

Carols by Candlelight

This evening at 6:00pm in Church. All welcome.

Used Stamps

Thank you to all of you who save postage stamps and put them in the box at the back of the church. They are sorted and sent to the Leprosy Mission to raise much needed funds. At this time of the year, many of us get stamps on our Christmas post. Could you please cut them off the envelopes leaving a 5mm margin round the sides and pop them in the box on the table near the font. Thank you. R Secker

New Address

Eileen & Jack Leeming have now moved and their new address is 69 Laurel Court, 24, Stanley Road, Cheriton, Folkestone. CT19 4RL. Phone number and email address as before.

Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be 21st January at 8:30am at the Captain's Table. Please let David Donald know if you will be there. Email: daviddonald@sky.com

An Opportunity for Service

Are you looking to serve Christ in a church school? Could you offer to become a governor? Vacancies exist at present at All Souls School, Cheriton High Street. Please contact Revd Angela Oakey-Jones, Rector, cherrychurch@outlook.com 07508 300397 and/or Ms Sarah Morris, headteacher, smorrisallsouls@hotmail.co.uk, 07769 064855



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

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Sunday 18th December 2016
4th Sunday of Advent

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.

Seasons Greetings!

Firstly Janice and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, joyful and peaceful 2017.

Are you excited about Christmas? It's a wonderful time when we can be filled with a sense of anticipation and wonder as we recall Jesus coming as a baby and look forward to his return.

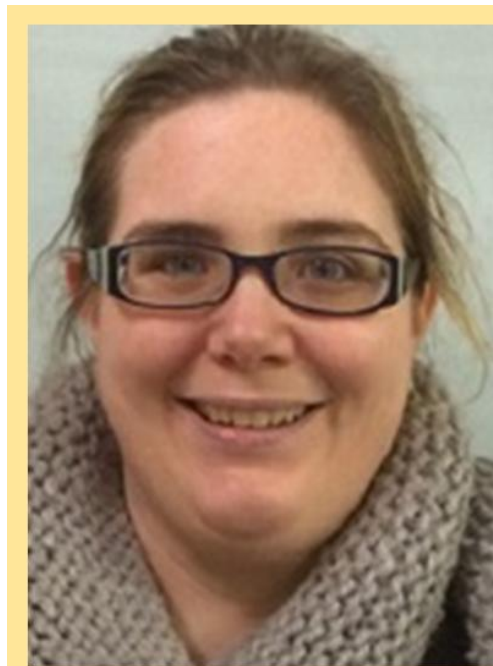
The next season for our calendars is, of course, New Year and a change of direction perhaps for our thoughts. What did I do or achieve last year and what am I aiming for this coming year? Some of us will also set goals, or resolutions, in order to try and meet those new aims.

My prayer for us all is that amongst the busyness and excitement of Christmas we can find time to reflect and consider the true meaning of Christ's coming, so that at the start of January we are ready and willing to set our own spiritual goals for the year ahead. Please share with others how you intend to grow in faith over the next year and ask them to help you stick to your plans. I hope you will be able to look back in twelve months' time and be able to see how much you have grown as a follower of Christ.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 19th December	Tuesday 20th December
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	10:00am Primary Academy Carol Service in Church
Wednesday 21st December	Thursday 22nd December
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book - Christmas Break
9:00am No Staff Meeting, Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall - Christmas Break
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall - Christmas Break	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall - Christmas Break
10:00am Mundella Carol Service	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
2:00pm Primetime - Christmas Break	
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall - Christmas Break	
Friday 23rd December	Saturday 24th December
1:00pm No All Stars Team Meeting	4:00pm Christingle in Church
5:30pm Brownies - Christmas Break	11:30pm Midnight Communion
7:00pm Winter Shelter	
7:15 Rangers - Christmas Break	
Christmas Day - Morning	Christmas Day - Evening
9:15am Christmas Communion, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm No Worship@6, Church Hall
10:30am All Age Christmas Service in Church	7:15pm No Sunday Nighters, Church Hall



Meet Claire, our new Children's, Youth and Families Minister.

From 1 January she'll be working with other Anglican churches in Folkestone one day a week.

It's an exciting time as we seek joint activities to bring the gospel to children and young people.

Thank you from Jon Wilson CEO of the Rainbow Centre

"I am writing to offer our sincere thanks for your support for our ministryduring the harvest season.....The kindness and generosity expressed has been overwhelming.....We deeply appreciate the support of local churches because we know you are also praying for the vulnerable people we serve.

As we meet with families and individuals we remind each person that the emergency food we are able to distribute has been given by Christians concerned for those most in need in our community.....

Our food which is sorted at our Hythe warehouse goes out to support our FoodStop, Homeless Support Service and Shepway Foodbank ministries.

One guest in a crisis recently remarked, 'The Rainbow Centre has played the biggest part in turning my life around.' Thank you for helping us to be ready to support people through a time of crisis.

ON behalf of all those who access our services, thank you for your ongoing support."