

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship. <b>Preacher Hazel O'Sullivan.</b> Vicar of St Francis & St Mary's churches.
	Reading:	"You are ...not to judge." Matthew 7: 1-6.
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	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) Coney Hill Bapt Church
	7.30pm	Explore (Club 2000) (Yrs 6-9) at Coney Hill Bapt Ch
Wed	1pm – 4pm	CareerCafé
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Fri	10am –	Craft Club at SJ's

### NEXT SUNDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> October – Church Weekend Away No services at St John's.

### SUNDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Church Parade, starting with refreshments at 9.45am
6.30pm	No service

Amber will be on annual leave from 15th September to 2nd October.

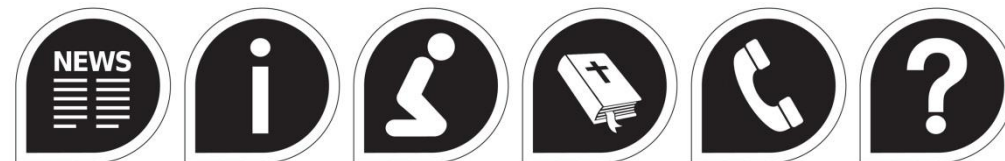
### PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

Next meeting 30th September, 8pm @ SJs.

October meetings on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> October, with special focus on 7<sup>th</sup> on Loraine Pinder-Browne and Operation Mobilisation, 21<sup>st</sup> on Liz & Mike Jeggo working with OMF in Japan and on 28<sup>th</sup> on The Bible Society & Light the Night. All welcome.



29<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



## FEELING CONNECTED?

There has been some recent global research amongst the 18-35 age group around how they navigate church, faith and life in general. They called these millennials the 'connected generation' in recognition of their incredible ability to utilise technology to connect with others. At the same time, it was noted that alarming numbers expressed feeling 'relationally disconnected'.

In old fashion terms – lonely.

The need to feel supported, experience face to face contact with others, be part of a loving community isn't just a millennial thing, it's a human thing. We've always said that it's hard to fully experience that on a Sunday morning, so we encourage people to join a home group. That's simply a smaller group of people who meet at someone's home during the week, to encourage each another, explore matters of faith and spur one another on to pursue our vision of 'doing life with Jesus'. Philippa Tagg has oversight of these groups and has included a message inside about leadership of these groups. But more generally, have a chat with her if you would like to find out more.

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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.

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### APPRECIATING HOME GROUP LEADERS

There will be a light lunch for those Homegroup Leaders who are available on **Thursday Oct 10th** at 44 Coney Hill Road from 12 - 2pm. This will be a chance to chat things over and offer some support to one another.

If you think you would like to know more about what is involved in leading a homegroup, you would also be very welcome.

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### ALPHA COURSES

St John's will be hosting their next Alpha Course at SJ's in the New Year.

However, if you are unable to commit to evening meetings, there is an opportunity coming up to attend a course that will be running over lunchtime.

Starting on 4 October, St Francis Church will be giving people the chance to explore the Christian faith through Alpha. The sessions will start at 12:30pm and be done by 2:30pm, to allow for the school pick up. There will be also be facilities for accompanying children. The meetings will run on a Friday with the following dates currently planned:

4, 18, 25 October, 8, 22, 29 November, & 6, 13 December

To register your interest, speak to Jon or get in direct contact with Hazel at St Francis on [hazelos58@gmail.com](mailto:hazelos58@gmail.com) or 020 8777 5034.

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### DIARY DATES

**6th October:** Church weekend away – no services at St John's. Instead everyone is invited to attend services at St Mary's church in West Wickham, at 8am and 9.15 am.

**13th October:** Harvest Festival 10am Church Parade and All Together service starting with refreshments at 9.45am.

This year we are supporting the Bromley Borough Foodbank with our harvest gifts. Please see the separate flyer listing the items which they need most, having supported families with food packs in lieu of free school meals

during the holidays. Our Harvest cash collection will be going to Link to Hope for the completion of the 3rd Inn of Love in Bolziena, Moldova.

**31st October:** 6pm Light the Night Crafts, Indoor and Outdoor games. Hotdogs. If you would like to support or get involved we will hold a meeting on the 13th October at SJ's at 6:30pm. Contact Amber for more details.

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### "LINK TO HOPE" AUTUMN FAIR St Francis Church Hall, Saturday 19th October, 11am-3pm

We are hoping to have a shoebox filling station with ideas of how to fill a box and hopefully things there so that people can pay £10 and fill a box with what's there! We would love donations (to be left in boxes in porch) for any of the items on the shoebox leaflets available in church. Thank you. Milly ([camilla@highamsfarm.com](mailto:camilla@highamsfarm.com)) and Angela ([angela.walters@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:angela.walters@yahoo.co.uk)).

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### PRAYER MEETINGS Mondays @ 8pm at SJ's For full details see

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**On 7th October** the meeting will begin with refreshments at 7.45pm and have a special focus on Loraine Pinder-

Browne working for Operation Mobilisation.

**On 21st October** the meeting will begin with refreshments at 7.45pm and have a special focus on Liz & Mike Jeggo working with OMF in Japan. They will be present to tell us about their work and home stay.

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### SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

**THANK YOU** for continuing to be vigilant and passing on your concerns to Sarah and Michele, and, **PLEASE** remember that, under GDPR, we should not pass on other people's contact details to third parties without their consent.

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### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

- Link to Hope; our mission focus this month;
- All those who have responded to The Turning initiative – that the follow up would be effective and help move people closer to Christ;
- The current political turmoil and for a way forward that unites rather than divides;
- Paul & Sue Butler / Andy Jones who will be leading our Church Weekend Away.