

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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| Sun | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion |
| | Reading | 'All I want for Christmas...' – Luke 1: 26-38 |
| | 12 – 1.30pm | Christmas Choir Practice |
| | 5pm | Carols in the Park outside Parklands Nursery |
| Mon | 9.30am – noon | Coffee Morning at SJ's |
| | 8pm | No 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 – 15th December

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.00am | Morning Worship |
| 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| 4.00pm | Christmas Choir Practice |
| 7.00pm | Carol Service |



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Elijah was going up the road to Bethel when some youths from the city taunted him. How did the prophet respond?
Read 2 Kings 2: 23 - 24

CAREERCAFE

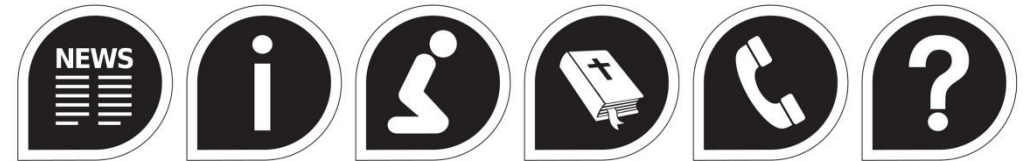
NB The Careercafe will be closed for Christmas on Wednesdays 18th, & 25th December, & 1st January. Reopens 8th January.

PRAYER MEETINGS @ SJ's at 8pm

The next Monday evening meeting will be on 6th January.
All welcome.



8th December 2019
2nd Sunday of
Advent



CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

We like to give you advance notice of some of the charities we will be looking to support over the Christmas season. They will be as follows:

Christingles Services – As always, we'll be taking a collection for the **Children's Society**, which seems particularly poignant this year in light of some of the political 'discussions' over the true level of child poverty and homelessness in our country.

Carol, Midnight & Christmas Day Services – (i) **The Bromley Homeless Shelter** support the homeless by providing a Winter Night Shelter. Further information can be found on www.bromleyshelter.org.uk. (ii) **'There is Hope Malawi'**, an organisation who work with refugees in Malawi, where it is particularly hard to be in that desperate situation.

Please pray for all these organisations and the people they are trying to help.

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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**.



VISITOR

This week we welcome Mirre. She is the daughter of a friend of Charlotte Faint's and is doing work experience. She will be helping Amber with many of the children's activities. If you are doing an activity this week that you think she could help with, then please do tell Amber or Charlotte. Otherwise please say hello when you see her!



FOLLOW UP... TEAMS

We hope that you've had some space to pray and reflect on the things that were raised at our time in the Assembly Rooms recently. Take the opportunity in the coming weeks to open conversations with our new Team Leaders as to what possible involvement in a Team might look like.

If you were unable to make it, then head to the website for the Team Profiles (which includes contact details for the leaders). They will give you a good start, but nothing quite replaces a

face to face chat to get a feel for what we are trying to achieve.

CHURCHSUITE

We have also launched ChurchSuite, our new church communication tool. Please remember to create a login password if you received an email invitation so to do. If you didn't receive an invitation, please check your junk or spam folders in case it is there. Otherwise please contact Margaret in the Parish Office (parishadmin@stjohnsww.com) for a GDPR form or download one from our website under 'About/ Forms'. There is an information sheet on the parish website under 'Blog' which gives more information.



ADVENT QUIET DAY

**Saturday, 14th Dec
11.30am to 3.30pm
at St. Francis' Church,
Ravenswood Avenue,**

West Wickham
jointly for St. Francis', St. John's & St. Mary's. Please come and join us.



CHRISTMAS DATES

**CAROLS IN THE PARK
Sunday 8th December
@ 5.00pm**

outside Parklands Nursery.

Help needed any time from 3.00pm to set up. Please contact parklandsnursery@hotmail.com or ring 07940 821271

DECORATING THE CHURCH

Friday 13th December @ 10am

Please bring scissors or secateurs & any foliage you can spare.

MESSY CHRISTMAS!!

14th December at 10:30am in church

Craft, games, food and Christmas!! What more could you want?! Grab a flyer or talk to Amber if you are interested in getting involved.

CAROL SERVICE

15th December @ 7pm in church

Choir rehearsals on:

8 December, 12noon to 1.30pm
Rehearsal before the service itself at 4pm to 5.30pm on 15 December.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

24th December @ 3pm & 5pm in church

Collection candles are available in the porch.



BROMLEY HOMELESS SHELTER

The charity referred to on the front page is completely run by volunteers and is looking for financial support and extra volunteers to help with the Night Shelter. Further information from:

www.bromleyshelter.org.uk

We are also collecting new and pre-loved jackets, gloves, scarves, thermals etc, for both men and women for people attending the shelter. Please

pop these clean items in the entrance foyer in the plastic tub. If you have any questions, please speak to Alexandra Dobson.



SJ's EVENTS

FILM NIGHTS

Friday evenings @ SJ's

13th Dec - Nativity
20th Dec - Scrooged

Arrive 7pm for mulled wine & nibbles. No charge.

**Link to Hope Christmas Knit Pick
Saturday, 14th Dec 2pm – 4pm**

Pick a preloved Christmas jumper to rehome in exchange for a donation to Link to Hope.



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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Jane and Adrian are hosting an Open House on New Year's Eve, 8pm onwards. Please bring drinks, games or nibbles. Please confirm by 27th Dec if you can attend. Address is 21 Wickham Court Road, BR4 9LW. Email Jane on janerbrts1@gmail.com or ring 07956 087726.