

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Meeting at the Assembly Rooms in Gates Green Road
	3pm – 5pm	Christmas Choir Practice
Mon	9.30am – noon	Coffee Morning at SJ's
	8pm	Prayer meeting at SJ's
Tue	6.15pm	Journey (CRU2) (Yrs 3-5) CH Baptist
	7.30pm	Explore (Club 2000) (Yrs 6-9) at CH Baptist
	7.30pm	Discover (14+) at CH Baptist
Wed	1pm – 4pm	CareerCafé
Thur		
Fri	10am	Craft Club at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 1st December

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Church Parade & Infant Baptism (Refreshments from 09:45am)
3pm – 5pm	Christmas Choir Practice



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

When Jezebel was persecuting the Lord's prophets, Obadiah (not the prophet Obadiah) conceived a cunning plan. What did he do?

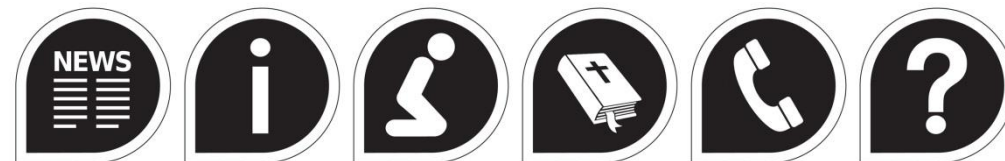
Read 1 Kings 18:4

PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

Next prayer meetings 25th November & 2nd December.
All welcome.



24th November 2019
Sunday next
before Advent



ADVENT APPROACHES

I'm sure none of you need any reminding that Christmas looms on the horizon!

You might require more of a nudge to register that the season of advent begins next Sunday. And I wonder what message you would expect to hear from 'your vicar' about advent and what it represents? I equally wonder, if you're really honest, how impervious to that message you might be, and why?

I'm not going to give you any leads as to what engagement with advent might offer – but I encourage you to reflect on those questions, and see if God might be calling you to approach the run to Christmas differently this year.

Next Sunday, we'll start an advent series called 'Christmas Playlist', looking at some of the most popular songs of Christmas – 'Last Christmas', 'All I want for Christmas', etc – to see what nostalgia and desires they tap into, and compare that with what the nature of God's promises to us.

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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.



TODAY CAKE SALE

There will be a cake sale to raise funds for the people of Malawi (organised by the Morgan family) whose homes are about to be impacted by the rainy season.



A COUPLE OF OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the front page of last week's Weekly News for information about positions in two different organisations, both of whom are doing great work: Amber CPC & St Christopher's Croydon Community Project.



DICK WHITTINGTON

**Sunday, 5th January
2020 at 1.30pm**

Performed by West Wickham Pantomime Society at Wickham Hall in Sussex Road, West Wickham. Tickets £10 each, 50% of

which will be given to Link to Hope. If you would like tickets, please see Karen Powell or Milly Johnson. **Book by 30th November.**



BIG CHRISTMAS SING

**Saturday, 7th
December at 4pm** at St Francis' Church. Free

admission and refreshments. Collection for Christian Aid.

Rehearsals all at St. Francis;
Thursdays 28/11 and 5/12 at 7.45pm to 9.15 or so; Saturday 7/12 rehearse at 2pm and event at 4pm. All over before 6pm. All welcome to join the community choir.



MESSY CHRISTMAS!!

Craft, games, food and Christmas!! What more could you want?! Grab a flyer or talk to Amber if you are interested in getting involved. **It's on 14th December at 10:30am.**



Our open prayer meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday 26th November at SJ's. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us for our clients and the work of the charity. We look forward to seeing you there.



FILM NIGHTS

Friday evenings @ SJ's

13th Dec - Nativity

20th Dec - Scrooged

Arrive 6.30pm for mulled wine & nibbles. Film starts 7pm. No charge.



BROMLEY HOMELESS SHELTER

The Bromley Homeless Shelter, run by the churches in Bromley, supports the homeless by providing a Winter Night Shelter from November to March. Run entirely by volunteers, the Bromley Homeless Shelter is looking for financial support and volunteers to help with the Night Shelter. Further information from:

www.bromleyshelter.org.uk



CHURCH CURRY NIGHT

16th December at I-naga in Coney Hall

If you are interested please contact Barry Clements for more information, and to book your place.



SPARE WARM CLOTHES?

As the weather is starting to turn and get chilly, we would love to do something

as a church to help the homeless in and around Bromley. We are looking to collect new and pre-loved jackets, gloves, scarves, thermals etc, for both men and women. Please pop these clean items in the entrance foyer in the plastic tub. If you have any questions, please speak to Alexandra Dobson.



CHOIR FOR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The rehearsals for our Carol Service will be in church on the following Sundays:

24 November, 3:00-5:00pm

1 December, 3:00-5:00pm

8 December, 12noon to 1.30pm

Rehearsal before the service itself at 4.30pm on 15 December. Everyone is welcome!



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Gemma and Simeon Locke working in Mali with ReachAcross, and the Bible Society, our mission focus this month;
- Our nation in this electioneering season, and the manner in which preparations for the General Election are handled.
- For Ben and Beatrice's current placement and decisions that will soon be made by the court around their future.