



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

### 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.

The next 'Songs of Praise' will be on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm in Church. There will be favourite hymns, music for quiet reflection, readings from the psalms and testimonies.

### ICC (International China Concern)

Thank you to everyone for supporting my stall to raise funds for ICC. It raised £120. ICC are so grateful for all the support which St. John's Church gives them. Linda Grieve

### 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.

### 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.

### Men@StJ

Our next *breakfasts* at the 'Captain's Table' will be on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am and then on 18<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> April. A *curry night* is also planned for 30<sup>th</sup> March at 'The Prince of India' in Cheriton. The 'Eat as much as you like' buffet is £8.95 per person. Please let David Donald know if you are interested in coming to any of these events. Contact details in the Church Directory.

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# Get Connected

## Welcome to St John's!

We warmly welcome you if you are visiting us today. Please make yourself 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.

## Growing as a Disciple in Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> March). Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus' sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is usually marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

As part of my reflection during this time I usually select a spiritual book to read. I would like to recommend this practice to you as part of our vision to grow as disciples in 2017. The amount of time you would like to spend reading will influence the size of book you choose - it could be anything from 10 minutes to an hour (or more).

There is a large selection of suitable books on our bookstall to choose from; or I would be more than happy to lend you something suitable from my own library or recommend something suitable for you. You could even do an internet search for Lent books and see what catches your eye.

The key thing to do at this time is decide what you are going to read and have it ready to begin reading on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. Happy reading.

Every Blessing, Steve

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

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book - Half Term
9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall - Half Term
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall - Half Term	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall - Half Term
2:00pm Primetime - Half Term	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall - Half Term	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	8:30am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table
5:30pm Brownies - Half Term	
6:30pm Winter Shelter	
7:15 Rangers	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February - 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	

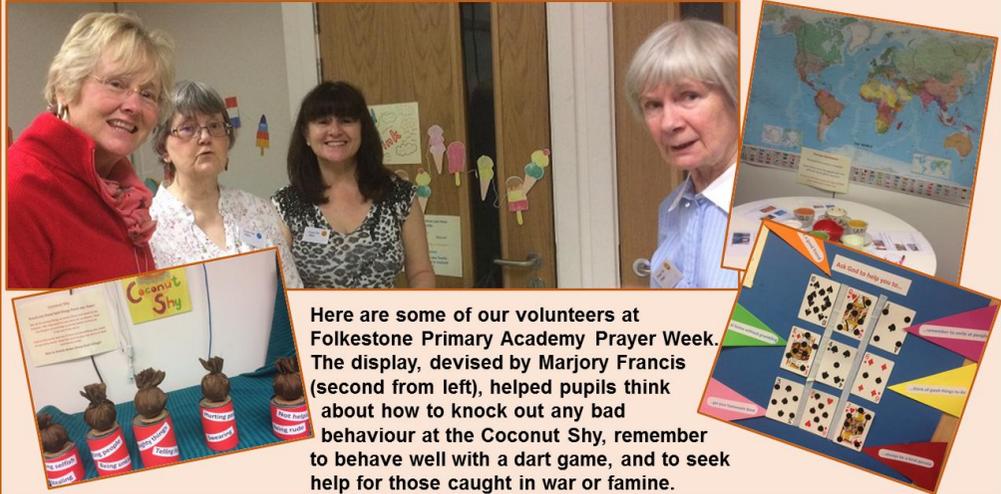
### Getting to Grips with the Bible

Don't forget to sign up on the sheet at each service if you would like to be included on this 5 week course on Wednesday evenings during Lent. It starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Alternatively, email Steve at [stevejbradford@btinternet.com](mailto:stevejbradford@btinternet.com) or phone him on 01303 211037.

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

**Spotlight on... our Prayer Week at the Primary Academy**



Here are some of our volunteers at Folkestone Primary Academy Prayer Week. The display, devised by Marjory Francis (second from left), helped pupils think about how to knock out any bad behaviour at the Coconut Shy, remember to behave well with a dart game, and to seek help for those caught in war or famine.

### Walk Through the New Testament

This will be at Folkestone Baptist Church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-9.30pm and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9am-1pm. Ever wondered how the New Testament fits together? Who wrote which letters? Which bit came first? What's the purpose of each of the books? Join us for a fun and interactive couple of sessions looking at how it all fits together. With the help of an experienced and professional trainer from "Walk Through the Bible Ministries". This should be really good, and a bargain at only £14, including a great booklet to take away. You can book online here:

<http://www.bible.org.uk/index.php#events-list-section>

or give Rob Prentice a ring on 01303 488545 to reserve your place and pay on the day. Under 16s go free, when accompanied by an adult, and there's a free bacon sandwich if you turn up early on the Saturday!