

Revised Electoral Roll and Annual Accounts

The revised Roll has now been completed and is available for inspection on the table near the choir. Please check your own entry and tick in the highlighted column once you have done so. Any amendments, please advise Maureen Harrison (see Directory) or Ruth Jones.

The Annual Accounts are also available for inspection.

Amazing Grace - Saturday 23rd April 7:30 - 10:00pm

Tickets for this production can still be purchased (£7.50) online via a link on 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.

Rainbow Centre - urgent request

The Rainbow Centre food warehouse is completely out of rice, tinned fruit, custard and corned beef. All contributions gratefully received. Phoebe Moffat

Children's Corner Revived!

We are in the process of bringing our Children's Corner back to life and are thankful for the enthusiasm and backing of the Ministry team and PCC with this project. If anyone in the congregation has any of the items listed below *in good condition*, we would be very grateful for your donations - just bring them to church on Sunday or leave in the church office on a weekday morning, thank you!! Mandy Allen, Debbie Fletcher and Pat Secker
Bibles/prayer books/ Bible story picture books for children.
Traditional story books/ picture books for underfives (but not ones with sound effects!)
Jigsaw puzzles with up to 25/30 pieces
Inset puzzles(with knobs for removal) for toddlers
Road play mat which can be folded, small plastic vehicles.

Christian Bookshop

Have you been to 'Weigh Inn', a Christian book shop in Dover? It is situated near the end of Worthington Street, which is North of Pencester Street (plenty of car parks nearby). It stocks new and second-hand books, CD's and DVD's, cards, gifts and plenty of "Fairtrade" food and confectionary. The shop also has a café. So if you are still mourning the loss of 'The Vine', do go and support the 'Weigh Inn'. Robert Grieve

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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
The Good Shepherd's Sheep

09:15 Holy Communion at GTH
and

10:45 Morning Worship in Church
Jesus heals

This evening:

18:00 Worship@6 'Songs of Praise' in Church

"He (Jesus) said to the paralysed man, 'I tell you, get up...' Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God."

Luke 5:24b, 25 NIV



What's on this week.....

Monday 18th April Home Group Week	Tuesday 19th April
8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall	
7:45pm Mission Shaped Ministry Course Church Hall	
Wednesday 20th April	Thursday 21st April
8:30am Staff Meeting Church Hall	8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers Grace Taylor Hall	9:15am Open the Book Rehearsal
2:00pm Primetime Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group) Church Hall
4:00pm Shooting Stars Church Hall	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
6:45pm Alpha Course Church Hall	
Friday 22nd April	Saturday 23rd April
5:30pm Brownies Church Hall	7:30pm 'Amazing Grace' in Church
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
Sunday 24th April - Morning	Sunday 24th April - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6 in the hall
9:15 All Stars All Age Service Church Hall	7:15pm Sundaynighters in Church Hall
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	

Conversations at the crossroads*

Nine Days of Prayer

Knowing which way to go when you arrive at an intersection is crucial, especially if you are going somewhere for the first time! Whether you use a sat nav or a map, or are operating from memory, a brief conversation or observation can make the difference between a quick journey or a protracted one. Sometimes it doesn't matter which way you do go, but the conversation at the 'crossroad' makes a difference!

Biblical characters are often known through the decisions they make. Jacob, the Ethiopian eunuch, Ruth, Mary, Paul, all made life changing decisions when they were confronted by something new. When God meets us, particularly in difficult times of life, making a good decision is what makes a real difference, not just for us, but for those who depend on us.

The images this year painted by artist Adam Boulter (and available on line or in the pocket prayers) draw us in to imagine the experiences of biblical characters whose ability to be open to God and respond in the moment took them down unexpected roads. So often it is difficult to imagine biblical characters to be like us, and therefore to make connections between what they were learning about God and what we are. Adam takes us to new places with these stories that are so fundamental to our faith journeys and helps us to see them anew- so we can experience God afresh.

Our diocesan journey between Ascension and Pentecost is a 'waiting' journey. Like the first disciples in Jerusalem we are waiting for the promise of God, not knowing how this will make itself known. The images and prayers help us to wait with one another and with God, to be met and challenged, and to take decisions that lead to an enriching of Gods world. What are the conversations that God wants to have with us as individuals and churches that set a more transforming future in motion?

*The theme for the Diocesan focus on prayer in the days between Ascension and Pentecost