

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	Reading	Pursuit of God 3 – Putting Prayer First – Ephesians 6: 10-20
	6.30pm	No Service
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	7.30pm	Parenting For Faith Course
Fri	10am	Craft Club at SJ's

NEXT SUNDAY – 2nd February

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	All Together Service (Refreshments from 09:45)
6.30pm	No service

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

In the final stages of the plan to force Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt, God told Moses and Aaron to tell the Israelite community that on the 10th day of the month they are to take a lamb for their families, slaughter it on the 14th day at twilight and then roast it, having first saved some blood for a specific purpose. What was the purpose?

Read Exodus 12: 1 - 13

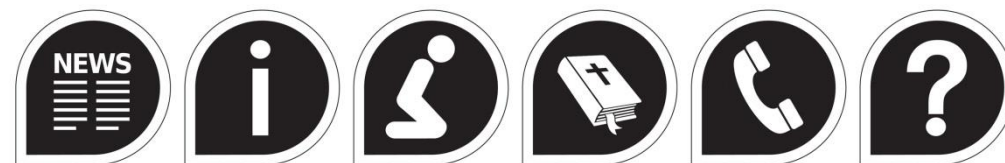


PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

Next meetings will take place on 27th January, focussing on our government and nation on the eve of Brexit, and 3rd & 10th February. All welcome.



26th January 2020
3rd Sunday of
Epiphany



UNITY, PRAYER & MISSION

As we draw near to the end of our 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' it's worth reminding ourselves that our 'togetherness' and the prayer that fuels it, isn't just something that we pay lip service to in a programmed week of the year. The three components of the heading – unity, prayer and mission – are inextricably connected. This is no better exemplified than by Jesus' own prayer that his followers would be completely in step with one another *so that* the world would recognise that God sent Him for their sake:

"I am not just praying for these followers. I am also praying for everyone else who have faith because of what my followers will say about me. I want all of them to be one with each other, just as I am one with you and you are one with me. I also want them to be one with us. Then the people of this world will believe that you sent me." (John 17: 20-21)

Our Churches Together Service at Emmanuel on Saturday starts at 10am, with a focus on prayer – which seems to fit quite well with some things we've been talking about recently...

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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**.



THE PURSUIT OF GOD

If you don't like being challenged then don't pick up Tozer's book, 'The Pursuit of God' – the title of our current teaching series. He wasn't one to mince his words, but written in the late 1940s, many parts have a surprisingly contemporary ring:

"We have been trying to apply machine-age methods to our relations with God. We read our chapter, have our short devotions and rush away, hoping to make up for our deep inward bankruptcy by attending another gospel meeting or listening to another thrilling story told by a religious adventurer lately returned from afar. The tragic results of this spirit are all about us. Shallow lives, hollow religious philosophies, the preponderance of the element of fun in gospel meetings, the glorification of men, trust in religious externalities, quasi-religious fellowships, salesmanship methods, the mistaking of dynamic personality for the power of the Spirit: these and such as these are the symptoms of an evil

disease, a deep and serious malady of the soul."

Don't say I didn't warn you!



PRAYER MEETING

**Monday Evening
27th January 2020
@ SJ's at 8pm**

This prayer meeting will concentrate on praying for our government and nation on the eve of Brexit. All welcome.



CAREER CAFÉ

The CareerCafé will be closed on Wednesday 12th February.



NEW YEAR, NEW TEAMS

Keep having conversations with the Team Leaders as to what involvement might look like.

Here's the link for the Team profiles to refresh your memory:

<http://www.stjohnsww.com/blog/2019/11/25/new-team-profiles>

or you can go to the website under the Blog section and look under 'New Team Profiles'.

Remember, we're encouraging people to limit their involvement to one Team at this stage.



FOODBANK

Needs for this week are Long life fruit juice, Washing detergent and washing up liquid,

Male and female deodorants, Toilet rolls, Shaving foam and male razors.

Please leave any contributions in the box in the church porch. Thank you.



CHURCH KNEELERS

If you are finished using your kneeler as a prayer prompt (hopefully not finished with prayer!), then please bring it back to church. If you found it a helpful nudge to pray, find something new that is equally incongruous to bring into your everyday space to continue growing the habit of regular prayer – we can share suggestions for things that have helped jog us towards prayer.



PARENTING FOR FAITH COURSE

We are running a course for all those who want to help the kids and young people they love to connect with God. For more information about Parenting for Faith course look on our website or grab a flyer.

<http://www.stjohnsww.com/parenting-for-faith>



SAVE THE DATE - FUNDRAISER FOR LINK TO HOPE WORKING PARTY

A classic Afternoon Tea on 20 and 21 June 2020. More details to follow a little nearer the time (!), but you can get it in the diary nice and early.



CHURCH DIARIES

There is a box of free church diaries in the porch. Please take one.



PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Steve Read and his work with Ambassadors Football, our mission focus this month;
- The Parenting for Faith Course and all those who will be attending;
- The development of our joint mission and fellowship across the churches in West Wickham;
- Our Teams, as people get involved and we look to mobilise them again;
- High level discussions being held at Davos and elsewhere about sustainable development goals;
- Our church family as we invite God to stretch and grow our prayer lives.