

Christ Centred Sexuality

Thursday 14th April, St. Mary Bredin, Canterbury, 7:30-9:15pm, refreshments from 7pm. The Canterbury Diocesan Evangelical Network are putting on an event open to all on the issue of Human Sexuality. We hope to consider what the Bible actually teaches, how we can best care for those for whom this is a personal issue and how best to contribute to the debate within the Church of England.

Speakers: Rev John Dunnnett (Chair of the Evangelical Group on General Synod and General Director of the Church Pastoral Aid Society), Rev Jane Morris (Vicar St Gabriel's, N London), Rev Dr Ian Paul (Honorary Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham; Associate Minister, St Nic's, Nottingham; Blogs as *Psephizo*)

Ash Wednesday Communion Service

A service of Holy Communion will be held at 7:30pm on Ash Wednesday, 10th February. Starting time 7:30pm and will include the imposition of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent. All welcome.

Shepway Food Bank

A huge thank you from Mel Buck at the Shepway Food Bank to everyone who contributed to the £15,000 needed for the new Rainbow Food Van. They have now reached their target and the van will be purchased in April. It will serve all the Rainbow projects including the Homeless Support Service, Food Stop, Shepway Foodbank and Folkestone Churches Winter Shelter. Once again thank you. The Foodbank is now able to receive food once more. Please see the notice by the stand indicating the items they are in need of. They currently have more than enough tomato soup, baked beans, tea bags and pasta. Thank you Phoebe.

St John's has a cricket team!

We play roughly 5 games a year, and are currently holding bi-weekly cricket nets at the Three Hills Sports Centre on a Friday to remind us which end of a cricket bat to hold! Any level accepted all centered around fun. The dates booked so far are February 12, 26, March 11, April 15. If you would like more information please contact Peter Taylor on 07811044550 or petertaylor67@hotmail.com

Rainbow Knit-In

I have now received the date for the Rainbow Knit-In for 2016. It will be Wednesday 9th March at 1:45pm at the United Reformed Church. If you are interested in helping to make up a team of knitters or just want to know more, please see me. Phoebe Moffatt

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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
Good News for the Poor

09:15 Morning Worship at GTH
and

10:45 Morning Worship in Church
Jesus is rejected in Nazareth

This evening:

18:00 Pause for Prayer in the Hall

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Matthew: 4:18,19



What's on this week.....

Monday 8th February House group week 8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall 7:30pm Powerhouse	Tuesday 9th February 2:30 pm Visit of Bishop Boga Church Hall
Wednesday 10th February 8:30am Staff Meeting Church Hall 10:00am Taylor Toddlers Grace Taylor Hall 2:00pm Primetime Church Hall 4:00pm Shooting Stars Church Hall 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Communion	Thursday 11th February 8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall 9:15am Open the Book Assembly 1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group) Church Hall 7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
Friday 12th February 1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting 5:00pm Brownies Church Hall Winter Shelter Church Hall	Saturday 13th February 9:00am Church Open for prayer
Sunday 14th February - Morning 9:15am Morning Worship Grace Taylor Hall 9:15am All Stars in Church Hall 10:45am Holy Communion in Church	Sunday 14th February - Evening 6:00pm Pause for Prayer Church Hall 7:00pm 20s & 30s Group Church Hall



Important dates for your diary

Ladies' Afternoon Tea at The Grand, Saturday 5 March, 3.30pm
 The Grand Cream Tea £5 or Cake and Coffee £4. Please see or contact Jenny Hubbard (phone 07875 166284) or Claire Coleman (phone 07530 719517).

Our Easter Family Fun Day, Saturday 26 March, 2 - 4.30pm
 This is our biggest and most successful opportunity every year to welcome lots of non-members to our church and hall. The big attractions to them are a bouncy castle, refreshments, making Easter bonnets and taking part in games, face-painting and an Easter Egg Hunt. Many take part in the Easter Trail and make an Easter garden in the church, which explains clearly the true meaning of Easter. We're expecting about 200 people so we always need lots of volunteers to help supervise the activities. We have a few volunteers already but still need more so, if you can help, please see/contact David Donald (daviddonald@talktalk.net , phone 07971 051288) or Alison Pemberton (alisonpemberton@hotmail.com , phone 07775 902751)