



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Lessons From the Cross On The Right

Two criminals were crucified either side of Jesus. Both jeered at him, but one changed his mind. Traditionally he is said to be the one on the right of Jesus. Tonight at Worship@6 we shall look at a couple of lessons to be drawn from his conversation with Jesus - an exchange that took place in the agony of crucifixion. We shall see how simple entry into God's kingdom is - and consider how wasteful a life is when it is spent without Jesus. Come and worship, pray, learn, and be challenged.

### Open Doors - Serving the Persecuted Church...Worldwide

St John's has become a partner/supporter church for Open Doors. There is a small display board, just past the bookstall, with some literature and information. There will be a theme change every so often and the current one is how the Iraqi Church is reclaiming homes and buildings around Mosul, after Government forces have ousted IS. For any further information do please see Robert Grieve.

### Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's school tokens scheme finishes this week. As you may know we have been collecting them for the Primary Academy and Mundella schools. If you have any tokens you would like to donate do please bring them in. There are collection boxes at each service venue. Thank you.

### Men@StJ

Our next breakfast at the 'Captain's Table' by the harbour will be at 8:30am on 20<sup>th</sup> May. For further information please contact David Donald (see Directory).

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously towards the cost of the Easter flowers. Jill O'Neill

### Rainbow Shop - Donations Needed

Are you in spring cleaning mode, turning out cupboards, reducing the contents of your wardrobe or sorting through bookshelves? The Rainbow Shop in Cheriton would be pleased to receive any donations of bric-a-brac, clothes and accessories, or books, cds and DVDs (sorry no videos). They are able to collect items if necessary, please telephone on 274169 or speak to Jill O'Neill.

# 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.

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.

## Don't miss out on our Weekend Away in March 2018

Only two weeks to go until the sign up deadline. Please don't miss out. We hope everyone at St John's will want to come to this significant event in the life of our Church.

Our Weekend Away at Ashburnham Place near Battle, in East Sussex runs from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Ashburnham Place provides beautiful surroundings, wonderful food and well equipped rooms and facilities. You are welcome to come whether you have been at St John's many years or have only recently started attending.

As well as growing in our faith - through excellent teaching from Lyndall Bywater, and worshipping together - there will be time for sharing meals, exploring the local area and having fun. We are planning exciting activities for children and young people as well as adults.

Please return your booking forms 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

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

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
8:30am No Morning Prayer	2:00pm Craft Club
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May</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	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Rangers	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 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	

## Magical afternoon of fun and games at Easter

More than 150 people came to our Fun Day this year. In an action-packed afternoon, they gasped and laughed at a magic show, tasted the kind of food Jesus ate at the Last Supper, played games and made Easter Bonnets, baskets and gardens.

There was an absorbing Activity Trail, with lots to do and many had their faces painted, too, before joining in an Easter Egg hunt. Of course, the barbecue and refreshments team were busy the whole time.



## Thy Kingdom Come

During the period between Ascension and Pentecost - basically Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June, we shall be supporting an initiative called Thy Kingdom Come. This was initially started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 and is a global prayer movement inviting Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. The week is also known as "Pledge 2 Pray" week.

We will be showing a short video from the Archbishop at various morning services. We shall be using the Worship@6 on Sunday 28 May to focus on praying specifically for "more people to know Jesus". Even if you don't normally come to Worship@6 please come to this one.

We have 20 free tickets for an informal service of prayer and worship led by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Cathedral on Saturday 3 June at 6.30 pm. Please see Steve O'Neill if you would like one. The website details say: "We want to pray for people to come to know Jesus and for Christians to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to share their faith." This event is now booked out, so is clearly very popular.

We will start the week with a Communion service on **Ascension Day**, Thursday 25 May at 7pm. Let's come together to encourage one another to pray for the Kingdom.