pudding, Shampoo, & Washing detergent. Items can be left in the box in the porch. Thank you so much for your continuing support.



LYRA IS CYCLING 10K TODAY!

I am cycling 10km with my Dad and Auntie Amber for NSPCC because they protect people from lonely stuff. If you would like to sponsor me, here is the link: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lyra10kmcycle



NEW WINE 2020!

For all those early adopters out there, we've decided to throw our commitment behind Week 2 of New Wine next year (02-08 August, Peterborough). The plan is to have a large marquee as we did at Naturally Supernatural this year to provide a great family, communal space.

There are reduced, 'Flash Sale' prices going until 25 September 2019. If you

want more details speak to Jackie Barter or Amber Stockdale. Equally, if you know a young person who would like to go but the rest of their family might not be so keen, speak to Amber.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Oscar and his family, as he is baptised this weekend.
- The Morgan family, as they settle back into life in the UK;
- Alyssa Carey, as she begins her new role with UCCF;
- Jack Cernoch, serving with Scripture Union / Tearfund in Malawi from 1-15 September;
- All teachers, lecturers, students returning to school / university;
- Beatrice and Ben, in their new family placement in Sittingbourne;
- Dan Leeves and the family, as he begins the 'Learning Leadership' initiative.
- The forging of close links with Wickham Grange as they begin to promote the new housing development;
- Our country, as it looks increasingly polarised in its approach to Brexit.