

Worship@6

This evening will be a time of prayer for the mission and ministry of St John's.

Church Directories 2016/17

Available at each service. One per house household. A donation of 50p would be appreciated to cover costs. Thank you.

Film Night

Saturday 24th September, Church Hall, 7:00pm. A film on the life of St Francis of Assisi, 'Finding St Francis'. Tea and coffee with a light snack will be provided. If you would like to attend please sign your name on the list available at each service. For more information please see or ring Steve Harding 07921 815399.

Harvest

Harvest service followed by lunch on 2nd October. Tickets for hot lunch £5 adults, £2 children will be on sale from today.

Why is there Pain and Suffering in the World?

One of the questions we face is about the amount of pain and suffering in the world. I would like to recommend an excellent book which explores this - Why? by Sharon Dirckx published by IVP in 2013 (ISBN 978-1-84474 - 619-4). Steve Bradford

Wanted!

Food Stop need to replenish their supply of men's underpants. They can be new or old, preferably medium or large sizes. Please give them to Debbie Fletcher or Sylvia Cusden. Thank you.

Churches Together in Folkestone (CTF) events

Prayer and Worship at Shepway District Council Chambers All are invited to join them for worship led by Rev Dave Barker on Tuesday 20th September 7:30-9:00pm.

All Saints United Service Sunday, 30th October at 6:00pm. Venue to be confirmed. The speaker will be Matt Summerfield, Chief Executive of Urban Saints (previously known as Crusaders).

Children's Light Party Monday, 31st October. Venue and time to be confirmed.

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Sunday 11th September 2016
16th 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 10:45am 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 10:45am services. Do join us for coffee and a chat.

Are We Hungry for God's Word?

When the apostle Paul wrote to his friend Timothy he told him 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man or woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.' (2 Timothy 3:17)

Last week I mentioned some questions we should ask ourselves, or each other, each time we read the Bible or hear a sermon and I thought it may be helpful to remind you of them.

1. What does this tell me about God?
2. What does this tell me about myself and the world in which I live?
3. Is there something I need to learn more about?
4. Is there something I need to do?

We don't always get an answer to every question but we are more likely to grow in our faith if we are more purposeful about how we engage with God's word.
Every blessing

Steve Bradford

What's on this week.....

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| Monday 12th September House Group week 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall | Tuesday 13th September |
| Wednesday 14th September 8:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall 10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall 2:00pm Primetime 4:00pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall | Thursday 15th September 9:15am Open the Book Assembly 1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall 7:00pm On Fizz, Grace Taylor Hall 7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice |
| Friday 16th September 1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting 5:30pm Brownies | Saturday 17th September |
| Sunday 18th Sept - Morning 9:15am Holy Communion, Grace Taylor Hall 9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall 10:45am Morning Worship in Church | Sunday 18th Sept - Evening 6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall 7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall |

Spotlight on ... our important autumn diary dates

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| Songs of Praise come along and belt out some old favourites | 6pm, 25 September |
| Big Sleep Out in aid of this year's Winter Shelter | overnight 30 September |
| Harvest Festival family service in church then a hot lunch, £5 adults, £2 children | 10.30am, 2 October |
| Getting to Grips with the Bible five week course on the Old Testament (venue tbc) | 7.30pm 12 October |
| Mission Sunday this year's focus is on Mission Aviation Fellowship | 16 October |
| Annual Gift Day an opportunity to review our personal giving | 6 November |
| Remembrance Sunday | 10.45am, 13 November |
| Advent Sunday Songs of Praise | 6pm, 27 November |
| Socks 'n' Chocs Christmas gifts for the homeless | 10.30am, 4 December |
| Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall | 6pm, 18 December |
| Christingle a special start to Christmas festivities for children of all ages (up to 100!) | 4pm, Christmas Eve |

Primetime event for ICC

Primetime sponsor a child called FuFu through International China Concern (ICC). She is a delightful, mischievous little girl who is not so little anymore. Many of us will know of St. John's link to ICC through Linda Grieve. To raise more funds for FuFu and the work of ICC, Primetime are running a Beetle Drive on Saturday 24th September in St. John's Church Hall. No idea what a Beetle Drive is? Well come along and find out! Tickets are £5 per person, ask Claire Coleman and Linda Grieve for more details. People are invited to arrive from 2pm with the Beetle Drive starting at 2:30pm. It should be a good afternoon of fun to raise funds so that abandoned and disabled children of China can live fuller lives.



Songs of Praise 25th September 6:00pm

A special time of praise and encouragement. Our Songs of Praise services have been a really uplifting time of celebration as we listened to testimonies and sang God's praises.

Do join us.