

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.

Visit Welcome

Some of you might remember Len Griffiths, who was Organist and Choirmaster at St John's in the 1970's - 80's. He is now aged 92, quite frail and being cared for at Cumbria House. If you knew him (perhaps sang in the choir then) and would like to, I am sure he would appreciate a visit. I have assured his wife, Marion, that St John's has not forgotten them. For any further information, please see Robert Grieve.

Harvest Lunch 1st October

Harvest Tickets will be on sale on 10th, 17th, 24th Sept. We will need final numbers for catering by 24th Sept. Adults £5. Children £2. Jill O'Neill, Carole Jewitt, Frances Morgan.

Coffee Morning

At Grace Taylor Hall on 14th September between 10:30am and 12:00noon. All are welcome. Homemade jams etc. on sale. Proceeds towards new windows.

Ride and Stride - Saturday 9 September 2017

The walking group will be accompanying Martin Jewitt as we walk from Elham to St John's calling in on churches en route. Do join us if you would like to, or if you would like to sponsor this event in aid of Kent Churches please see Martin or Phoebe Moffat. For practicalities and timings contact Corinne Hyde.

Prayer Chain

Don't forget, if you would like to request prayer through the prayer chain, for yourself or others (no names need be mentioned), please contact Ruth Jones (see Directory). Prayer chain requests are only circulated to members of St John's on the electoral roll who have asked to be included on the circulation list. Every effort is made to keep prayer requests confidential to St John's.

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.

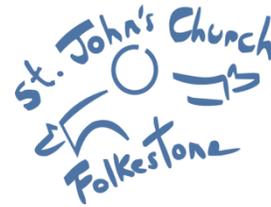
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Sunday 3rd September 2017
12th Sunday after Trinity

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.

Good News

Over the summer I have become increasingly challenged by God to share the Good News (that's what Gospel means) with those who do not yet know Jesus. As I sat down to write this, not really share of what I was going to write, the words of Edward Burns well known 20th century hymn came to mind, the opening words of which are:

We have a gospel to proclaim

Good news for all throughout the earth;

In 5 subsequent verses he goes on to tell us why Jesus life and death is good news for everyone. Do have a look in our hymn books (no. 1583 in Songs of Fellowship).

We are all commissioned by Jesus to share the good news; to be his witnesses; to make disciples; but when was the last time we did this? Some recent research found that less than 20% of people in the UK who regularly attend church had shared their faith with anyone in the previous 12 months.

This made me wonder why we don't share our faith more often. Do we believe that our Christian faith is good news? Can we explain to others why it is good news? Who would we share the good news with? We will be exploring these issues over the coming months. My prayer is that we will all be known at St John's as people who share the Good News.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 4th September	Tuesday 5th September
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club
Wednesday 6th September	Thursday 7th September
7:30am Morning Prayer - Praying for our Vision, Church Hall	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
8:30am 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
Friday 8th September	Saturday 9th September
1:00pm All Stars Team Meeting	10:00am Ride and Stride
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15pm Rangers	
Sunday 10th Sept - Morning	Sunday 10th Sept - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45am Holy Communion in Church	



Men@StJ The next breakfast will be 8:30am on Saturday 16th September at the Captain's Table.

Also the next Christian Vision for Men (CVM) regional event will be at Willesborough Baptist church on 14th October from 9.15 to 13.00. It starts with a light breakfast (bacon roll) and will include testimonies, worship and talks/teaching. Steve Hyde and I have been to a couple of these and they are ideal for inviting new Christians or those on the fringe to, although it's for mature Christians as well. It may seem a long way off but it's always good to book in advance so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come. The cost is £10 and details can be found here <http://cvm.org.uk/ironmen>. With this in mind we will not have our usual breakfast in October. David Donald (See Directory)

The Folkestone Rainbow Centre Big Sleep Out 2017

Friday 29th September at St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Warren Road. Help raise money to support individuals and families in our community in times of hardship. The gates will open at 7:30pm and the event finishes the following morning at 6:00am. There will be fun and games, a hot supper and a shelter building competition. Register to take part at www.rainbow-centre.org For more information see the 'Frequently asked questions' handout available at each service.