

## Annual Meeting and PCC Elections - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10:00am

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. The deadline for applying is 17<sup>th</sup> March - see Get Connected Extra.

### Bible Reading Notes

Steve Dean is unable to be in Church today, but will distribute the next quarter's Scripture Union Notes from the back of the Church from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March onwards. If you are not a subscriber already, and would like to join the scheme from April onwards, please speak with Steve.

### Living with Loss

An opportunity to work through some of the losses in life: leaving a place, a job, a relationship and to bring the healing love of Christ into those losses. Saturday 18th March 2017, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm at St George's Church, Audley Road, Folkestone, CT20 3QA. It will be led by Reverend Canon Sarah Chapman (Chaplain at The Living Well and Diocesan Advisor in Healing and Wholeness) Entry by donation. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Booking and further information available from Stella Hawes on 01303 267752

### Church Website

Some of you will have noticed the words 'Register' and 'Login' at the top of the home page. These are currently for office use only and relate to the members area which is under construction for possible future use. It does not affect anyone's ability to access any of the pages or information.

### Free First Aid items

Please help yourselves to any of the bandages or slings for your own personal first aid boxes. They remain sterile but have to be changed as they are past the use by date. Eileen Moore-Dalgleish.

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of 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.

## Our New Curate

I am delighted to announce the arrival of our new curate, Joanne Purle. Jo will join us on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July after her ordination at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. If you would like to attend her ordination the service is at 10:30am.

Jo is a qualified nurse by profession and has extensive practical experience of community development in Africa. She is currently studying at Trinity Theological College in Bristol. She will be moving into the curate's house in June.

We will be holding our church family BBQ at the vicarage on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Please put the date in your diaries) so everyone will get a chance to meet her.

I am sure Jo will be a great blessing to St John's and that we will all be a great blessing to her. Please keep Jo in your prayers as she completes her studies and prepares to move to Folkestone to begin her ministry among us.

God bless, Steve

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

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club, Grace Taylor Hall
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book
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	
7:30pm 'Getting to Grips with the Bible' - the New Testament, Church	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Rangers	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Evening</b>
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	



**Ladies' Afternoon Tea** - This year's tea linked to Mothering Sunday is at The Burlington Hotel, on the corner of The Leas and Earls Avenue, on Saturday 1 April at 3pm. The subsidised cost is £4.50 per head. If you would like to come along, please sign up on the list available at each service (Grace Taylor Hall, All Stars, and in Church). Each lady will be able to choose tea or coffee and water - both hot and cold - will also be available to drink for those who would like it. As in previous years, each of us will choose in advance to have a scone or some cake and we need to give final numbers of each to the hotel on Monday 20 March. The maximum number who can attend is 50, so this will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions, please ask either Alison Pemberton or Chrissy Forrest. If you don't manage to catch us at a service, our contact details are: Alison - T: 01303 255221/ M: 07775 902751, email: [alisonpemberton@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonpemberton@hotmail.com); Chrissy - T: 01303 256279, M: 07917 694812, email: [chrissy.forrest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrissy.forrest@hotmail.co.uk)



### “Songs of Praise” - This evening at 6:00pm in Church

- Favourite hymns & worship songs
- Music for quiet reflection
- Readings from the Psalms
- Testimonies

All welcome. Do join us.