

### Merging of Powerhouse and Pause for Prayer

The PCC has decided to rationalise our weekly prayer meeting by holding all of them on a Sunday night from 6-7pm. This will take effect from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April so the last Monday night Powerhouse will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped to offer some variety in the style of the Sunday evening meeting and this will be advertised in Get Connected. The first Sunday of the month will continue to focus specifically on intercessory prayer as Powerhouse and Pause for Prayer do now. We would like to come up with a new name for this and would welcome suggestions from the congregation. Please pass any suggestions to Steve Bradford.

### Amazing Grace - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7:30 - 10:00pm

You can now purchase tickets for this production (£7.50) online via the St John's website or from Janice Bradford who has a limited number available. It promises to be a very special musical depicting John Newton's life changing testimony of how God turned a slave dealer into a loving Christian man. Janice's mobile 07765 661648

### Active Kids vouchers

If you shop at Sainsbury's, please accept any Active Kids vouchers you are offered. We will be collecting them at church and sharing them between the Primary Academy and Mundella Primary School. There will be a collection box at each church venue.

### Important Dates for your Diary

*Ladies' Afternoon Tea* at The Grand, Saturday 5 March, 3:30pm.  
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 Volunteers needed.  
See David Donald or Alison Pemberton  
*APCM - Annual Parochial Church Meeting*, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 10:00am - 12:00 noon in the church hall.

### The Great St John's Bake-Off

On Maundy Thursday (24 March, 6:30pm) we shall have a Passover meal / Last Supper Communion / Celebration. For this we hope to use home-made Matzos again (rather than supermarket processed ones). This is both because they are more authentic (there were no supermarkets in 30-33 AD!) and because they taste much better. Contact Richard Pamplin if interested. Thank you to all those who kindly had a go at making some for Ash Wednesday. They were great!

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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  
Me! Me! Me!

09:15 Morning Worship at GTH  
and

10:45 Holy Communion in Church  
Jesus teaches with great authority

### This evening:

18:00 Pause for Prayer in the Hall

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love....." John 15:9 NIV



## What's on this week.....

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall	
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>
8:30am Staff Meeting Church Hall	8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers Grace Taylor Hall Half term break	9:15am Open the Book Rehearsal
2:00pm Primetime Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group) Church Hall Half term break
4:00pm Shooting Stars Church Hall Half term break	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	8:30am Men's Breakfast at Suna
5:00pm Brownies Church Hall - Half term break	9:00am Church Open for prayer
Winter Shelter Church Hall	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Evening</b>
9:15am Holy Communion Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Pause for Prayer Church Hall
9:15am All Stars in Church Hall	7:00pm 20s & 30s Group Church Hall
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	

### Spotlight on ... bright and beautiful Watoto choir in Folkestone

We were delighted to host a splendid performance by the Watoto Choir in our church on Saturday evening last week.

The event was arranged by Churches Together in Folkestone (CTF). The young people arrived in the afternoon to rehearse in our hall. CTF provided them with supper before the show, an energy-filled concert of Gospel music.



Watoto is a community in Uganda that rescues orphaned children, placing them in a safe family environment. All the house mothers were once in highly vulnerable situations themselves.

Each child remains part of their new family for life and is sponsored through their education and personal development, and encouraged to be a leader in their chosen field. Find out more at [www.watoto.com](http://www.watoto.com)

### Alpha Course

If you have never heard of, or experienced, The Alpha Course then you may wish to consider being part of ours this year! It is an 11 week course where people can explore and find out all they want to know about the Christian faith in a safe, comfortable environment. Starting with a meal, we then have a teaching session and after that break into smaller groups for discussion and questions (no question is too small, large, easy or difficult). People at different stages of faith can attend, from atheists or people who are searching, to people who have attended church and been a Christian for years.

It is a great opportunity to get all the foundational knowledge and learn new things as well as meet new people.

The course will be run by Steve and Janice Bradford (our vicar and his wife) together with a couple of other familiar faces.

The first session will be on Wednesday 13th April starting at 7pm and ending at about 9.30pm - it will end on Wednesday July 13th - it will also include one full Saturday in May.

If you feel you would like to be a part of this then please call or email Steve or Janice. Tel:211037 Email: [stevejbradford@btinternet.com](mailto:stevejbradford@btinternet.com)