

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.

Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's school tokens scheme has now ended. As you may know we have been collecting them for the Primary Academy and Mundella schools. *If you still have any tokens you would like to donate could you please bring them in by Sunday 14th May.* Marj Francis would like to take The Academy's share to them when Open the Book go to the school on 18th. Claire Coleman will take the other share to Mundella. There are collection boxes at each service venue. Thank you so much.

Men@StJ

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

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). Items can be collected if necessary, please telephone on 274169 or speak to Jill O'Neill.

Prayer Ministry after 10:45am Service

If anyone would like someone to pray with them, about anything at all, just make your way to the front of the Church to the small seating area near the lectern (on the left).

Posters & Flyers

It is important that our noticeboards are kept up to date and attractive and notices are displayed appropriately. To assist with this *please give all posters and flyers for display to Ruth or Corinne.* It also means that we can ensure that All Stars and Grace Taylor Hall receive the same information. Thank you.

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Sunday 7th May 2017
4th Sunday of Easter

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.

Do you want to know your Bible even better?

I have recently discovered an excellent new resource that helps us to get to know our Bibles better in a fun way. I want to recommend this internet based resource to you. The website is www.thebibleproject.com.

The site uses short, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. Each video is 5-10 minutes in length and helps us to understand why the book was written and what it has to say to us today. New videos are being added all the time which explore important elements of our faith, such as: 'The Holy Spirit'; 'The Messiah'; and 'The Covenants'.

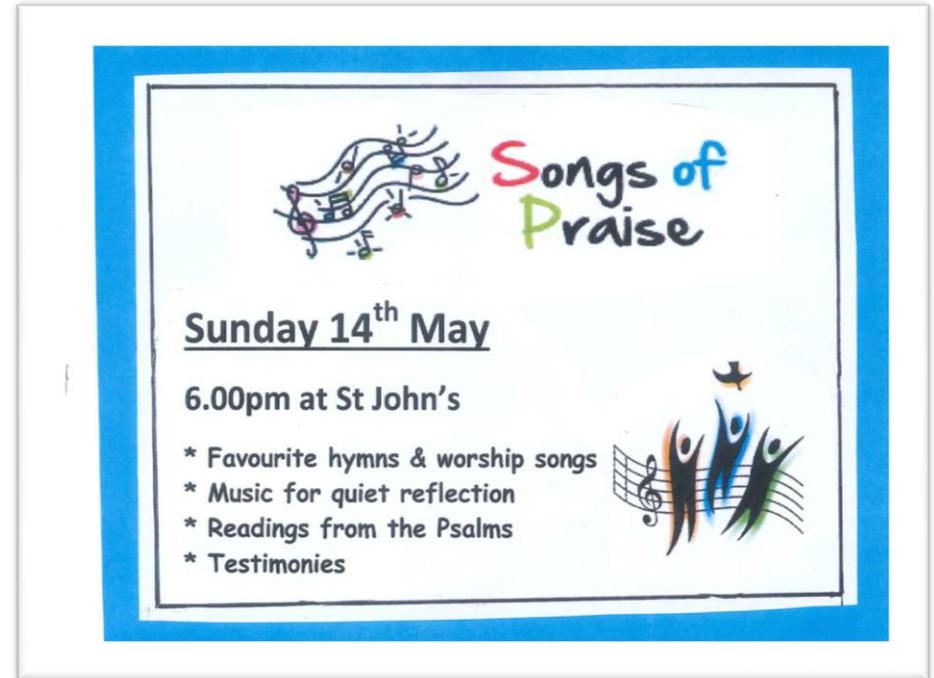
Free posters are also available to download for each book to help us remember the story and the important themes and messages they contain.

I encourage you to take a look at this resource and use it as one of the ways to grow as a disciple of Jesus in 2017.

Every Blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 8th May	Tuesday 9th May
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May
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	
Friday 12th May	Saturday 13th May
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Rangers	
Sunday 14th May - Morning	Sunday 14th May - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Songs of Praise in Church
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall
10:45am Holy Communion in Church	



Thy Kingdom Come

During the period between Ascension and Pentecost - Thursday 25th May - Sunday 4th 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.

All 20 free tickets for the informal service of prayer and worship led by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Cathedral on Saturday 3 June at 6.30 pm have now gone. 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." The 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.