

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 8.00am Service of the Word
10.00am Morning Worship
Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-16
N.B. No service of Holy Communion at 11.30am)
6.30pm United Service at Emmanuel Church

Mon 9.30 – noon Coffee Morning at SJ's
8.00pm No Prayer Meeting at SJ's

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Wed } No regular activities during half term.
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Fri 10am – noon Craft Club at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 29th October

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

NB Jon & Peter are on holiday over half term.



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The son of the widow in whose house Elijah was lodging became ill and died. She accused Elijah of punishing her for her sins by killing her son. How did Elijah respond?

Read 1 Kings 17: 17 - 24

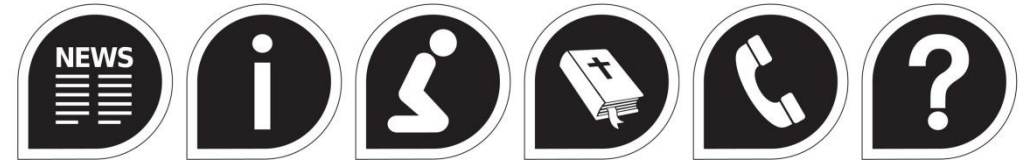
MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

8-9PM @ SJ'S

In October these will take place at 8pm at SJ's on 9th, 16th, & 30th.
The meeting on 30th will focus on Light the Night.
All welcome.



22nd October 2017
19th Sunday after Trinity



REFORMATION 500

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses on the door of a chapel in the German town of Wittenberg – an event that has become known as the starting point of the Reformation.

It may seem like it's just something for those with a passion for History, but whether we are aware of it or not, it is a period that has shaped the faith we express today. Luther's challenge to the church touched on issues of grace, repentance and forgiveness, and took on a life that affected many countries across Europe.

This Sunday, there is going to be a Churches Together celebration of this anniversary at **Emmanuel at 6:30pm**. It will be both a time of worship and an opportunity to discover a bit more about the impact of these old events. If you're really keen, a good read on the subject is, 'Why the Reformation Still Matters', by Michael Reeves and Tim Chester.

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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.



THIS MONTH'S PRAYER FOCUS

For all those struggling with bereavement, poor health (mental and physical) and those undergoing treatment.



CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

It may seem a long way off, but we would like to start planning for a weekend in Autumn 2018 to offer the church family time to get away. There can be untold benefits to stepping out of our usual context together for refreshment – both spiritual and social.

We are looking for a small team of volunteers who might be interested in beginning to shape such a weekend. It would involve trying to source an appropriate venue, consider who we might invite to speak, and begin formulating a programme. It would be beneficial to have a good age-spread on the team, so whether in your teens

or your nineties, don't hesitate to put your name forward.

If you are interested, please let Jon or Peter know in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.



ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO COMMUNION

If you wish to follow this up this, please note that your child needs to have been baptised, and there will be some tailored preparation and teaching for them to undergo before they are admitted.

You can either email Jon directly, or sign the Sheet in the Information Point, to put your child's name down for the preparation (please include your name, as well as your child's name and age). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.



NOVEMBER CONFIRMATION

There is a Confirmation Service for our area taking place at St Edward's, New Addington on 26 November. If you are interested in being confirmed, then please let Jon or Peter know.



CAREERCAFE

Due to holidays, the next CareerCafe will

take place on Wednesday, 8th November.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsals for the carol service will be held on Sunday afternoons as follows:

5th November - Coney Hill Baptist,
12th November - St John's,
19th November - no rehearsal
26th November - St John's,
3rd December - Coney Hill Baptist
10th December - St John's
17th December - Carol Service
All rehearsals will be 3pm - 4.30pm, except on 12th November when it will be later. All welcome.



SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday, 2nd December. Invitations are on the Welcomers

table. Final date for reservations 23rd November.



LIGHT THE NIGHT

31st October, 6-7.30pm Please grab some of the Light the Night publicity

postcards to distribute to friends and family. We're also looking for volunteers for the event itself, so pop your name down on the sign-up sheet if you can lend a hand.



PRAYER MEETING

**Monday 30th October
8pm @ SJ's**

This meeting will particularly focus on

Light the Night.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- The Bible Society, our mission focus this month;
- Jenny Gaved's family;
- Inquisitive? and the second session coming up in November;
- Good rest for teachers and students over this half-term;
- All those in our church family who work in a commercial setting, and the pressures that bear on them, as they look to undertake their work faithfully;
- All the contact we are having with local schools, particularly through Harvest events;
- Progress with the possible appointment of a Young People & Families Enabler;
- Our Church to be strengthened inwardly by God's Spirit;
- Light the Night preparations.