

Worship@6 - Sunday Evenings

Tonight we shall be looking at what faith is. We use the word such a lot - but can we define it - or at least describe it simply? We shall be looking at a couple of examples of it in Matthew 8 to help our thinking. We shall also be praying for God to continue to guide us as we think about the future at St John's and growing his Kingdom. We may get a little help from Bernard Cribbins and the original Right said Fred from the 1960's.

Tapestry of Light

Revelation 1 - 22. This is a floor to roof tapestry round each of the walls of the Chapter House in the cathedral which depicts the book of Revelation. The artist, Irene Barberis, has agreed to give a guided talk to St John's church on Tuesday 31st October at 11am. All you need to bring is your cathedral pass. If you are interested please speak to Jill O'Neill

Love in a Box

For those interested in filling a shoebox for children who would otherwise have nothing for Christmas, I now have the leaflet you need to attach to your box. The collection date for the boxes this year is 20th November, so I will need the boxes by Sunday 19th November at the latest. Phoebe Moffatt

Men@St J

The dates of our breakfasts for the rest of the year are 18/11 and 16/12 (avoiding the Christmas weekend). We meet at the usual venue from 8.30, the Captain's Table at the harbour. It's easy to find as it has a huge orange arrow floating above it. We also have the opportunity of a visit to the HS1 Hitachi rail depot at Ashford on 15th November at 10.00 am. Numbers are restricted so please let me know asap if you would like to come- first come first served as they say.

We've also had some interest in starting the snooker up again. This will be turn up & play rather than a league, so no on-going commitment for anyone. We'll aim to play roughly once a month, with the first on 3/11, 7 pm at the Lanterns Snooker Club. For those looking to play regularly membership is £ 15. Food is available. Again please let me know if you would like to come so that I can book tables.

Please remember that part of the intention behind these events is that you can invite non-church friends along. David Donald

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Sunday 22nd October 2017
19th 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.

Diocesan Day of Prayer 17-18 November

Bishop Trevor has asked all churches in Canterbury Diocese to join with him in a Day of Prayer for renewal - for lives to be changed by the transforming power of Jesus. The 24 hour period will run from Friday at 12:30pm to Saturday at 12:30pm.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, there's a way to get involved either on your own or with friends. The Diocese has made lots of resources available on their website www.canterburydiocese.org/dayofprayer so do take a look. We will also be organising a time of prayer in St John's church and will let you know more details nearer the time.

I would encourage everyone to pray as and when you can during the 24 hours and perhaps you could also consider fasting from something for 24 hours (not necessarily food). Prayer makes a difference and if we want to see lots of people coming to faith then we need to pray.

Every blessing,

Steve

What's on this week.....

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| Monday 23rd October | Tuesday 24th October |
| 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall | |
| Wednesday 25th October | Thursday 26th 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 - Half term break |
| 10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall - half term break | 7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall - Half term break |
| 2:00pm Primetime | 7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice |
| 7:00pm Deepening Discipleship Course, Hall | |
| Friday 27th October | Saturday 28th October |
| 5:30pm Brownies - Half term break | |
| 7:15 Guides - Half term break | |
| 7:15pm Rangers - Half term break | |
| Sunday 29th October - Morning | Sunday 29th October - Evening |
| 9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall | 6:00pm Churches Together United Service, Cheriton Baptist |
| 9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall | 7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall |
| 10:45am Morning Worship in Church | |



The Hiding Place

Some of you will have enjoyed the Amazing Grace production last year. Oddments Theatre will be coming again to St John's Church to act out Corrie Ten Boom's 'The Hiding Place'. The production will be on

Tuesday, 28th November in the church and then they will be taking the story to Mundella School for the day on Wednesday 29th November. The company will need accommodation for 4 women and 3 men for those two nights. Please could anybody help in putting some of these people up for two nights? If you can help then email Janice at janicebradford16@btinternet.com Thank you.

Confirmation Service Monday 13th November

Just a reminder that we will be hosting the annual Elham Deanery Confirmation service at St John's Church on Monday 13th November. Please do come along and support the members of our church who will be being confirmed that night: Jenny Hubbard; Emma Murphy; Chrissy Forrest and Ben McCloud. Please keep all of them in your prayers. These are wonderful occasions and important steps in people's faith journey so do join us and share in this celebration. Bishop Trevor will be leading and preaching at this service which will begin at 7pm and conclude with Holy Communion. There will be refreshments after the service.

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....