

## 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.

## PCC Meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

The PCC will be meeting tomorrow evening at 7:15pm in the church hall and would value prayer as they discuss, pray and make decisions concerning every area of church life.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who supported Linda Grieve's garage sale. A total of £120 was raised for ICC (International China Concern.)

## Taizé Prayer Vigil

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All welcome.

## Men@StJ

Up coming breakfasts are: 19<sup>th</sup> August, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## St John's 'Treasure Hunt'

I wonder if you realised that there is "hidden treasure" to be found within the church?? Just past the bookstall, there are several boxes of books on offer, kindly donated by Jack Leeming. Included there are classics such as by Martin Lloyd Jones, C S Lewis and Charles Swindoll. There are Bibles and commentaries too. There is no charge for any of this "treasure" but any donation to church funds would be appreciated. Robert Grieve

## Memorial Book

St John's has a memorial book which was opened following the Folkestone earthquake. If anyone would like an entry marking a particular anniversary, Ruth has a form for you to complete with details of the type of entry you would like so that a page can be created. The memorial book is displayed near the top table.

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

# 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.

## The Power of our Testimony

One of the wonderful things about our Songs of Praise evenings has been the opportunity to hear encouraging stories from individuals about how they came to faith in Jesus or experienced times of significant growth in their faith. Do come along tonight if you haven't been before.

The Bible tells us that we should 'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have' and to do this with 'gentleness and respect' (1 Peter 3:15). This applies to all of us not just a chosen few. We all have a story to tell.

By telling our stories about how God is at work in our lives we encourage each other and at the same time get to know each other better. We would like to include your stories in our Sunday morning worship. If you have a short story (3-4 minutes) to tell about how you came to faith, or how God helped you through a difficult time, or how God has spoken to you, or how God has answered your prayer, please let me know. If you would like help preparing your story we can help with that too.

Every blessing,

Steve

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

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</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 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Rangers	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 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
10:45 Morning Worship in Church	



### Songs of Praise - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

6:00pm in church.

- Favourite hymns & songs
- Psalms & poetry
- Testimonies
- Meditation on 'The River of God'

### Synopsis of PCC Meeting

At the PCC meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, members agreed the minutes of the meetings of 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017 and then discussed the following:

- Date for next year's APCM - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7:30pm
- Replacement of Church Laptop
- Approval of Oddments Theatre booking in November (Corrie Ten Boom story)
- Monthly Management Accounts and appointment of new Independent Examiner
- Update on Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment of Volunteers
- The closure of Shooting Stars after school club - news of what will be happening instead will be notified soon.
- New Church Noticeboards
- Renewal and affirmation of Frances Morgan's ministry at St. John's
- Progress report on the discernment of a new Vision for St John's

The full agreed minutes will be available after the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017.