



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Fashion Show

The Friends of St Martin's Church are putting on a fashion show for the Rainbow Centre on Tuesday 28th March at 7:00pm at St Martin's Church. All items will come from the Rainbow Shop and there will be an opportunity to buy clothes and accessories during the evening. £4 entry charge to include refreshments. Why not come along to nibble, sip wine and admire the catwalk?

### Join a St John's Work Party going to China!

Three of us from St. John's are joining a team to go and work/help in the orphanage in China run by ICC. We will be joining a team on 25th March 2018 and will be staying for two weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve God and to help these abandoned children. We would love some more of you to join us! So if you would like to know more about this opportunity, please see me. Linda Grieve

### Rainbow Knit-In

A very big thank you to everyone who helped at the Rainbow Knit-In either by knitting or by generously sponsoring our team. Our team made £250 and altogether with all the teams the magnificent sum of £4370 was raised for the Rainbow Centre. So once again thank you to all of you.

### Men@StJ

A curry night is 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 this event. Contact details in the Church Directory.

### 2017 Alpha Course at St John's Church

The Alpha course explores the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. The course runs for 11 weeks from Wednesday 3rd May and is for anyone who is curious to know more about the Christian faith. Each session includes food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. No question is out of bounds. If you would like to do the Alpha Course this year please speak to Steve Bradford or Steve O'Neill.

### 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.

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# Get Connected

## Welcome to St John's!

We are delighted to welcome you to our services today. Please make yourselves known to us and if you would like to learn more about St John's and what we do please help yourself to a Welcome Pack which is 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.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

I hope you will be able to join me next Saturday for our APCM. It will take place in the Church Hall from 10am - 11:30am with refreshments served immediately afterwards.

This is an important meeting for all members of St John's church when we elect our Church Wardens and PCC members and receive reports about the various activities we are engaged in. Members include anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of St John's Church.

This year we have asked Claire Coleman to give her first report as our Children, Youth and Families Minister. This is an exciting new development and I hope you will find it interesting to discover how things have gone in the first few months.

I will also be explaining how we are going to discern a new vision for St John's. A process which we hope will involve everyone as we try to find out what God wants us to do. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Leadership Team and to comment about any matter of concern.

Every Blessing, Steve

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

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
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 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	10:00am APCM, Church Hall
5:30pm Brownies - Easter break	3:00pm Ladies Afternoon Tea Burlington Hotel, Earls Avenue
7:15 Rangers - Easter break	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - 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 Morning Worship in Church	

Spotlight on our... **EASTER FUN DAY**

**EGG HUNT**  
**ACTIVITY TRAIL**  
**MAKE A BONNET**  
**FACE-PAINTING**  
**MAKE A GARDEN**  
**REFRESHMENTS**



**Saturday 15 April 2017 2.30-4.30pm**  
**St John's Church and Hall – YOU are welcome!**  
**\*\* Volunteers needed - please speak to Alison or Chrissy\*\***

**Maundy Thursday: 'Last Supper' - 'Passover', 13<sup>th</sup> April.**  
 As last year, there will be a 'Last Supper' - 'Passover' on Maundy Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.

This is a DIY 'Bring & Share' family meal, with elements of 'Passover' and Holy Communion. It is a great way to prepare for Easter, and to learn more about our Christian origins. Put it in your diary now. More information will come later.



### **Worship@6**

An informal time of prayer and worship in the Church Hall. Each week there is a different emphasis; sometimes we focus on aspects of our Christian life and service, other weeks we focus on prayer for our community and the wider world or our ministry and mission to the people of our parish.