

Worship@6 in the Hall

An opportunity to pray for the work of St John's, our community and the wider world.

Love in a Box

I have now received the information and leaflets for the Love In A Box. If you are interested in filling a box or helping to fill a box by donating items could you please let me know and I will see that you get a leaflet. The date they will be collecting them from me is the 14th November so I will need them by Sunday 13th November at the latest. The children who receive these boxes at Christmas really appreciate them. Thank you. Phoebe Moffatt

Prayer Ministry after 10:45 service

If anyone would like someone to pray with them, about anything at all, just make your way to the front of the church to the small seating area near the lectern (on the left).

Churches Together 'Share -a- Prayer Hike' - Saturday 22nd October

Mark Fletcher will be reviving the CTF 'Share a Prayer' hike on Saturday 22nd October.

These have been a valuable feature of getting to know one another, the first one began 39 years ago! The purpose is to learn more about our fellow Christians and become more committed to prayer for each other and for the people we serve in Jesus' name.

The pattern is that participants pay a short (10-15 minute) visit to places of worship or of special significance on the route. At each place there will be a representative to give a welcome, say something about current issues involving that fellowship, concerns, and reasons for thanksgiving, and lead a short time of prayer.

This year the Hike will start at Our Lady Help of Christians at 10am and finish at St John's at approximately 12.30. Other stops on the route are still being finalized.

If you would like more information - please contact Mark directly. fletchermark100@gmail.com

Time Out for Parents - Folkestone Baptist Church

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5-11. Thursday, 3rd, 10th & 17th November and 1st, 8th, 15th December. Sessions are at 10:00am - 12:00noon. Contact Hayley to book a place Tel: 07940 756787. Cost £10

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Sunday 16th October 2016
21st 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.

Getting to Grips with the Bible Week 1

Our five-week Bible course exploring the 39 books of the Old Testament began on Wednesday night when we explored the first five books, known as the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy). These are also known as the Torah or the Books of the Law. These books describe a way of living or a way of looking at the world and are key to how we understand who God is and who we are. They also provide details of the norms, culture and identity of God's people.

As well as helping us to understand the origins of our faith these 5 books answer some pretty big questions that we face today, such as:

- Where are we from?
- Why are we here?
- What is the problem with the world?
- How is the problem going to be fixed?
- Are we an accident or designed?

Next week (19th October) we will be looking at the history books of the Bible that tell us about the period from the entering of the Promised Land (C 1240 BC) and its conquest to the rise and fall of the monarchy which resulted in Israel's exile to Babylon (C 587 BC).

Blessings, Steve.

What's on this week.....

Monday 17th October	Tuesday 18th October
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall 2:00pm Ladies' Spirituality Group, Vicarage	
Wednesday 19th October	Thursday 20th October
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	9:15am Open the Book <i>not meeting this week</i> 1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall 7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall 7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
Friday 21st October	Saturday 22nd October
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting 5:30pm Brownies 7:15 Rangers	10:00am CTF Share a Prayer Hike Starting at Our Lady Help of Christians
Sunday 23rd October - Morning	Sunday 23rd October - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall 9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall 10:45am Morning Worship in Church	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall 7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall



Christingle Service

One of our best loved Christmas services is the Christingle service on Christmas Eve. For many years Lindsay Taylor has done a wonderful job co-ordinating the preparation of the Christingles but now needs to step down. If anyone would like to take this on please have a word with Steve Bradford.



Last year lots of fun was had by the large group who had gathered together to prepare them beforehand.

Churches Together Events

Thursday October 20th 'Thy Kingdom Come - in Folkestone!'

One of the most encouraging things about Churches Together in Folkestone is that we share a deep commitment to the local community and work in our individual churches as well as corporately to respond to the practical and spiritual needs around us and to do all we can to see the flourishing of the town.

We will be praying specifically for different areas of community life: Business & Finance, Health & Wellbeing, Education & Learning, Policing & Security, Media Arts & Entertainment, Politics & Government, Family & Community.

There will be a prayer room open at Cheriton Baptist Church from 6.30am-6.30pm so people can come whenever is convenient to them. During this time, there will be 4 'led prayer times' at: 6.30-8am, 12 - 12.30pm, 3.30-4pm, 6-6.30pm

As part of this day, we will be holding a Prayer Breakfast for Community and Civic Leaders, jointly hosted with The Mayor of Folkestone, Martin Salmon and will be asking how we can pray for them in their areas of responsibility.

Please pray for this prayer day! And please encourage your church members to come along.

Sunday 30th October: United Service at Life Church

Monday 31st October: Children's Light Party

Sunday 4th December: Dedication Service for Folkestone Winter Shelter