



Sunday 19th June 2016
4th Sunday after Trinity

Worship@6

This evening will be a time of prayer focussing on the Fatherhood of God.

Strawberry Tea

There is a Strawberry Tea at Grace Taylor Hall on Tuesday 21st June at 2.30 - 4pm. Cost £3.50. All Welcome. Frances Morgan

St John's Mission Board

Please do look at the Mission Board in church (next to the door). It is now updated every month to feature a different society whom we support as a church. This month's focus is on MAF.

Barbecue at the Vicarage

3rd July after the 10:45am service. There are sheets at all services for people to sign if they are able to bring salad and/or a dessert. The meat etc will be provided. Thank you. Frances Morgan

Songs of Praise

The next Songs of Praise will follow the barbecue at 6:00pm on 3rd July. It promises to be a special time of praise and encouragement.

Christian Aid Collection

A big thank you to everyone who gave to this collection. We were able as a church to send £340 to help flood victims. Many thanks. Frances Morgan



June Walk

Next week's (fairly easy) walk, on Saturday 25th, will leave from Brockhill Country park at 10:00am. We will be back in plenty time if you are going on to the cricket afterwards. Please see Corinne Hyde for details.

Men's Curry Night.

29th June at the Bikash in Folkestone. We will need to book sooner rather than later as their Banquet nights are always very popular. Details of the cost can be found at www.bikash.co.uk/offers.html Please let me know if you would like to come. David Donald

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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.

The EU Referendum

We have been told many times by campaigners on both sides of the EU debate that this is probably the most important vote we will take part in during our lifetime. Yet most of us probably remain confused about the issues which seem to have been focused on scaremongering by both sides. The consequences of leaving or staying in the EU are uncertain and as a result we may feel very unsure about how to cast our vote, or even whether to cast our vote, on Thursday 23rd June.

One thing I am clear about is that God is in overall control and his plan for our world will come about whatever the outcome of the EU Referendum. As Christians I believe we should vote in this referendum and we should do so after seeking God's guidance on how. His guidance can first of all be sought through prayer, reading Scripture, and consulting with other Christians. Secondly we might wish take account of what makes most common sense to us in the debate and whether or not we feel a strong God-given conviction within our spirit.

I do not wish to tell anyone how to vote but simply to encourage everyone to vote after seeking the guidance of our Heavenly Father. **Steve Bradford**

What's on this week.....

Monday 20th June	Tuesday 21st June
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:30pm Strawberry Tea Grace Taylor Hall
Wednesday 22nd June	Thursday 23rd June
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)
4:00pm Shooting Stars	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
6:45pm No Alpha Course today	
Friday 24th June	Saturday 25th June
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	10:00am Walk at Brockhill
5:30pm Brownies	2:00pm Mark Allen Memorial Cricket Match, Harvey Grammar pitch
Sunday 26th June - Morning	Sunday 26th June - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Prayer Vigil in Church
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages Church Hall	7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	

Spotlight on... Birthday celebration to honour our Queen at 90

Fifty people joined our special tea to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday last Sunday.

Scones with jam and cream and a range of delicious cakes were set off with Union Jack cake-stands, napkins, plates and bunting to create a very festive atmosphere.

Afterwards everyone joined the thought-provoking prayer pathway in the church to honour the Queen and the way God sustains her in her devotion to duty, her family and her people, finishing with a short service.



In or Out - some helpful sources of information from Churches Together

It is perhaps the most important political question of our generation: to remain as members of the European Union or to leave with far reaching consequences in the areas of security, the economy, immigration and sovereignty. We all have a vote. Resources to help in prayerful consideration:

'Think, Pray, Vote'

The Joint Public Issues team, a team of denominations working together, have put together a resource to help us to 'Think, Pray, Vote' about the forthcoming EU referendum. The resource does not presume to say which way people should vote, rather it explores the issues surrounding a range of aspects of membership of the EU, and offers different opinions and perspectives. Do take a look.

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/issues/eu-referendum/>

Christians in Politics

There are also some resources on the Christians in Politics website

<http://www.christiansinpolitics.org.uk/eufocus/>

Prayer Meeting

Cheriton Baptist Church will be holding a prayer meeting about the referendum on Tuesday 21st June, at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.