

Please see Robert Grieve (see Directory) about special Primetime meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

#### **Taylor Toddlers at Grace Taylor Hall**

Babies, toddlers and pre-school children play together while parents and carers enjoy a cup of coffee and a friendly chat on Wednesdays in term time from 10:00am - 11:30am. We will be re-starting on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Twiglets in St John's Church Hall**

A fun activity session for pre-school children and their parents or carer. Come and play, enjoy crafts, a Bible story, a song and a snack. We meet on Thursday during term time from 1:15 - 2:45pm. We re-start on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> October. Places are limited and this course is being advertised throughout the Elham Deanery. Jo Purle, our curate, will be part of the team leading this course. For more information and an application form please contact Steve Bradford.

#### **Walk for family and friends - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

Our next walk begins in Faversham and is a fairly gentle 5 miles with a stop for lunch. Please ask Corinne Hyde for details.

#### **Ride & Stride - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Anyone want to join me walking or cycling in aid of Friends of Kent Churches or to welcome visitors to St John's or sponsor us? See notices around our venues. Martin Jewitt

#### **Grace Taylor Hall Coffee Morning**

Coffee Morning on the 14th September from 10:30am to 12:00 noon. Everybody is very welcome. Proceeds will go towards new windows at Grace Taylor Hall.

#### **Harvest**

Harvest service followed by lunch Sunday, 1st October. Tickets for hot lunch £5 adults, £2 children. On sale from 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Please note the Church Office will be closed from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August.**

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# Get Connected

## **Welcome to St John's!**

We warmly welcome you if you are visiting us today. If you would like to know more about the life of St John's do collect a welcome pack, available at all our services.

At our 10:45 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 10:45 am services. Do join us for coffee and a chat.

## **Summer Holiday Season**

Most of us have had a very full year and I wonder what we might be doing during this holiday season? Visiting, or being visited by, family? A foreign holiday perhaps? Spending time with children who are off school? Sunbathing? Extra gardening?

Whatever it is I hope you will find some time to rest and have fun; recharge the batteries; and enjoy the sunshine and all that our wonderful town has to offer. I would also like to encourage you to spend some time alone with God and you may like to meditate on these words of Jesus taken from chapter 11 of Matthew's gospel, verses 28-30.

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

Every blessing,

Steve

## What's on - dates and activities....

### Sunday Services in August

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Morning	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Taizé Style Prayer Vigil, in Church
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45 Morning Worship in Church	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Morning	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45 Holy Communion in Church	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Morning	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Evening
9:15am Holy Communion, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45 Morning Worship with baptisms in Church	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Morning	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15 All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45 Morning Worship with baptism in Church	

**August All Stars Light** - During the holidays we are using Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 as inspiration for our time together. We start with breakfast together, watch a section of the film and take part in various activities that stimulate our thinking on some key themes within the film and the Bible. We hope it will be a lighter way to engage with God over the month of August and our aim is that all ages will be able to connect to what God wants to teach us.

### Craft Club

We meet at Grace Taylor Hall on the first Tuesday of the month in term time between 2:00-4:00pm to try out a different craft each time. We then make something for a gift or for the home. We explore patchwork, card-making, pincraft, plus lots more. We have made Christmas mats, table-runners, fabric-covered boxes, cushions, cards for all occasions and many other useful things. We enjoy good company and a good chat too. We re-start on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Men@StJ

We have a range of activities for men. The monthly breakfasts, usually on the 3rd Saturday in the town, are very popular. We also have a cricket team which plays roughly 5 games a year. The emphasis is on fun not expertise! If you would like more information please contact Peter Taylor (see Directory). Alternatively you can just come along to watch and enjoy a beer and a chat. If you would like any more information about Men@StJ please contact David Donald (see Directory).

### Open the Book

Our Open the Book team visits the Primary Academy alternate Thursday mornings in term time to present a Bible story to Years 2 and 3. If you feel you might enjoy taking part (it only involves a bit of dressing up and possibly learning just one or two lines of dialogue) do get in touch with me or Steve B, who is hoping to start another team to join him on his visits to Mundella School. We will also be holding another Prayer Week at the Primary Academy. Marj Francis

**On Fizz** is a home group style activity for Year 6 upwards, and is a safe place for our youth to grow in friendship and be nurtured in faith through games, activities, God's word in the Bible and in prayer. On Fizz meet at Grace Taylor Hall on Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm during term time, and is led by Emma Creeden, Yvette Sutton and Claire Coleman, our Children's Youth and Families Minister (CYFM). We would gratefully appreciate prayerful support as we continue this great work.

**Primetime** Wednesday September 6th is our first Primetime of the new term. We meet during term time only and are facilitated each week by teams of three volunteers, primarily from our congregations. At the moment we need at least two more volunteers to join the teams. Frances Morgan co-ordinates the teams who host an afternoon of tea, cakes and activities of their choice. This might include bringing in an external speaker or musician, hosting bingo or a quiz or letting the Primetimers entertain themselves with scrabble or a beetle drive.