



Sunday 10th July 2016
7th Sunday after Trinity

Memorial Cricket Match on 25th June

The Allen family would like to thank all those who supported the cricket match in aid of Pilgrims Hospices by providing raffle prizes and generously buying raffle tickets, and to those who came to help by coming to watch the game that rainy Saturday! We raised a magnificent £615 for this wonderful charity and are very grateful for your help with this! Mandy Allen

Strawberry Tea

Grace Taylor Hall, are holding another strawberry tea on Tuesday 12th July from 2.30 to 4pm. Cost £3.50. All welcome. Frances Morgan

"Ride 'n' Stride"

Would you like to join Martin Jewitt on Saturday 10th September walking/cycling and visiting churches round the town or in the countryside, or greet participants at St John's? Half the sponsor money will go to St John's and the other half to Friends of Kent Churches for maintenance and repair grants. See notice in the Church Porch.

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 7th 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.

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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.

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

Do you have a story to tell?

Last week we held the second of our Songs of Praise evenings which provide a wonderful opportunity to worship God and hear encouraging stories from individuals about their faith.

The Bible tells us that we should 'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have' and to do this with 'gentleness and respect' (1 Peter 3:15).

By telling our stories about how God is at work in our lives we encourage each other and at the same time get to know each other better. We would like to include your stories in our Sunday morning worship. If you have a short story (3-4 minutes) to tell about how you came to faith, or how God helped you through a difficult time, or how God has spoken to you, or how God has answered your prayer, please let me know.

God bless.

Steve Bradford

What's on this week.....

Monday 11th July Home Group week	Tuesday 12th July
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:30pm Strawberry Tea, Grace Taylor Hall
Wednesday 13th July	Thursday 14th July
8:30am Staff Meeting Church Hall	8:30am Morning Prayer Church Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall	9:15am Open the Book, Summer break
2:00pm Primetime, Outing to Brogdale	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall
4:00pm Shooting Stars	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
6:45pm Alpha Course, Church Hall	
Friday 15th July	Saturday 16th July
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
Sunday 17th July - Morning	Sunday 18th July - Evening
9:15am Holy Communion, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	

Spotlight on ... our fun in the sun at the Vicarage barbecue



Around 50 of us gathered in the Vicarage garden on Sunday afternoon for a delightful barbecue meal in some rare 2016 sunshine.

Youngsters practised gymnastics on the lawn and there was also a nail-biting game of giant Jenga – and a lot of eating and chatting!



Worship@6 (Church Hall)

This evening will be our monthly focus on prayer for our world, our community, our church and our lives. We believe that prayer can make a difference.

Do come along and join us, particularly if you have not been before. The prayer is lead and directed from the front and there is no pressure to pray aloud unless you wish to; God hears also hears our silent prayers.

As Steve said in his comment last week, “Coming together in this way is a sign of our unity as a church and our dependence on God. If you cannot be with us in person please do consider setting time aside to join with us in prayer at home.”

And finally don't forget there are church prayer diaries which cover every aspect of the life of St John's to assist you in your prayers.