



### Worship@6 - Songs of Praise

Songs of Praise will follow the barbecue at 6:00pm in church this evening. It promises to be a special time of praise and encouragement. Our first Songs of Praise in April was a really uplifting time of celebration as we listened to testimonies and sang God's praises.

### Barbecue at the Vicarage today

Please arrive between 12:30 and 13:00. Food will be served once the meat is ready. Drinks, cups, desserts and bowls will be provided. Please bring a chair or rug to sit on and cutlery (knife, fork, spoon) plus a plate for food. Frances Morgan

### Ever thought about being confirmed?

Confirmation is about becoming a committed member of the local and worldwide Christian family. It marks the point in our Christian journey at which we affirm publicly for ourselves the faith into which we have been baptized and our intention to live a life of committed discipleship.

This affirmation of our faith is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the bishop. The Church also asks God to give you power through the Holy Spirit to enable you to live in the way of Jesus.

A Deanery Confirmation service has been arranged at Holy Trinity Folkestone on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you would like to know more please talk to Steve Bradford.

### Prayer Chain

Don't forget, if you would like to request prayer through the Prayer Chain, for yourself or others (no names need be mentioned), please contact Tilly Ellul (see Directory). Prayer Chain requests are only circulated to members of St John's who have asked to be included on the circulation list. Every effort is made to keep prayer requests confidential to St John's.

### Men@StJ

The next breakfast is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 8:30am. Please note this is not the usual Saturday. The venue is also different this time. It will be The Captain's Table on the Stade (Folkestone Harbour). Could you let David Donald know if you are coming (see Directory) as it is helpful to know numbers. Thank you.

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

# 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.

Refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the All Stars and 10:45 am services. Do join us for coffee and a chat.

## The Power of Prayer

Each month we gather as a community to pray in the belief that prayer makes a difference to our world, our community, our church and our lives. This usually takes place in the church hall on the first Sunday of the month between 6-7pm but in July will be next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July.

We would like to encourage you to come along next Sunday, particularly if you haven't been before. And please don't worry if you find prayer difficult as someone always leads these times, and you will not be expected to pray aloud unless you wish to do so; God hears our silent prayers as well as those spoken aloud.

Coming together in this way is a sign of our unity as a church and our dependence on God. We have much to pray for at this time of uncertainty following the recent EU Referendum. If you cannot be with us in person please do consider setting some time aside to join with us in prayer at home.

Every blessing as always

Steve Bradford

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

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club, Grace Taylor Hall
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>
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	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
6:45pm Alpha Course, Church Hall	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Evening</b>
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 Holy Communion in Church	

### Learning new skills and making friends at our Craft Club



These gloriously colourful and stylish patchwork jackets are among the most recent projects at our Craft Club. But there are also plenty of opportunities to make simpler and quicker things.

And there's plenty of help for those who need it from the leaders, Frances Morgan and Jill Best (pictured left and centre), who have been crafting buddies for years. In fact, Frances, who is also a Lay Reader at St John's, was once a Court dressmaker.

The club meets in Grace Taylor Hall, opposite Folkestone Academy, on the second Tuesday of the month between 2-4pm.

### Synopsis of PCC Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

At the meeting members agreed the Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> May and then discussed the following:

- Children's Corner - the installation of a gas heater in that area.
- Safeguarding issues and procedures for supporting vulnerable adults.
- Primetime and the number of volunteer teams, their rota and responsibilities.
- Children's and Youth work - the future organisation of Shooting Stars and the 'On Fizz' youth group.
- The Quinquennial report on our church buildings and the necessary building works associated with that.
- Financial matters - Monitoring of our monthly management accounts; the provision of a staff pension scheme as required by recent legislation; a Reserves Policy to minimise the risk of potential financial difficulties and renewal of our church insurance policies.

The full agreed Minutes will be available after the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July.