

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	Readings:	Gifts 1 – “What’s the Point? – Our Purpose as Humans.” Genesis 1:26 – 2:3
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Mon	9:30am-noon	Coffee Morning at SJ’s
	8.00pm	No Prayer Meeting at SJ’s
Tue	6.15pm	CRU2 (Urban Saints) (Yrs 3-5) Coney Hill Bapt Church
	7.30pm	Club 2000 (Yrs 6-9) meet at Coney Hill Baptist Church
Wed	1pm-4pm	CareerCafé drop-in at SJ’s
	4pm-7pm	CareerCafé appointments
Thurs	7.30pm	14+ in church
Fri	10am	Craft Club at SJ’s

### NEXT SUNDAY – 27<sup>th</sup> January

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

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

In the final stages of the plan to force Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt, God told Moses and Aaron to tell the Israelite community that on the 10th day of the month they are to take a lamb for their families, slaughter it on the 14th day at twilight and then roast it, having first saved some blood for a specific purpose. What was the purpose?

Read Exodus 12: 1 – 13



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

In January the meetings will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> & 14th. All welcome.

**St John's**  
*west wickham*

20<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany



# CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2019

You might have noticed that there has been a distinct lack of information regarding the proposed opportunity for us to get away as a church family.

That's because over the Christmas period, there were all sorts of 'fun and games' with speakers, venues and costings. To cut a very long story short, we sadly lost our original booking for May with the hotel. Due to all the logistics, a decision has been made to put back the date of the weekend to 4-5 October, rather than in May, as had been originally scheduled. Please can I ask you to pencil that in the diary.

We appreciate it's hard to commit without further details, including costings, theme, etc. Next week there will be a flier we distribute, which sets out all those things and we'll also verbally explain the hope for the weekend to help get you excited.

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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**. Equally, help yourself to any of our packs, which explain a bit more of what's going on in our church family.



### NEW SERMON SERIES: "GIFTS"

We continue our new series this week, picking up on discussions we had back in November about ways we might come to a clearer understanding of our individual/joint strengths and gifts.

Today we're going right back to our purpose/vocation as humans, but as the series progresses we will consider how we discern, exercise and grow our gifts, as well as reflect on the relationship between 'spiritual' and 'natural' gifts. Through the series we will also offer different tools to help people gain a clearer insight into their gifting. On **24 March**, we'll be back in the Assembly Rooms to take this all further.



### ALPHA COURSE

Our 2019 Alpha Course starts on **Thursday 24 January, 7:45pm at SJ's**. Keep extending

those invitations its not too late.

If you think you might be able to help with simply warming some of the prepared food and delivering it to SJs, that would be great. Please can you speak to Sue Watson.



### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January

Services in West Wickham

18 Jan - St Mark's

19 Jan - Emmanuel (10am)

**20 Jan - St John's (6.30pm)**

21 Jan - Hawes Lane Methodist

22 Jan - Coney Hill Baptist

23 Jan - St Mary's

24 Jan - West Wickham & Shirley Bapt

All services at 8pm unless otherwise stated. All welcome.



### CRECHE ROOMS

Amber is going to be doing a big sort out in the two crèche rooms 28th-31st January. If you are able to collect rubbish, do charity shop trips or clean the carpet (using J&A Stockdale's carpet cleaner) then please let her know.



### CONFIRMATION SERVICE – 3 FEBRUARY, 6PM

Bishop Jonathan will be conducting a Confirmation Service at St Mary's, West Wickham on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in being confirmed then let Jon know as soon as possible, thanks.



### FOODBANK NEEDS

The list of items most urgently needed is now as follows: Jam, Vegetarian (Macaroni Cheese, Ratatouille, Veg Curry etc.), Sweets, Rice Pudding and Custard, Tinned Potatoes, Cooking Sauces, Rice (small bags), Washing up Liquid, Size 6 Nappies, Shaving Foam/Gel, Children's Toothbrushes.

Please put any donations of the above in the box in the church porch. Thank you.



### SJ's VOLUNTEERS

SJ's would like to invite existing volunteers and anyone who would like to volunteer with us, to afternoon tea on Sunday 20th January at SJ's from 4-5pm. RSVP to Heather, Felicity or Milly.

  
AMBER CPC  
OPEN PRAYER MEETING

### Tuesday, January 29th 8pm

All are welcome to join the Amber Crisis Pregnancy Care team to pray for the work and related issues.

NB Change of venue to 4 Hartfield Crescent, BR4 9DN



### '18-35' EVENING

You may recall that last year we began a series of discussions about how we might better serve this age group. On **29 January, 8pm at SJ's**, we're going to have a meal and share some of the vision for what came out of those discussions – with a view to getting something started as soon as possible. If you're in this age group, come along and find out more.



### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Steve Read and his work with Ambassadors Football, our mission focus this month;
- The Alpha Course, as it begins this week, and the 15 or so people attending;
- Harry Young receiving treatment in Kings following a serious fall, and Audrey, as she travels to and from hospital to see him;
- Our MPs as they handle Brexit.