



Sunday 15th May 2016
Pentecost

Shooting Stars - Help needed please

If we are to continue our after school club for primary school age children (5-11) we need some additional volunteers please. Could you help us with this important area of our mission, to reach out to these children with the good news of Jesus? There are lots of different ways you could help so please speak to Steve Bradford if you could be available on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:45 to 5:30pm.

Christian Aid Week 15--21st May.

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

Pray For Schools Fortnight

This began on 8th May and lasts until Sunday 22nd May. It is a great opportunity to pray for the schools in our local area, the teachers, staff, children and families associated with them. This year's theme is Freedom. Worship@6 on 22nd May will be an hour devoted to realising our freedom in Jesus and praying interactively for the schools in our community. It is great that we have freedom to pray to God our Father with confidence!

Walkies!

We got lost so that you don't have to..... our first walk of the season is on Saturday 28th May. It starts at Bekesbourne and is about 6½ miles long. Friends and relations most welcome. Please contact Corinne Hyde (see Directory) for details, transport needs, etc. The following walk on Saturday 25th June will be shorter and family friendly.

Songs of Praise

As part of our new Sunday evening worship (Worship@6) we are hoping to have a 'Songs of Praise' style service once every two months. This will be from 6-7pm in Church. Our first one was last month and was a really uplifting time of celebration as we sang God's praises and listened to testimonies. If you have a favourite song/hymn that you would like included in our worship or if there is a particular worship song or hymn that has helped you on your journey of faith and you would like to share this in a service please let Sue Wise know. She will include it when the time is appropriate and is convenient for you. Sue has put some forms on the table at the back of church which you can use to let her know.

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Get Connected

Welcome to St John's!

We warmly welcome you if you are visiting us today. If you would like to know more about the life of St John's do collect a welcome pack, available at all our services.

At our 10:45 service you can go to our Welcome Desk near the door where someone will be able to give you a welcome pack and answer any questions you may have.

Coffee is available in the Church Hall after All Stars and the 10:45 service. Do come and join us.

Happy Birthday

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church. I wonder if all those who were present that day could ever have dreamed of how the numbers of those who follow Jesus would grow. The waiting which began on Ascension Day is now over, the Holy Spirit is here to fill us with power so that we can be Jesus' witnesses 'to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8). We have good news to share with those who do not yet know Jesus so what is holding us back? For many people talking about their faith is difficult and that is why we are recommending that all members of St John's complete The Natural Evangelism Course. The course includes: What is the good news of Christianity and how we tell others the story of our own faith journey. If you are not part of a home group please let me know if you would like to attend a course which takes just six weeks.

Steve Bradford

What's on this week.....

Monday 16th May	Tuesday 17th May
8:30am Morning Prayer in Church Hall today	
Wednesday 18th May	Thursday 19th May
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 20th May	Saturday 21st May
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall	8:30am Men's Breakfast Suna
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
Sunday 22nd May - Morning	Sunday 22nd May - Evening
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
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	



Primetime continues to be a fun environment where recently we celebrated the Queen's actual birthday with an afternoon cream tea and where we were able to distribute the book produced by the Bible Society, HOPE, and London Institute of Contemporary Christianity entitled: 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves.' Over the Summer we have a great variety of activities and outings planned, that we will also open up to the wider congregation.

Churches Together

Pentecost Service Tonight

There won't be a Worship@6 here this evening as there is a Churches Together united service at St George's Church in Audley Road (just by Folkestone West station) at 6:00pm to celebrate Pentecost.

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).

Rainbow Centre Annual Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend on Monday 6th June 2016 at 7:00pm at The Grand, The Leas. Come and hear all about how The Rainbow Centre is developing its services as they support people through crisis and invest in young lives. The guest speaker is Frank Flegg who works for Stepping Stones, an organisation serving homeless people across the East Midlands. After teaching science in a secondary school Frank worked full time in the property business. Following his baptism in 2012 he felt led to serve the Lord using his experience to help homeless people.