



Sunday 29th October 2017
20th Sunday after Trinity

All Saints Praise

A Churches Together United service this evening at 6:0pm at Cheriton Baptist, Quedsted Road. Come and hear Matthew Bird of Cinnamon Trust, an international speaker, author and broadcaster. *Please note there is no Worship@6 - this evening*

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

Thank you

Ruth Jones and David want to thank everyone so much for their cards and prayers. They have been a great comfort and encouragement and much appreciated. Keith's funeral has been arranged for Monday 6th November. The private family burial will take place at Hawkinge and this will be followed by a service of thanksgiving at St John's Church at 1:30 pm. There will be refreshments in the church hall after the service when people can share their memories with the family. As it is a service of thanksgiving please wear whatever colours you choose.

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. 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. If you have any questions, then please see Robert Grieve and please pray and sign the petition if you can.

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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 10:45am 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.

I am delighted to introduce Robby Keen, Executive Director of JENGA Community Development Outreach (CDO), to St. John's this morning.

Robby is the Co-Founder of JENGA, an innovative Christian ministry based in Mbale, Eastern Uganda. The Lord called Robby to Africa in 2003 and he has been living there ever since and it is a real joy to welcome him today.

JENGA is a registered charity seeking to communicate the love of God through both words and actions. JENGA is committed to improving the quality of life of the vulnerable and disadvantaged in the poorest communities, reaching out to people in humility and servanthood in the name of Christ. JENGA builds partnerships with local churches and local people to engage with a variety of programmes such as women's groups, education sponsorship, health training, agriculture, income generation, street children's outreach and water projects.

Ultimately, JENGA's vision is to see a thriving Uganda full of godly leaders influencing all spheres of society, and a re-imagined and revived church reflecting and advancing the kingdom of God.

St. John's hope to offer a short term mission trip next year to visit JENGA in Uganda. www.jengauganda.org

Jo Purle

What's on this week.....

Monday 30th October	Tuesday 31st October
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 1st November	Thursday 2nd November
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 3rd November	Saturday 4th November
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Guides	
7:15pm Rangers	
7:00pm Men@St J, Snooker Evening	
Sunday 5th November - Morning	Sunday 5th November - 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	

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 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.

International China Concern

Thank you all so much for taking part in and supporting both the concert and the walk for ICC. The concert raised £740 which will go towards our trip to China in March. The walk raised £330 which goes directly to the orphanage in China to provide medical care and equipment for the children there. We are so grateful to you all. Karen, Mandy and Linda

Churches Together Christmas Outreach

This will take place in the town centre on December 9th. Would anyone like to help with chatting and/or praying with people, wrapping presents, serving hot chocolate, face painting, or making up a St John's contingent to provide some Christmas music? Please let Martin Jewitt know (today would be helpful). Thank you.