

New Year Party

The All Stars New Year party is on Saturday 30th January 4:00pm - 6:00pm. All are invited for a time of fun and food! You are welcome to bring friends, neighbours or family. If you would like to bring food for the party, please sign the food list which will be available at all services.

Growing as a Disciple of Jesus

Want a summary of the Bible, chapter by chapter, in 140 characters or less? Take a look at this website <http://www.biblesummary.info/> A quick way to get to know the Bible over the next year. Let me know what you think. Steve

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sarah Webber, the new Chair of Churches Together in Folkestone, writes:

“In 3 weeks time it will be the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On **Sunday 24th January** we will be having our CTF united service of celebration. It will be at Folkestone Baptist Church at 6:00 pm when Mark Rose (former Chair of CTF and Major within the Salvation Army) will be the preacher. These celebrations are a great way for us to meet together, encourage one another, be inspired, and worship together.”

Venues: *Cheriton venue* - St Andrews Methodist Church, all week at 1:00pm
Folkestone venues - all at 1:00pm, Mon 18th Jan - Our Lady Help of Christians, Tues 19th Jan - United Reformed Church, Weds 20th Jan - Folkestone Baptist Church, Thurs 21st Jan - St John's Church, Fri 22nd Jan - SKCC, Millfield

New Wine Summer Conference

Steve and Janice will be going to the New Wine Summer Conference at Shepton Mallet this year. It is a Christian gathering with international speakers, teachers and great worship. Every year about 12,000 Christians meet at each of the 2 weeks of this event. There are many talks, craft workshops and music workshops as well as babies through to teens specialist teaching and fun each day. It is held at the Bath and West Showground and you can camp or book a local bed and breakfast or hotel. St John's Church Folkestone is a listed church for your camping field so people can camp together! If you would like to join us then please do ask about it or go ahead and book - it is very easy on the internet! This is the link for more information on the internet.

<https://www.new-wine.org/events/national-gatherings-2016-week-2>

Church hall painting

Saturday 23rd and 30th Jan from 9:00am-12:00 noon. Willing volunteers and all skill levels welcome. Please let Steve Hyde know if you are able to come or have any questions.

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Get Connected

Welcome to St John's!

Whether you're a regular or it's your first time here, we're very pleased to see you. If you'd like to find out more about St John's and what we get up to do pick up a Welcome Pack from the back and please stay for coffee and a chat at the end of the service.

In our services this morning:

09:15 All Stars in the Hall
Studies in Luke - Water into Wine

09:15 Holy Communion at GTH
and

10:45 Morning Worship in Church
Studies in Luke - Jesus' Baptism

This evening:

18:00 Pause for Prayer in the Hall

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him.”

Matthew 3:3



What's on this week.....

Monday 18 th January	Tuesday 19 th January
8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall 7:45pm Mission Shaped Ministry Course Church Hall	
Wednesday 20 th January	Thursday 21 st January
8:30am Staff Meeting Church Hall 10:00am Taylor Toddlers at GTH 2:00pm Primetime Church Hall 4:00pm Shooting Stars Church Hall	8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall 9:15am Open the Book Rehearsal 1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group) Church Hall 7:45 pm Choir & musicians practice
Friday 22 nd January	Saturday 23 rd January
1:30pm All Stars Team Meeting Church Hall 5:00pm Brownies Church Hall Winter Shelter Church Hall	9:00am Church Open for prayer 9:00am Maintenance Group Church Hall
Sunday 24 th January - Morning	Sunday 24 th January - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship Grace Taylor Hall 9:15am All Stars in Church Hall 10:45am Morning Worship in Church	6:00pm <i>Churches Together United Service, Folkestone Baptist Church, Hill Road</i>

Spotlight on ... reporting from the frontline of poverty in Romania

Food, clothing and toiletries are essentials we take for granted – but for this community in Albest, Romania, life is not so easy.

Families queue for handouts from the charity *Love Light Romania*, which is working to protect the children from HIV/AIDS.

It is also providing education so that these young people can know a new life when they grow up. We have begun to give in support of this great work.



Protecting people in our care

Nearly 80 people from St John's and Holy Trinity Benefice spent Saturday afternoon last week in a Diocesan training session about Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. They each received a 43-page book of guidelines based on the House of Bishops policies *Protecting all God's Children* and *Promoting a Safe Church*.

Everyone licensed to lead worship and all volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults in the church is expected to have undergone training and to be aware of what to do if any concerns are raised or reported. The increased focus on this issue has arisen following recent investigations, court cases and media coverage of the harm done to children and vulnerable adults in many contexts, including those preyed on by church members and leaders. The Vicar, Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council are determined to do their utmost to protect children at St John's. Mandy Allen is our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator. If you need any information or wish to raise any concerns, please contact her amandaelizallen@yahoo.co.uk or by phone on 264724.