

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Readings:	Hospitality – Table People 3 – ‘Food – Justice & Injustice’ Luke 14: 12-24.
	3pm	Christmas Choir rehearsal
	6.30pm	United Service at St Mary’s Church
Mon	9:30am-noon	Coffee Morning at SJ’s
	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting at SJ’s
Tue	6.15pm	CRU2 (Urban Saints)(Yrs 3-5)at the Assembly Rooms
	7.00pm	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 – 2nd December

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Church Parade
3pm	Christmas Choir rehearsal
6.30pm	No service

NB. Peter will be on retreat 26th – 28th November 2018



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

There was a man named Naboth who owned a vineyard near to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. Ahab asked him a question one day and Naboth's answer made him go home very angry and sullen. The king went to bed with his face "turned to the wall" and would not eat.

What made Ahab angry and how was the matter resolved?

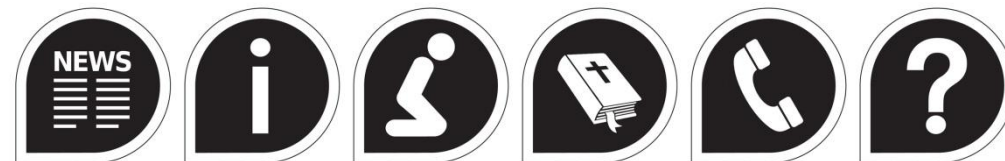
Read 1 Kings 21: 1 – 15

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETINGS 8pm @ SJ's

In November the meetings will take place on 19th & 26th. All welcome.



25th November 2018
Sunday next before
Advent



ARE YOU READY?

That's not supposed to read as some panic inducing question, querying whether you're geared up for Christmas. It is however one of the lingering thoughts shot through the season of advent – what does it mean to be prepared for an encounter with Jesus?

On one level, we hope that is a daily experience. On a different scale, advent reminds us that there will come a time when there will be an even greater immediacy to that encounter. In the meantime, prayer and stopping to take breath are good ways to ready ourselves – so that when the time does come, we will meet a friend, not a stranger.

To help, there will be an **Advent Quiet Evening on Tuesday 11 December, 7:00-9:00pm**. Take the opportunity.

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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.



A CALL TO PRAY

Bishop Christopher, the Bishop of Southwark, has put out a plea for churches across the Diocese to pray for the end of knife crime and serious violence in our communities.

Together with London Diocese, Southwark have been hosting the Pan London Churches Serious Violence Summit. The Bishops are seeking ways to work with others to find ways to combat this spike in knife crime, but would love these discussions to be underpinned by prayer – prayer for an end to such violence, as well as healing for all those who have already been affected by this painful trend.



VOCATIONS FAIR

at The Emmanuel Centre, Normanton Rd, South Croydon CR2 7AF.

If you have any sense that you should take your discipleship and service

further and would like to look at various opportunities, and there are many besides Ordination, here is a great opportunity to explore this idea informally and with NO obligation.

Thursday 29th November 6.30 - 9.30
Drop in as and when you can to browse through information and hear about opportunities.

Other dates, further away in the Diocese, will be coming up.



SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

at the Assembly Halls,
Saturday 8th

December. 12.30 for 1.00pm. Lifts from 12 noon.

Please book with Sue Blair on 020 8462 6965 by 28th November.

Invitations are available in church.

Help needed

More help is needed, especially for serving food from 12.30 and washing up at 1p.m.

Also providing desserts and lifts. Sign up on Elzbieta's list or contact Sue Blair or Lorna Carey.



BIG CHRISTMAS SING

Saturday, 1st December at 4pm at St Francis' Church. Free

admission and refreshments.
Collection for Christian Aid.



SHOEBOX PACKING AT MILLY'S

10am-3pm Monday & Tuesday, 26th & 27th

November. All welcome. Please could people bring lunch bits to share. Thank you



ALADDIN

Sunday, 6th January 2019

Performed by West Wickham Pantomime

Society at Wickham Hall in Sussex Road, West Wickham. Time 1.30pm.

Tickets £9 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.**



CHOIR CAROLS FOR BY CANDLELIGHT

We will be having a choir again for our

Carol Service on 16 December (7pm). If you're interested in being part of the team, let Barbara Bassot know. The rehearsals will be in church on the following Sundays:

25 November, 3:00-5:00pm

2 December, 3:00-5:00pm

No rehearsal on 9 December, but a rehearsal before the service itself on the 16 December - the time to be confirmed. Everyone is welcome!



SJ'S BOOKINGS

The SJ's booking schedule is now available online on the

church website. If you would like to book SJ's please check the availability before you contact Heather on sjs.enquiry@gmail.com



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

○ Faith in the Workplace – our mission focus this

month;

- How we use the season of advent - to be more than just a march to the consumer tune;
- The ways we will express hospitality in the run to Christmas;
- Christine Blackburn and her ongoing treatment;
- The shoebox packing and the preparations for transporting them to Eastern Europe;
- Our government, especially Theresa May and the pressure she must personally be experiencing.