

Worship@6 this evening

To mark the end of "Pray for Schools" fortnight this 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!

Sainsbury's Kids Vouchers

If you have been collecting these, thank you! Please bring any remaining ones to church by Sunday June 5th at the very latest so that we can pass them on to the Primary Academy and Mundella schools.

Rainbow Centre Vacancy

The Rainbow Centre wish to appoint a Development Manager on a one year fixed term contract. For further details please see the notice on the noticeboards.

Summer Outings

Primetime are going on a great variety of trips over the Summer and would once again love to open this up to the wider church congregation.

Wednesday 13th July, 10am - 5:30pm, Brogdale Collections, Faversham. £20 all inclusive.

Tuesday 26th July, 1:45pm - 5pm, Mystery coach tour with full afternoon tea. £15 all inclusive.

Wednesday 17th August, 10am - 4pm, Sandwich riverboat tour. £28, lunch **not** included. Spaces are limited for this trip as the coach is filling up fast.

The coaches will all be leaving from 4 Cornwallis Avenue. Please book a place with Claire Coleman. A deposit of £10 per trip is payable when booking.

Mark Allen Memorial Cricket Match

This is being held on Saturday 25th June at 2:00pm on the Harvey Grammar School cricket pitch off Cherry Garden Avenue. I will be selling raffle tickets (£1 each) during Sunday coffee time in the Church Hall throughout June in aid of Pilgrims Hospices. I would be grateful for St John's support as in previous years in supplying raffle prizes. Thank you. Mandy Allen

Walkies!

A reminder that 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.

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Sunday 22nd May 2016
Trinity Sunday

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.

Trinity Sunday

Last week we celebrated Pentecost; two weeks ago Jesus' Ascension and today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is a time for us to reflect on the glory and mystery of the Holy Trinity (one God in three persons) - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The concept of the Trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. A deeper understanding of our faith comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

On Trinity Sunday we remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Saviour and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Teacher. During our Christian journey, as we grow in faith, there will no doubt be times when we relate to God more closely as Father, or as Son, or as Holy Spirit, but whichever it is we know that it doesn't change how God relates to us. He will meet us wherever we are - He loves us!

Steve Bradford

What's on this week.....

Monday 23rd May House Group Week	Tuesday 24th May
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
7:30pm PCC Meeting, Church Hall	
Wednesday 25th May	Thursday 26th 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 Assembly
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 No Alpha Course this week	
Friday 27th May	Saturday 28th May
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall	Church walk from Bekesbourne
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
Sunday 29th May - Morning	Sunday 29th May - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15 All Stars - worship for all ages Church Hall	7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	



Date for your Diary
Sunday 12th June - special afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. More details to follow.

Deanery Conference

Last Saturday four members of St John's who are involved in Deanery matters attended the Deanery Conference held at St Mary's School. The Conference was headed up by Archdeacon Philip and Kerry Thorpe, the Diocesan Mission Advisor. The first half was spent reflecting on the recent past, and where we as Churches feel we are now. What emerged is the remarkable turnaround in the number of benefices and parishes who now have a stipendiary minister in place. This time last year only two such ministers were in place in the whole of the Deanery but now all but one positions are filled and the remaining one has a nominated minister due later this year. This will now enable the Deanery to move forward in mission and, combined with the strengthening of Churches Together Folkestone, enable us to work in a cohesive and effective way to show people Jesus. The second part of the Conference focussed on looking ahead to our main priorities over the coming years and how the Deanery could help. This highlighted the opportunities offered by sharing our resources and, especially sharing best practice where an initiative had proved particularly successful; starting Messy Church and then advising other churches how best to go about this was one good example. Philip summarised this by saying that a key attitude pervading our PCC discussions should be that we need 'to be there for others'. The Conference was positive and greatly encouraging.
Nick Buckley