



Sunday 12th November 2017
3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

Prayer Vigil - Mountains of Authority

This will take place this evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in church. The prayer team will be available in their usual place to pray with anyone who would like special prayer. Feel free to come and go as you wish. There will be readings, meditative music and times of quiet. Steve Harding

Christmas Fair Grace Taylor Hall

Grace Taylor Hall are having their Christmas Fair on Thursday 16th November from 10:00am to 12:00noon. There will be plenty of Christmas gifts and chutneys etc. to buy. All welcome.

Diocesan Day of Prayer - Changed Lives, Changing Lives

You are invited to pray at any time from Friday 17th November at 12:30pm to Saturday 18th at 12:30pm and on Saturday 18th November from 11:30am - 12:30pm here in church at St John's. You may want to fast and pray for part of that time - from food, electronic devices or whatever else you find it hard to put down!

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. There is plenty of helpful literature to take on the Open Doors stand 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.

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.

Love in a Box

A gentle reminder that all boxes need to be returned by Sunday 19th November. Thank you. Phoebe Moffatt

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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.



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Sacrificial Giving

Today we remember those who made the greatest sacrifice - giving their lives for others as Jesus did - and also those who we have loved and lost. It is unlikely that we will be asked to sacrifice our lives but there are other ways that, as disciples of Jesus, we can live sacrificially. Here are some:

When I forgive, I sacrifice my rights.
When I pray, I sacrifice my control.
When I respond humbly, I sacrifice my pride.
When I am generous, I sacrifice my stuff.
When I worship, I sacrifice my attention.
When I obey the Scriptures, I sacrifice my authority.
When I reach out to my community, I sacrifice my love.

How can each one of us show our sacrificial love for others, as Jesus commanded, in the week ahead.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 13th November	Tuesday 14th November
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall 7:00pm Confirmation Service, Church	10:00am Cake, Chuckles & Chat, Upper Room Church Hall (2 nd Tuesday)
Wednesday 15th November	Thursday 16th November
7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall 10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall 2:00pm Primetime 7:00pm Deepening Discipleship Course, Hall	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time) 1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall 7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall 7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice
Friday 17th November	Saturday 18th November
5:30pm Brownies 7:15 Guides 7:15pm Rangers	11:30am Diocesan Day of Prayer, Church (see notice)
Sunday 19th November - Morning	Sunday 19th November - Evening
9:15am Holy Communion, Grace Taylor Hall 9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall 10:45am Holy Communion, Church	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall 7:00pm Sunday Nighters start in Church then move to hall at 8:00pm



Confirmation Service Monday 13th November

Just a reminder that we will be hosting the annual Elham Deanery Confirmation service at St John's Church tomorrow, 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 7:00pm and conclude with Holy Communion. There will be refreshments after the service.

This amazing production, open to everyone over 15, is the story of Corrie ten Boom, a WWII prisoner who set out on an incredible rescue mission. Tickets are £8.50 in advance, £10 on the night. Buy online at www.oddments-theatre.co.uk or from Janice Bradford at St John's. Doors open 7:00pm.

Paul Clifton's funeral

Martin Jewitt will be taking Paul's funeral on Monday 20th November at 3:20pm at Charing Crematorium.