



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

### **Worship@6 tonight:**

Hearing someone quote Hebrews 10:14 was an unlikely light bulb moment for me last summer. This extraordinary verse sums up our Christian faith and our Christian experience. Join us in worship and prayer and possibly your own light bulb moment tonight at 6.00pm - "because by one sacrifice Jesus has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy". Steve O'Neill

### **90 Hymns in 90 Minutes**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at 12.00 in the choir of the cathedral. Played by Adrian Bawtree assistant organist. Free entry with your cathedral pass. Retiring collection. Guaranteed a real tour de force.

### **Christmas Choir**

This Thursday the singers and musicians are beginning to rehearse carols & Christmas songs for the carol service at St John's. As usual, we would like to invite anyone to come and join us who enjoys singing and would like to be a part in leading this celebration of Christmas. We rehearse on a Thursday evening from 7:45 - 9.15pm. Please come and see me or any member of the choir & band if you would like to know more. Sue Wise

### **Churches Together Christmas Outreach**

This will take place in the town centre on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Cake Sale for Mental Health Foundation 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Emma Murphy a member of our All Stars congregation will be running the London Marathon in 2018 to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation. She is also holding a cake sale after the Christmas Stocking Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December to raise additional funds. Please come and join us for the cake sale. Enjoy some lovely cakes and help raise funds for this very worthy cause.

### **Christmas Party Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 4:00-5:30pm**

Part of our social programme it will take place in the church hall. There will be fun and games, telling of the Christmas story, Christmas carols and sharing food together, which we bring and share. There are lists in all our services from today to sign up for what you are able to bring along and share. It's a great environment for all generations to socialise together and focus on the truths of Christmas. Friends and family of all ages welcome.

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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.

## God's purpose for St John's Church

At the Annual Church Meeting in April, we talked about beginning a process of discerning where God wants to take us next; how he wants us to grow his kingdom in Folkestone; and what we should be focussing on as a church.

Next week (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November) at the 10:45 service I will update you on what's happened since then and ask you to contribute to the process and share your dreams for St John's.

Our new vision needs to be one we all share. In it we will set out how we will prepare St John's for those who will come after us and agree what we need to do differently in the next 3-5 years to make our vision a reality.

If you cannot attend the service, it will be available to listen to on our website and there will be a handout summarising what I have said available at all services.

Our plan is to formally launch our new vision at next year's APCM, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7:30pm so please put this date in your diaries.

Every blessing, Steve

## What's on this week.....

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	10:00am Cake, Chuckles & Chat, Upper Room Church Hall (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>
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	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Guides	
7:15pm Rangers	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - Evening</b>
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 Day for 10 new Christians

Bishop Trevor gives them a warm and fun welcome

The Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Rev. Trevor Willmott had everyone laughing and relaxed when he came to St John's Church on Monday evening. He was celebrating a very important occasion in Christian life: the Confirmation of



ten people in their faith. Four of the candidates were from St John's. They were joined by half a dozen from other churches in the area. Two were baptised by the Bishop before being confirmed. Everyone joined in Holy Communion and, afterwards, there was a splendid party for them, their families and friends, in the church hall.

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THE HIDING PLACE

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7.30pm

St. John's Church, Folkestone

The amazing true story of Corrie ten Boom and her family

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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.oddmments-theatre.co.uk](http://www.oddmments-theatre.co.uk) or from St John's Church Office - open Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 12:00 noon. Doors open 7:00pm.

### Paul Clifton's funeral

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