



Sunday 2nd April 2017
5th Sunday of Lent

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Eileen Leeming

Jack and Lois Leeming would like to invite their friends from St John's to join them for this service of thanksgiving for Eileen which will take place at St John's Church on Thursday April 6th at 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall immediately afterwards.

Flowers for Easter

We will be decorating the Church for Easter. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers there will be a plate for your gifts on the font after the service this morning. Thank you. Jill O'Neill

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

Praying for the World

Some more copies of Open Doors "World Watch List 2017" are now on the Mission table. The 50 most dangerous countries to live in as a Christian are spotlighted, giving you useful information for prayer. Do have a browse and take a copy if you like. Robert Grieve

Donation of Cupcakes for Fun Day

If you are able to make some cupcakes for our Fun Day on 15th April please put your name on the list at the back of church. Thank you. Carole Jewitt

Churches Together Easter Events

- Good Friday
Town Centre 10:30am Worship and Witness followed by crosses procession through the town and up to the hill where there will be a short hilltop service.
- Easter Sunday
Lower Leas Amphitheatre 6:00am Sunrise Service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

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Get Connected

Welcome to St John's!

We warmly welcome everyone to our services today. If you are visiting for the first time 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.

Parish Weekend Away in March 2018

Today you will have heard the exciting news about our planned Parish Weekend Away which will take place between Friday 9th March and Sunday 11th March 2018. We hope that everyone will want to come along whether you have been at St John's many years or only recently started attending.

We want families to come, single people to come, children to come, and young and older people to come. We will make sure that there is something for everyone: time to grow in our faith; praise and worship; fun, including a barn dance; time to make new friends and some time to explore the local area.

Our chosen venue is Ashburnham Place, near Battle, in East Sussex. It provides beautiful surroundings, wonderful food and well equipped rooms and facilities. We are asking you to get your booking forms back to us by the 14th May so that we can make sure we get the rooms we need. We do not want anyone to feel excluded by the cost and if this may be the case for you please speak to Chrissy Forrest or myself.

Every Blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 3rd April	Tuesday 4th April
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club
Wednesday 5th April	Thursday 6th April
8:30am Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall - Easter break
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall - Easter break	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall - Easter break
2:00pm Primetime - Easter break	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall - Easter break	
7:30pm 'Getting to Grips with the Bible' - the New Testament, Church	
Friday 7th April	Saturday 8th April
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies - Easter break	
7:15 Rangers - Easter break	
Palm Sunday 9th April - Morning	Palm Sunday 9th April - 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	

'Last Supper' Communion & 'Passover' Meal Maundy Thursday, 13th April, 18:15 for 18:30

This combination of Jewish 'Passover' / 'Last Supper' meal, and Communion Service helps us prepare for Easter, deepen our understanding of Communion, and enjoy a fellowship meal together.

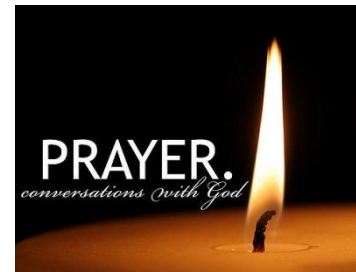
The Jewish Passover is a full family meal, and like any family celebration is for all ages, and specifically features the child who asks 'The Questions' and a 'treasure hunt' for the *Afikomen*.

As this is a family occasion the meal will be a DIY 'Bring & Share', though enough wine for the '4 cups' and the special 'Passover' food items will be provided.
N.B. we do need volunteer bakers to make mazots.

Please sign up now as numbers have to be limited - there is a list at each of our services.

There is also a list to sign up to bring different items for the meal.

Questions (& mazot baking offers) to: Carole Jewitt, Frances Morgan, Jill O'Neill, or Richard Pamplin.



Prayer Vigil

This evening in Church from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Theme, "He is not here!" There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and prayer ministry. All very welcome. Come and go as you wish.

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.