



Sunday 22nd January 2016
3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Worship@6

Tonight in the hall we shall be looking at the question, "Why should I become a Christian?", a question that anyone might ask us. Do we have an answer? Come and listen to the evangelist J John provide some answers on YouTube. You will be entertained, challenged, and go away encouraged - but only if you're there at 6.00 pm tonight! Do try and make it!

February Walk

Weather and conditions permitting a walk is planned for Saturday 4th February. Please let Corinne Hyde know if you would like to come, or for further information contact details are in the Church Directory. Friends are welcome too.

Dementia Awareness Training

On Saturday 4th of February, from 10:30-12noon in the downstairs St. John's Church Hall, the Pastoral care team have arranged a training session on dementia awareness. It is open to anyone interested in learning more about this disease. Please let Robert Grieve know if you are interested in attending so that we have an idea of how many plan to attend.

Ladies' Spirituality Course

Monday mornings from 10:00am - 12:00noon, 6th March - 10th 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 23rd January.

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)

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.

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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.

Sermon Series on James

As part of our year of Discipleship we will be focusing our Sunday teaching at 10:45 and GTH around the book of James. The sermons will also be available on the website in case you miss one and want to catch up.

James' letter was written within 50 years of Jesus death to teach early Christians about Godly wisdom, so that they might live lives according to Jesus teaching to love God and love their neighbour. He bases much of what he says on Matthew's Sermon on the Mount and the first 9 chapters of Proverbs so we will be exploring some of this material as well.

There are considerable riches in this book and I hope you will be excited at the prospect of studying this important New Testament book and growing as disciples through doing so. In preparation for this you might like to read through the book of James - it won't take very long as it only consists of 5 chapters.

The series will begin on Sunday 5th February when I will give an overview of James and what we will be covering.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 23rd January	Tuesday 24th January
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	13:00 Visit by Mundella Year 5
Wednesday 25th January	Thursday 26th 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	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall	
Friday 27th January	Saturday 28th January
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:00pm Brownies	
6:30pm Winter Shelter	
7:15 Rangers	
Sunday 29th January - Morning	Sunday 29th January - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Churches Together United Service with Bishop Trevor, Church
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	7:15pm No Sunday Nighters, Church Hall
10:45am Holy Communion in Church	



The “Not-so-New-Year Party”

It is always great to get the family together and on Saturday 4th February from 4-5:30pm we are having an all age party downstairs in the Church Hall. An annual event, where we can enjoy chatting with old friends and getting to know new ones, take part in a variety of games and activities, and enjoy a bring and share meal. There are sign-up sheets for bringing food in all services. We look forward to spending this time together, so bring friends and family of all ages to enjoy our 'not-so-new-year' party. Claire Coleman, Sandra Donald.

Churches Together News

Next United Service

This will be at St John's at 6:00pm next Sunday, 29th 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 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