

Worship@6

This will be in the hall as usual when our focus will be "Into all the world".

Come and join us in the northern Lake District

A number of us will be attending the second week (22 - 28 July) of the Keswick Convention this year. The theme in 2017 is "Captivated - hearing God's Word". In hearing the written word, we meet the living word, Jesus Christ. The main week 2 speaker is Alistair Begg, Senior Pastor of Parkside Church, Cleveland, Ohio, who is also known for a considerable radio ministry. He was born and raised in Glasgow, and trained in England, where he graduated from the London School of Theology. He will be taking morning Bible readings on the Psalms. The teaching in the evening celebrations will be given by different speakers, and will be based on Luke's gospel. And as those who have been in previous years know - there is much more besides.

All you have to do is find your accommodation in Keswick (preferably soon to get the best choices), sort out your travel and turn up to the convention. You can attend as much or as little of the convention as you like, and there is no charge, though offerings are taken. And, of course, the scenery of the Lakes is fantastic.

If you are interested in coming, talk to Steve and Jill, Martin and Carole, or others who have been before. Many of us have found the Convention really helpful in deepening our relationship with God. It's all there in: www.keswickministries.org/convention.

Thank you

Thank you to all who contributed towards the cost of the Christmas flowers.
Jill O'Neill.

Christmas Offerings

The offerings from the Carols by Candlelight, Christingle, Midnight, and Christmas Day services totalled £743.88. This will be split equally between the following organisations which we support: Rainbow Centre, Tear Fund, International China Concern and the Church Pastoral Aid Society. In addition, the retiring collection for the DEC Yemen appeal raised £82. The Primary Academy Carol service raised £136.63 and has been kindly donated to Primetime. We would like to thank everyone for your generosity.

Pause for Prayer for St John's

At the beginning of this New Year why not take five minutes each day to pray for St John's? Copies of the updated Prayer Diary are available at each service.

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Sunday 8th January 2017
Epiphany

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.

A Year of Discipleship

Happy New Year. I wonder what 2017 has in store for us all?

My prayer for everyone is that we will seek out opportunities to grow as disciples: to become more Christlike which after all is God's objective for us. So how might we do this?

We have a number of courses planned which you may like to consider getting involved in: Lent Course on New Testament (starts 8th March); Alpha Course (starts 26 April); Deepening Discipleship Course (starts 4th October). You may like to join others from St John's who will be attending summer conferences (Keswick in July or New Wine in August). You could join a House Group; read our Bibles more; get involved in serving in our church; or read Christian books - our library has many on offer. If you would like any further information about any of these please do ask me.

Perhaps these words from Paul's letter to the Philippians might be our inspiration 'I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize.' (Phil 3:12)

God Bless, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 9th January	Tuesday 10th January
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 11th January	Thursday 12th January
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book - rehearsal
9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall
2:00pm Primetime - Quiz & Chat	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall	
Friday 13th January	Saturday 14th January
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Rangers	
Sunday 15th January - Morning	Sunday 15th January - Evening
9:15am Holy Communion, 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 Morning Worship in Church	



Churches Together News

Next United Service

This will be at St John's at 6:00pm on Sunday 29th January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

All of the prayer times will be at 1:00pm and the venues are:

- Monday 23rd January ----- St Andrew's Methodist Church in Cheriton
- Tuesday 24th January ----- Park Rd Pentecostal Church, Cheriton
- Wednesday 25th January --St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ashley Ave, Cheriton
- Thursday 26th January ----- SKCC at Millfield
- Friday 27th January -----Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Rd