



Sunday 2nd July 2017
3rd Sunday after Trinity

Deepening Discipleship

St John's will be hosting an 8 week course to help discover more about discipleship and who God is calling you to be. The course will take place in St John's Church Hall on Wednesday nights, 7.00-9.00pm starting on the 4th October. Places are limited and this course is being advertised throughout the Elham Deanery. I expect it will fill up quickly so please don't delay in booking a place. Jo Purle, our curate, will be part of the team leading this course. For more information and an application form please contact Steve Bradford.

Taizé Prayer Vigil

Sunday 6th August from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All welcome.

Ditties & Desserts

Martin and Carole Jewitt are planning an evening of live organ music and puddings on Tuesday 5 September at 12 Abbott Road with a collection for the Rainbow Centre. As there is room for only 18 people a list will be appearing in church shortly for anyone who would like to come.

A Big Thank You to St John's

Many thanks to everyone for the support that you gave to the Allen family for their fundraising cricket match in memory of Mark Allen, on Saturday 24th June. The prizes given to the raffle were all wonderful. Thank you also for buying raffle tickets and helping in other ways too! We raised £570 from the raffle plus all the very generous donations. The Pilgrims Hospices are very thankful for this and the money donated via "Just Giving". The cricket match was great fun and as high-spirited as always - in spite of the weather! Mandy Allen

Gooseberry Party!

It's that time of year when my gooseberries look ready for picking, so I'm inviting you to come and pick your own (and perhaps red currants as well) on Thursday July 6th from 2 pm onwards at 9 Alder Road. Donations to the Rainbow Centre. See you there, with your own containers. We hope the weather will be fine! (If you can't make that day ask about coming another time. Marj Francis

Downloads on St John's Website

Don't forget that there are various downloads available on our website including sermons, sermon notes, Get Connected, and the Prayer Diary. On the home page just click on downloads and select the one you want from the drop down menu.

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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.

Welcome Jo

We are thrilled today to welcome Jo as our new curate. She will be visiting all three of our morning services with me this morning so that everyone gets the chance to see her and hear a little about her journey here to Folkestone. There will be more opportunity to get to know her at the BBQ this afternoon.

It was a great pleasure and privilege to be present at Jo's ordination at Canterbury Cathedral yesterday and I want to thank everyone who was able to be there with us. A memorable day for us all.

Jo's contact details are as follows:

Email: revjop@virginmedia.com

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Please make Jo feel at home as she settles in at St John's and keep Jo in your prayers as she meets many new people and begins her ministry among us.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 3rd July	Tuesday 4th July
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club
Wednesday 5th July	Thursday 6th July
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 7th July	Saturday 8th July
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Rangers	
Sunday 9th July - Morning	Sunday 9th July - 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
10:45 Holy Communion in Church	

A massive move for Jo as she joins us at St John's



Our new curate, the Rev Jo Purle, came from Canterbury and now joins our church family in Folkestone – a move that sounds like a quick half-an-hour dash but is in fact a major life transition.

She's excited and daunted at the same time. She said: "I'm still in quite a whizz. For the last three years, my stuff has been stored with several friends and family and I've been living in a very close community at college. Now those friends and I are all in different places and we haven't quite started the next phase of our lives yet.

"Moving in to Chalk Close took three days because my belongings had been stored all over the place. But I'm in now and I've found Homebase and the tip, I've got a phone, a working tv and the internet, so that's all good. And I've been into town and taken a walk to explore The Leas.

"By the time I join you all at St John's, I'll have been on retreat for a few days before my ordination and enjoyed a celebration with family and friends. It'll be great to meet you all!"



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Up coming breakfasts are: 15th July, 19th August, 16th September. Usual venue The Captain's Table. Please invite anyone from inside or outside the church that might be interested as these are a good way for newer people to build relationships.

Kent Cricket Club will be embarking on another Twenty Twenty campaign

shortly. I know that there are a few cricket supporters out there so if there is any interest in going to a game please let me know and I'll sort something. For those that don't know this a quick fire version of the game usually played under flood lights in the evening and has a great atmosphere. David Donald (See Directory for contact details.)