

### Maintenance team work party

The maintenance team are meeting next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 9am-12noon. Anyone is welcome to join us as we paint, drill, saw, plane and empty rubbish from hidden lofts! See rooms you didn't know existed. Refreshments at half-time. Any questions, ask Steve Hyde. See you there.

### Christian Aid Week is 15--21st May.

Money collected this year will go to flood victims in Bangladesh. Envelopes will be in the pews from the 15th May and a box will be at the back of the Church on the 22nd for collection. Frances

### Thank you

Thank you so much to all those who have supported me in my Channel Distance Swimming challenge. I appreciate it very much. I am pleased to say that so far I have raised £1,000. So I'm a third of the way to paying for a Carer! Thanks again. Linda Grieve

### Message from Ben Jones

Hi everyone. Long time no see. We miss you! So, in July this year I'm going to undertake a sponsored six day trek across Iceland to raise money for RP Fighting Blindness. The trek will include crossing snow fields, navigating lava fields and fording rivers. My friend Simon is coming with me to make sure I don't fall down a volcano! All the money raised will go towards research and development of treatments and cures of RP, which is the most common cause of inherited blindness worldwide. If you'd like to donate, please go to: [www.justgiving.com/benandsimonicelandtrek](http://www.justgiving.com/benandsimonicelandtrek) Thank you!

### 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

### Hustings Event for EU Referendum - date for your diaries

CTF will be sponsoring a European Union referendum debate on Friday 17th June, from 7.30pm to 9:00pm (possibly 9:30pm) in Holy Trinity Church. The two main speakers will Damian Collins MP (in) & Henry Bolton OBE (out).

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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**  
A helping hand

**09:15 Morning Worship at GTH**  
and

**10:45 Morning Worship in Church**  
Jesus teaches about fasting

## This evening:

**18:00 Worship@6 in the Hall**

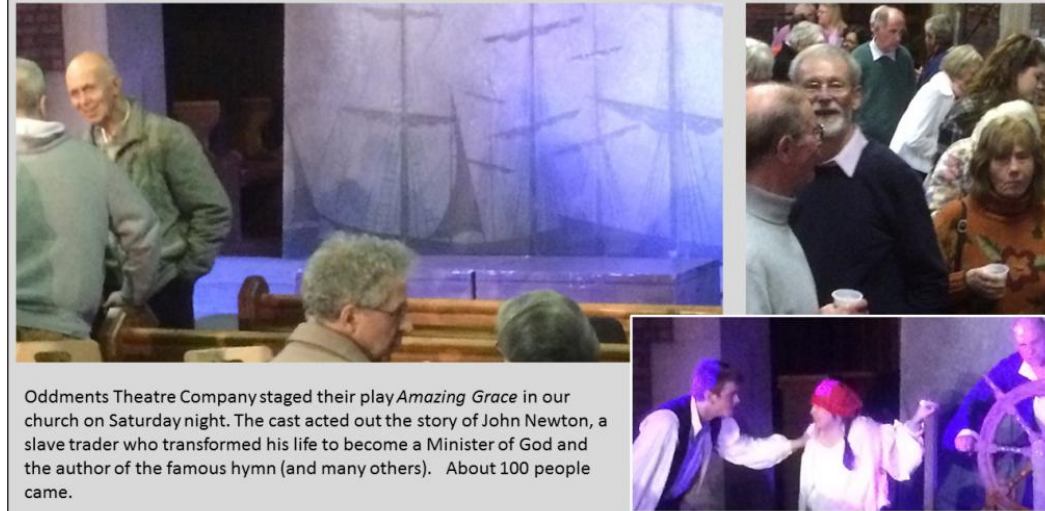
"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."  
Ephesians 5:1, 2 NIV



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

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Bank Holiday	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
8:30am No Morning Prayer in Church Hall today	2:00pm Craft Club Grace Taylor Hall
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>
8:30am Staff Meeting Church Hall	8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers Grace Taylor Hall	9:15am No Open the Book this week
2:00pm Primetime Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group) Not meeting in Church Hall today
4:00pm Shooting Stars Church Hall	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
6:45pm Alpha Course Church Hall	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>
5:30pm Brownies Church Hall	9:00am Maintenance Work Party Church Hall
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Evening</b>
9:15am Morning Worship Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6 Church Hall
9:15 All Stars All Age Service Church Hall	7:15pm Sunday Nighters in Church Hall
10:45am Holy Communion in Church	

### Spotlight on... Oddments' production of *Amazing Grace*



Oddments Theatre Company staged their play *Amazing Grace* in our church on Saturday night. The cast acted out the story of John Newton, a slave trader who transformed his life to become a Minister of God and the author of the famous hymn (and many others). About 100 people came.

### Growing as Disciples

One of our home groups intends to start the Natural Evangelism Course on a Monday evening beginning on June 27th and finishing on August 1st. They would welcome others to join them. This is the course that we are encouraging all members of St John's to complete during the next 12 months. The venue will be 55 Chichester Road, Sandgate CT20 3BW. If you would like to join this group please have a word with either Steve Harding or Steve Bradford. The cost of the course booklet is £5.