WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sun 8.00am **Holy Communion**

> All Together Service with Infant Baptism 10.00am

Refreshments from 09.45am

Reading: "You are ... to listen AND respond."

Matthew 7: 24-27

Christmas Choir Practice 3pm - 5pm

6.30pm No service

9.30am - noon Coffee Morning at SJ's Mon

> 8pm Prayer meeting at SJ's

6.15pm Journey (CRU2) (Yrs 3-5) CH Baptist Tue

> 7.30pm Explore (Club 2000) (Yrs 6-9) at CH Baptist

Discover (14+) at CH Baptist 7.30pm

Wed 1pm - 4pm CareerCafé

Thur

10am Craft Club at SJ's Fri

NEXT SUNDAY – 10th November - Remembrance Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion** 10.00am Parish Communion Thanksgiving Service 3pm Christmas Choir Practice 5pm – 7pm



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The son of the widow in whose house Elijah was lodging became ill and died. She accused Elijah of punishing her for her sins by killing her son. How did Elijah respond?

Read 1 Kings 17: 17 - 24

PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

These will take place on 4th, 18th & 25th November. All welcome.



3rd November 2019 4th Sunday before Advent













DATE FOR THE DIARY

On Sunday 24 November, we will be meeting in the Assembly Rooms for our 10am service. We will use the time for a couple of things:

- Showcase our fresh Team structure and the leaders of those teams. We will provide the specifics of each team's remit and the different ways people can be involved in them.
- Introduce the church to our new communication tool Church Suite. We will walk everyone through the basic use of it and explain how we hope to develop it in the future

Our Teams are intended to be a significant way in which you can be involved in our mission as a church, so we hope that you can make the date and discover some new ways to join in.

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WELCOME TO RACHEL & RYAN, FAMILY & FRIENDS

A really big welcome to the West family, as they bring Joshua and Harley to be baptised this morning. It's great to have you with us and we hope you all feel at home as you celebrate.

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.



PARENTING FOR FAITH

This is an 8-week course that we are really excited to be

running in the New Year for the first time at St John's. It's a little different to other parenting courses – the clue is in the title, but it's specifically focused on how we nurture a close walk with God in our children, rather than looking at parenting more generally.

It's doesn't matter the age of your kids, and it's also a great course if you're a grandparent, godparent, aunt or uncle. Grab the insert for more details of dates and timings, but we will provide a meal, and aim to offer people who can babysit to allow couples to come together. If that's not going to work for you, the

course is still effective if you have to mix and match, say alternate weeks between you.

There will be limited places, and we anticipate they will go fast, so let Amber know as soon as possible if you want to book a spot.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE Sunday 10th November at 3pm

The annual Thanksgiving Service for those who have been recently bereaved, is being held on Sunday 10th November at 3pm. here at St. John's. Invitations have gone out to the community, but anybody from our own church family who would like to come along are very welcome.



SHARING FAITH WELL

Sharing the gospel with others is a real challenge, and it can be

even more difficult when it involves someone with whom we have close emotional ties — our families and friends. Certainly, home is often the hardest place to share the Good News of Jesus. The people we live with know us too well! On **Monday 18th November at 8pm at St Mary's**, West Wickham, Peter Graystone, Lay Training Officer for Southwark Diocese, will be

facilitating a session on this important topic. All are invited to come along and learn how to sensitively discuss our faith with those nearest and dearest to us.



SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

at the Assembly Halls,

Saturday 30th November. 12.30pm. Lifts available.

Please contact Sue Blair on 020 8462 6965 by 22nd November if you wish to attend or invite someone.

Invitations available soon.

HELP NEEDED for Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

Please see separate flyer. If you can help please contact Sue Blair 0208462 6965, Lorna Carey 07506 146300 or Elzbieta Cienciala 8462 1737 Thank you.



CHOIR FOR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

We will be having a choir again for our Carol Service on 15 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:

3 November, 3:00-5:00pm

10 November, 5:00–7.00pm
17 November, 3:00-5:00pm
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:

O Gemma and Simeon Locke working in Mali with ReachAcross and the Bible Society, our mission focus this month;

- Joshua and Harley West, following their baptism today;
- All those who were affected by the local stabbing this week;
- The Bromley Foodbank and their work with those who are struggling;
- Our nation as it gears up for a General Election.



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