

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	Reading:	Nehemiah- Big Task, Big God. Nehemiah 1
	11:30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	United Service at Coney Hill Baptist Church
Mon	9.30 – noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting at SJ's

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – no usual activities in the school holidays

Fri 10am – noon Craft Club at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 30th July

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	No service

NB Jon Ward will be away on holiday 21 July – 4 August



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Gideon had many thousands of people ready to fight the Midianites but God made him reduce the numbers to 300. They still won the battle but what was God's reason for insisting on such a small army?

Read Judges 7: 2

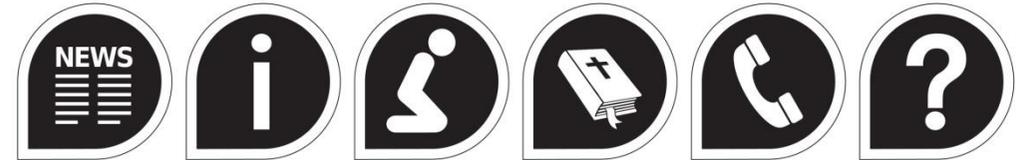
MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS

8-9PM @ SJ'S Next meeting on July 24th.

There will also be an Informal Prayer Meeting with Liz and Mike Jeggo on Thursday 10th August at SJs at 8pm.
All welcome.

St John's
west wickham

23rd July, 2017
6th Sunday after Trinity



INQUISITIVE?

There is a study that looks at whether poverty can be eased by giving money. It looked at claims that giving money is a waste as the poor would only squander it. Better, they say, to spend it on their behalf. However, the study had a different outcome. It suggested that if you give poor people money, it allows them time to think about things other than what seems most urgent. It is then that people get an education, a good job, and get themselves and their families out of poverty.

I think this parallels with faith too. People are often so busy trying to sort out what they feel is most urgent: food, rent, the next gizmo, that they don't stop to think about if there is more to life than this. They are trapped in a cycle of spiritual poverty.

INQUISITIVE? is a chance for your non-christian friends and colleagues to take time out, to think, and to express their opinions. Together we pray that we can think together, and use it as a step in the way out of spiritual poverty.

Over the summer, have a think who you might like to invite. Who do you know that needs some time to stop and think about what really matters? See the flier, or talk to Peter, Jon, or Nick for more information.

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WELCOME

If you're a visitor this morning and wish to find out more about what goes on then do introduce yourself to one of our leadership team. They can connect you with people and groups in our church family. You can also find out more from our website.



THIS MONTH'S PRAYER FOCUS

- The Summer conferences like Soul Survivor, Momentum and New Wine & the impact they will have on people;
- Our nation – politically, socially & spiritually.

Do grab the prayer flier for full details.



YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES WORKER

Please don't forget to grab a leaflet which sets out our vision for this post and invites you, over the Summer, to consider how you might respond. It is available at the Welcomers' table in church.



DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP

Southwark Diocese has produced a programme of training and events, which can be found at www.southwark.anglican.org/deepeni ngdiscipleship. The programme is

based on the idea of whole life discipleship, with 5 main sections, including:

- **Conferences, Roadshows and Courses** - including day conferences on spirituality, evangelism and discipleship;
- **Growing in Confidence** - Training to support growth in parish/church life;
- **Sent in Service** - Thinking about practical engagement with our communities and workplaces in the service of God's Kingdom.
- **Called by the Spirit** - Helping Christians play our part in a growing church, including a calling to authorised ministry.
- **Going Deeper: Engaging Spirituality for Contemporary Life** - Promoting a deeper commitment to Prayer and a fresh sense of the Spirit's empowering in our everyday lives.

Have a look, and if you are personally interested in anything on offer, or think it would be good to pull together a group, then let Jon know.



THY WILL BE DONE

As a follow up to the 'Thy Kingdom Come' there will be a series of events designed to enable the church to be agents of the Kingdom. On **Saturday 30 September**, there is a conference 'Equipping the Church for Evangelism' (10am-1pm) at St George the Martyr, Borough High Street.

Several contributors will explore the role of evangelism in the local church. If you are interested in going, please let Margaret know.



LINK TO HOPE WORKING PARTY

Milly, Sue, Stuart, Roger and Rosemary will be in rural

Moldova, 22-29th July.

They will be spending time with lonely, elderly, isolated impoverished people, sharing God's love through practical work eg painting, mending etc. Please pray that lives will be touched and people will feel loved.



BIBLE LANGUAGE COURSES

From 29 September, St Augustine's College of Theology will offer classes in Biblical Hebrew and Greek. Beginner classes will run on Fridays. For further information contact Bea Clifford at b.clifford@staugustinescollege.ac.uk



HELP NEEDED

We would very much like to find one or two people who could take on washing up and putting away the silverware after Communion at the 10am service. It's

not a big task, but an important one. If you think it could be you, please have a word with Richard Cienciala. Thank you.



The prayer meeting scheduled for 25th July has been cancelled.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:
Gemma & Simeon Locke working in Mali with ReachAcross- our

mission focus this month;

- Jackson and the Harris family, following Jackson's baptism;
- Give thanks for the special time had at Sprung and that we build on the good work there;
- The Clements family – for Sue's ongoing investigations and treatment;
- Rachel & Sam after their wedding last week.