

You're welcome!

Tonight at Worship@6 we shall explore almost the last verse of the Bible, where God invites us to come to Him. What does that mean for us as a Church and as individual Christians? What did it mean for those first disciples? A melange of Bible study, video clips, good songs, discussion, and prayer. You're welcome!

Active Kids Vouchers

If you shop at Sainsbury's please accept the school tokens as we are collecting them again for the Primary Academy and Mundella schools. There will be collection boxes at each service venue. Thank you.

Cushions Needed

On Fizz (our Thursday night youth group for those in Year 6 and above) would be grateful to receive donations of cushions, old or new, to make their meeting more cosy. Please see Emma Creeden or Claire Coleman if you think you could help. Thank you.

Prayer Week at The Primary Academy

This is taking place this week from Monday to Wednesday. Marj Francis has produced a special prayer leaflet which is available at each service to help us share in what is now St John's 7th Prayer Week by supporting them in prayer. Do take one. Thank you.

After Service Coffee

Do you enjoy your coffee after the 10:45 service? We need your help to make it happen. A number of volunteers have recently stepped down and six more people are needed to take their place. Ideally three people are needed to help each week on a six weekly rota. Please contact Jackie Boyce on 892680 or pandjboyce@btinternet.com We'd love more men to join our current male volunteers!

Stamps

First, a huge thank you to all who have been saving used stamps and putting them in the box for me to take and sort out. I send them to the Leprosy Mission who are very experienced at getting a good price for them. They deal in 'collectables' generally i.e. coins, medals, postcards etc. and the stamps are most gratefully received. IN 2016 they raised £147,944 for the work of the Mission! So you can see how valuable your contributions are. Thank you again and keep the stamps coming! Richard Secker.

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Sunday 5th February 2017
4th Sunday before Lent

Get Connected

Welcome to St John's!

We warmly welcome you if you are visiting us today. Please make yourselves known to us and 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

As part of our vision to grow as disciples in 2017, and following on from the Old Testament Course I ran in October/November, I will be leading a 5 week course on Wednesday evenings during Lent, starting on the 8th March, exploring the 27 books of the New Testament. The sessions will begin at 7:30pm and conclude promptly at 9:30pm. The venue will be St John's Church. The 5 sessions are as follows:

Week 1 - The Four Gospels

Week 2 - Acts of the Apostles

Week 3 - The Letters of Paul

Week 4 - Letters by other authors

Week 5 - Revelation

If you would like to be included please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church or email me at stevejbradford@btinternet.com or phone me on 01303 211037.

God Bless, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 6th February	Tuesday 7th February
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	Prayer Week at The Primary Academy
Prayer Week at The Primary Academy	2:00pm Craft Club, Grace Taylor Hall
Wednesday 8th February	Thursday 9th February
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book - Prayer Week
Prayer Week at The Primary Academy	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall
9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
2:00pm Primetime	
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall	
Friday 10th February	Saturday 11th February
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
6:30pm Winter Shelter	
7:15 Rangers	
Sunday 12th February - Morning	Sunday 12th February - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, 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 Holy Communion in Church	

Folkestone churches get together for a splendid celebration



About 250 people from churches all over Folkestone gathered at St John's on Sunday evening and nearly raised the roof with their rousing singing of some universal favourites. Some of them are pictured here, chatting before the service, which marked the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Rev. Trevor Willmott, spoke movingly about how vital our work is in today's world.



Synopsis of PCC Meeting

At the PCC meeting of 23rd January 2017, members agreed the minutes of the meetings of 28th November 2016 and then discussed the following: Safeguarding training on 18th March at 1.30pm and the resource 'The Gospel, Sexual Abuse and the Church' published by The Faith and Order Commission of the Church of England.

Finance: the accounts for year ending December 2016 were agreed and a new budget for 2017 presented and agreed.

A review of Christmas services.

The new full time role of the CYFM (Children's, Youth and Families Minister).

Discussion with regard to the future vision and mission of our Church.

The full agreed minutes will be available after the meeting on 27th February.

PCC Elections

If you would like to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council and/or Deanery Synod please speak to the vicar or one of the Church Wardens. The elections will take place at the Annual Church Meeting on Saturday 1st April. To stand for election you must be on the Electoral Roll of St John's Parish.

If you have not already received a copy of the green Get Connected Extra about the APCM and the revision of the Electoral Roll please pick up a copy from the table at each service venue. Application forms to go on the Roll are also available on the tables.