

## 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.

## 'Last Supper' Communion & 'Passover' Meal

**Maundy Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 6:15pm for 6:30pm**

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.*

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

**Please sign up if you wish to come as numbers are limited. There is a list at each of our services. The lists close today!**

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

## 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.

## 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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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Palm Sunday

# 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 learn more about the life of St John's do collect a Welcome Pack, available at all our services.

Refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the All Stars and 10:45am services. Do join us for coffee and a chat.

## 2017 - St John's Year of Discipleship

'I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize.' (Phil 3:12)

Back in January I explained my hope and prayer that everyone would seek out opportunities to grow as disciples during 2017. So we are now three months in - how is it going for you?

The Lent Course on the New Testament is now completed. We have begun sending out sermon notes and making them available after services so that you can follow up the sermon either in home groups or on your own. The sermons are also available to download on our website.

Still to come we have our Alpha Course starting on the 3rd May and a Deepening Discipleship Course which starts on 4<sup>th</sup> October. There is also still time to join others from St John's who will be attending summer conferences (Keswick in July or New Wine in August). These offer great opportunities to learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

There are many wonderful Christian books available to buy or borrow from our library. Or perhaps now is the time to join a house group which meets fortnightly to study the Bible with others and form new friendships.

If you would like any further information about any of these please do ask me.

Every Blessing, Steve

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

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	7:45pm Choir & Musicians Practice
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April</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 - 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	7:30pm 'Passover' Meal and 'Last Supper' Communion, Church Hall
3:30pm Shooting Stars, Church Hall - Easter Break	
<b>Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>
10:30am CTF Worship and Witness in precinct followed by crosses walk	2:30pm Easter Fun Day
5:30pm Brownies - Easter Break	
7:15 Rangers - Easter Break	
<b>Easter Day 16<sup>th</sup> April - Morning</b>	<b>Easter Day 16<sup>th</sup> April - Evening</b>
9:15am Easter Communion, Grace Taylor Hall	
10:45am All Age Easter Celebration with Communion in Church	



### Church Weekend Away 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

To book your place fill in one of the booking forms on the back of the leaflets and put in the box (one at each service venue) together with your deposit of £15.

If you did not receive a leaflet about the weekend last week they are available at each of our services.

**Note: Closing date for receipt of booking forms is the 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

#### Synopsis of PCC Meeting

At the PCC meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, members discussed the following:

- The February Managements Accounts which reveal a healthy position
- Plans for improvements to our buildings in 2017
- Arrangements for the APCM on 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Arrangements for the Easter Fun Day on 15<sup>th</sup> April
- The launch of St John's Church Parish Weekend Away which will take place in March 2018 at Ashburnham Place.
- Becoming a partner Church with Open Doors - a charity which supports the persecuted church around the world.
- How we might improve our welcome and integration of newcomers to St John's
- A discussion of possible options for our 2017 Christmas services

The full agreed minutes will be available after the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

#### 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

#### Donation of Cupcakes for Fun Day

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