



Sunday 15th October 2017
18th Sunday after Trinity

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.

For China with Love Concert

An evening of fun entertainment to raise funds to help towards sending three members of St John's, Mandy Allen, Linda Grieve and Karen Sutton, out to China to assist at an orphanage run by International China Concern. The concert is Friday 20th October 2017, 7:00pm - 8:30pm approximately in St John's Church. Suggested donation for tickets, £5. These can be obtained from Karen, Linda or Mandy. Refreshments and gifts to purchase will be available during the interval.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Sunday 19th November is designated as a time for "Prayer for the worldwide persecuted church." Our 10:45am service will reflect that theme on the 19th, and we will be welcoming a guest speaker, Mr Brian Carter, representing 'Open Doors', a Christian organisation St John's is supporting. Meanwhile, do have a look at the Open Doors display stand...current theme is North Korea. There is plenty of helpful literature to take and, would you consider signing the 'One Million Voices of Hope' petition? This is especially in order to rebuild hope for Christians returning to homes in Syria and Iraq. Our dear brother Amalan is currently working with Tear Fund, helping to rebuild infrastructure in badly damaged towns in Northern Iraq. If you have any questions, then please see Robert Grieve and please pray and sign the petition if you can.

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

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.

An Important Date for your Diary

We are delighted to 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 the celebration with us.

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.

Every blessing,

Steve

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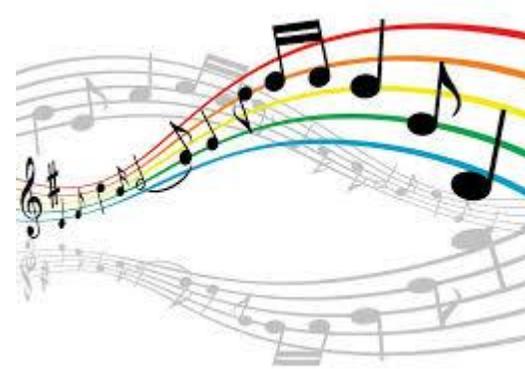
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What's on this week.....

Monday 16th October	Tuesday 17th October
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 18th October	Thursday 19th 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 Course, Hall	
Friday 20th October	Saturday 21st October
5:30pm Brownies	8:30 am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table
7:00pm ICC Concert	10:30am ICC Walk, from Burstin
7:15 Guides	
7:15pm Rangers	
Sunday 22nd October - Morning	Sunday 22nd October - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	



Songs of Praise This Evening - 6:00pm in Church

Favourite hymns & songs
 Psalms & Poetry
 Testimonies
 Music for quiet reflection
 All welcome

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....

DBS Certificate Checks

With reference to the notice in last week's Get Connected do remember if you are a St John's volunteer with a DBS certificate that you need to show your certificate to Clare, Sue or Ruth after the All Stars and 10:45am services. If you cannot make one of these times 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. We hope to complete the checks by 22nd October.

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 about safeguarding, please do not hesitate to talk to one of us. Clare Au