

## Worship@6

An opportunity to meet together, sing and pray for all that we do as we try to reach out to our community and make Jesus known.

## Parish Safeguarding Training

A Parish Safeguarding Training session will be held in St John's church hall on Saturday 18th March from 1.30 - 4.30pm. This is an important course for ALL members of the church who are involved in activities/groups involving children and/or vulnerable adults and who were not able to attend the previous training session. Please add your name to the list at the back and make a note of the date and time in your diary! Mandy Allen (Safeguarding Co-ordinator)

## Ladies' Spirituality Course

Monday mornings from 10:00am - 12:00noon, 6<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. The venue will be the vicarage. The course will be led by Janice Bradford. The only requirements are to purchase "Sacred Pathways" by Gary Thomas (£10) and a willingness to chat. If interested please contact Janice on 07765 661648 after 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8:30am at the 'Captain's Table'. Please let David Donald know if you wish to come. (See Directory for contact details.)

## 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.

## Churches Together News

### Next United Service

This will be at St John's at 6:00pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January when the speaker will be Bishop Trevor.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

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

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Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of 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.

## Win the Prize

St Paul tells us that we are to 'press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenwards in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 3:14). So what is the prize?

The prize includes knowing God's purposes, leading, love and care in all aspects of our earthly lives. It also includes the rewards in heaven He promises to those who follow and serve Him faithfully. The prize includes the everlasting joy and wonder of seeing Him and being with Him throughout eternity.

Above all it includes the joy and wonder of knowing more of Jesus himself, of his greatness, power and glory and of His very real presence and help now - and then knowing it fully when we go to live with Him throughout eternity.

Winning the prize requires effort on our part - setting aside time to be with Jesus, listening to His guidance and being obedient. But the prize is worth it don't you think?

Every blessing, Steve

## What's on this week.....

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book Assembly
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	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	8:30am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table
5:00pm Brownies	
7:15 Rangers	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Evening</b>
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	



### Keswick Convention

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](http://www.keswickministries.org/convention).

### Posters & flyers

It is important that our noticeboards are kept up to date and attractive and notices are displayed appropriately. To assist with this *please give all posters and flyers for display to Ruth or Corinne*. It also means that we can ensure that All Stars and Grace Taylor Hall receive the same information. Thank you.