

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Service
	Readings:	Gifts 6 – “Spiritual Gifts v Natural Gifts – Is there a Difference?” – 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11.
	6.30pm	No service
Mon	9:30am-noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's
	8pm	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 } 4pm-7pm }	No CareerCafé at SJ's
Thurs	7.30pm	Alpha at SJ's
Fri	10am	Craft Club at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd March

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Church Parade
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 8pm @ SJ's

The next meetings will take place on 25th February, 4th & 18th March, & 1st April. All welcome.



LENT BOOK

Believe it or not lent is fast approaching (6th March).

That means at least 2 things:

1. You need to go and get things ready for Shrove Tuesday (aka Pancake day – 5th March - I take mine with lemon and sugar)
2. You need to make sure you've got yourself a copy of 'The Resilient Disciple' by Allain Chapman which is our lent book for 2019.

There is a chapter for each day in lent, except Sundays as they don't count although there is a introduction to each section the can be read on a Sunday if you get withdrawal symptoms. They are really short so only a few minutes of reading leaving plenty of time for prayer.

For those that want to there is a lent group to discuss the book and encourage one-another at Peter's house (7 Woodland Way) every week starting on the 13th March from 7:30 – 9pm. It is by no means compulsory but is open to everyone.

You can get the book online at your retailer of choice for c. £7.53, although Peter has a few copies for £6 on a first come- first serve basis.

For more info talk to Peter or call on 07803253286

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.



CHURCHSUITE

No, I'm afraid it's not a new, fancy-shmancy room installation in the church. You may recall

a while back we mentioned that we hoped to move to some cloud-based, church admin software. Churchsuite is that. In slightly less technical language, this is a computer/mobile phone based system that we hope will improve our church organisation and communication.

The intention is to use it for things like rotas, calendars, contact details and organisational communication. Further down the road, it has the capacity to be used for event bookings, payments, training modules and targeted emails. We're all signed up and most of the database has been populated, but at this point we might need this from you:

i) If you suspect the email address we hold is out of date – your latest contact email;

ii) Without a GDPR Consent form for us, we can't include you on the system.

Please send either/both to Margaret at the Parish Office and we will shortly let you know what the next steps are for getting the system up and running.



ASH WEDNESDAY

6th March 2019

United Service 8pm at Hawes Lane Methodist Church. Refreshments from 7.30pm. All welcome.



MOSAIC GROUP

Please see new list of outings and activities which are open to all, women, men and children.



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 or from SJs.

Anne Ford and Jeff Seabrook



NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

This year we **all** have to submit a fresh application form, so, if you haven't already done so, please take one, fill it in and return it at church, or give it to Paul Kingman, Jackie Barter or Geoff Batten, our three Electoral Roll Officers.

Please consider adding your name if you've been baptized, you are at least 16 years of age (or sixteen on your next birthday), and live in the parish, or have worshipped at St. John's for at least six months. Membership indicates you view St. John's as your spiritual home and you'd like to be involved in the shaping of our future. It gives you the right to vote at our APCM on April 28th, or to stand for election to the PCC.



CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2019

4-6 October 2019.

Don't forget to sign up – the sheets are in the porch in church. If you want to set up a payment system that spreads the load over the next 6-10 months, then have a chat with Christine Blackburn.

GRAVE TALK



Death and dying are not necessarily words that you link with a good evening out, but

at Grave Talk we have a good time talking about it. Little else helps you live life to the fullest as discussing death and dying. This is true whether you know death is imminent or whether you are young, fit and healthy. It is also a gift to our loved ones knowing our wishes when the time comes.

The next session will be at Corza café (111-113 High Street, West Wickham) on the 5th March at 7:30. It is free and even includes a buffet.

To book tickets or to find out more information please go to gravetalkww.com or call 0208 462 6571



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

○ Loraine Pinder-Browne working for Operation

Mobilisation, our mission focus this month;

○ The crisis in Yemen, with up to 14 million people facing starvation;

○ That we would be open to God using us in new ways, and His empowering through the Holy Spirit.