

Worship@6 - Sunday Evenings - A time of informal worship in the hall.

Next Walk - Saturday 21 October 2017 - International China Concern (ICC)

Our next walk to which all comers are welcome will be in support of ICC. This is an annual 10km event which Linda Grieve and a loyal team take part in. This year our St John's walkers will join them. The walk leaves at 10:30am from the Burstin Hotel and goes along the seafront towards Hythe. If you haven't yet seen some of the new developments along the beach now's your opportunity. To sponsor, contact Linda and for walk details see Corinne Hyde.

Synopsis of PCC Meeting

At the PCC Meeting of 25th September, 2017, members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2017, and then discussed the following:

Financial Accounts to September which show we are on track against our budget

Removal of some trees in church grounds

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults

Support for St John's members undertaking mission trip to China in 2018

Possibility of a Mission Trip to Uganda to support the work of JENGA next year

A report from Claire Coleman our Children, Youth and Families Minister

Upcoming social events and the work of the new Social Committee

Progress with our vision discernment process and future initiatives

Introduction of bags of toys for children sitting in the pews.

The full agreed minutes will be available after the meeting on 23rd October, 2017.

The Social Team are delighted to announce...

St John's "Open House" week: 6th-12th November

Here's how it works in 3 simple steps:

Step one Speak to a member of the Social Team if you would like to open up your home and offer hospitality during this special week. This may be for morning coffee, a full 3-course dinner, tea & cake, a pudding party... the list is endless.

Step two Sign up at the back of church to be the guest at someone's house. BUT, instead of revealing your name, simply sign up with an "x" rather than your name.

Step three Turn up at the given time & venue to be pleasantly surprised & enthralled by your fellow guests! A lovely opportunity to be with different people from our church who you might not have had the pleasure to get to know yet....

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Sunday 8th October 2017
17th Sunday after Trinity

Get Connected

Welcome to St John's!

If you are new we hope you enjoy the service. Do collect a welcome pack which contains information about all that goes on at St John's. At the 10:45 service you can go to the welcome desk near the door where someone will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Please also introduce yourself to a member of the team as you leave the church.

3 Dimensional or 3D Discipleship

Today we begin a new sermon series where we will seek to explain what it means to be a fully rounded disciple - we are calling this 3D discipleship.

Over the course of the 8-week series we will explore how we become true and faithful disciples of Jesus. We will be referring to the model, which you have been given a handout of today, and which is also in the centre pages of this week's Get Connected. As usual the sermons will be available to download on our website in case you miss one or wish to listen again.

3D Discipleship involves three relationships which we term Up, In and Out - we see this in Mark 3:13-18 when Jesus appoints 12 disciples.

- Up - Jesus called them into a relationship with Him
- In - Called them to live life with him in community with the other disciples.
- Out - he would send them out into the world to tell others about him
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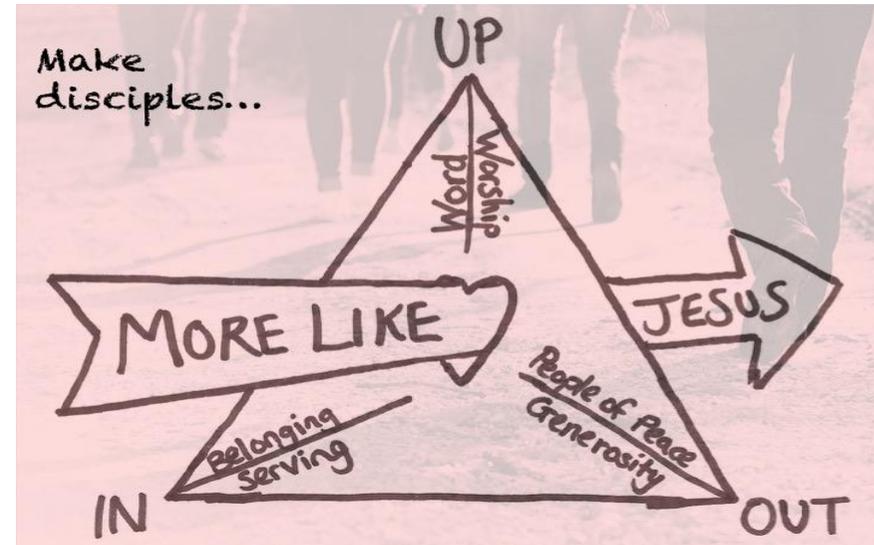
All three relationships are important - we need to learn to love God, each other and the world. Only with all three can we truly become the people God intended.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

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

3D Discipleship



Calling all of St John's Volunteers,

I am currently looking at St John's compliance with Safeguarding for all volunteers and the employed crew as well. As I am sure you appreciate, things surrounding this topic are forever changing and we want to make sure that we follow all the guidelines we have privy to. One of my tasks is to carry out an audit of all DBS (previously CRB) Checks that have already been carried out over the last 6 years. I need everyone that has been checked via St John's to bring their certificate to be seen by Claire Au, Mandy Allen or Ruth Jones so that we can record the exact classification of the certificates and make a note of their individual numbers and dates.

For the next 3 weeks on Sunday morning, one or more of us will be at the back of the church at the bookstall area to check your CRB / DBS certificates. If you cannot make one these three Sundays please email Ruth Jones at

admin@stjohnsfolkestone.org or call Clare on 07766462777 and we will arrange an alternative way of seeing your certificate in person.

I am very aware that this may seem a little OTT to some of you but we really do need to make sure that we are as compliant as possible taking into account the moving goal posts!

Just for your reference Ruth Jones our Church Administrator carries out all DBS Checks, Mandy Allen is our Safeguarding Officer and Clare Au is overseeing the volunteers recruitment process. If you have any concerns surround safeguarding, please do not hesitate to talk to one of us.

Thank you all for being willing to give up your time to assist us in this way.