

### Prayer Vigil Tonight

This will take place in the church from 7:00 - 10:00pm (There will be no Pause for Prayer). It will be an opportunity for personal prayer and reflection with appropriate readings on the theme of "I am, I am here" at half hour intervals. Music will be played in the background and there will be candles to light if you wish. Members of the prayer team will be on hand in the prayer corner if you would like to be prayed for. Please feel free to come and go as you wish.

### PCC Elections

If you would like to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council please speak to the vicar or one of the church wardens. The elections will take place at the Annual Church Meeting on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. To stand for election you must be on the Electoral Roll of St John's Parish.

If you have not already received a copy of the green Get Connected Extra about the APCM and the revision of the Electoral Roll please pick up a copy from the table at each service venue. Application forms to go on the Roll are also available on the tables.

### Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the church for Easter. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers there will be a plate for your gifts on the font after the service today. Thank you. Jill O'Neill.

### 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 (07765 661648) 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.

### Alpha Course - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

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

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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 welcome desk near the door 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  
Hosanna

09:15 Holy Communion at GTH  
and

10:45 Morning Worship in Church  
Palm Sunday

## This evening:

19:00 Prayer Vigil in Church

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Luke 19:38 NIV



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

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> Maundy Thursday
8:30am Staff Meeting Church Hall  10:00am Taylor Toddlers Grace Taylor Hall - Easter break  2:00pm Primetime Church Hall  4:00pm Shooting Stars Church Hall	8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall  9:15am Open the Book Easter break  1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group) Church Hall  6:30pm Last Supper Communion & Passover meal in the hall
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> Good Friday	<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>
9:30am Good Friday Reflection in Church  5:30pm Brownies Church Hall Easter break	2:00pm Easter Fun Day in the Church and Hall
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Morning</b> Easter Day	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Evening</b>
9:15am Holy Communion Grace Taylor Hall  10:30am All Age Service with Communion in Church	

### Spotlight on ... Linda's pool swim for abandoned children

A couple of years ago, church member Linda Grieve ran the London Marathon to raise money to build a new home for the abandoned children with special needs that she has worked with in China several times.

The home has now been built and now Linda has a new challenge: to raise money to pay for a carer for the children. This amounts to £3,000 a year.

She has decided to swim the distance of the English Channel in Folkestone swimming pool to raise the money. Please support her effort if you can with sponsorship. Donate at [www.justgiving.com/Linda-Grieve2](http://www.justgiving.com/Linda-Grieve2)



Linda is pictured preparing for the challenge (above) and with one of the children in the home she helped to pay for (right)



### Opportunities to grow as a disciple of Jesus this Easter

Why not join in one of the following events?

#### Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am

Town Centre Worship & Witness followed by crosses procession through the town and up to the hill where there will be a short hilltop service.

#### Easter Sunday 6:00am

Lower Leas Amphitheatre Sunrise Service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March BBQ Fish Breakfast on the beach 8:30am

Celebrating John 21:9-14. Fire provided, please bring your own food and drink. It is the Radnor Cliff end of the beach below the Metropole.

#### Easter Cards and badges

Available on the bookstall. Please put all donations for these into the bookstall money slot. All proceeds to St John's. Marj Frances