



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of 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.

### Trip to Israel in 2018

I am thinking about visiting The Holy Land in the Autumn of 2018 and wondered if anyone might be interested in coming with me. The cost will be about £1400pp for a 7/8 day tour including flights. You are welcome to just indicate possible interest at this time if you wish. Steve Bradford

### Rainbow Knit-In

A team of people from St John's will be taking part in the Sponsored Knit-In for the Rainbow Centre this Wednesday 15th March. If you would like to sponsor the team I will be at the back of the Church after the service with the sponsor form. Thank you. Phoebe Moffatt

### Men@StJ

Our next *breakfasts* at the 'Captain's Table' will be at 8:30am 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.

### Easter Fun Day

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2:30 pm - 4:30pm. There will be face painting, Easter Activity trail, crafts, Easter egg hunt, cakes and drinks, barbecue and making Easter gardens..... and lots more fun activities.

### 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 also 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 from the box on the font 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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# 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.

## Faith is like a Garden

I have recently been reflecting on the question 'What is Faith?'

I believe that faith is a gift from God but it isn't something we all just have. I came across a metaphor for faith which suggests that faith is like a garden. While we all may have the basics - soil, seeds, water - we have to cultivate it and nourish it if we want it to flourish. Like a garden, faith takes patience, persistence, and even hard work. These are themes that our sermon series on James has been touching on over the past few weeks.

During this season of Lent what have you chosen to do to cultivate and nourish your faith? How can I help you? It takes conscious effort and commitment to grow as disciples so that we become more like Jesus. Don't let your 'garden' turn into a wilderness.

Every Blessing, Steve

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

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 16<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 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	8:30am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table
5:30pm Brownies	1:30pm Safeguarding Training, Church Hall
7:15 Rangers	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March - 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	



### 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. 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 this coming Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March** - see Get Connected Extra.

**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 1st April at 3:00pm. 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)



### Work Party! - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Meet to clean, tidy and possibly do some painting around the church premises. Refreshments included! Contact Steve Hyde (see Church Directory).