

**Worship@6 - Sunday Evenings** - A time of informal worship in the hall.

### **Christmas Cards**

It has been suggested that Church members write just one, or two, or three, Christmas cards, addressed to the whole main church community, and/or All Stars, and/or Grace Taylor Hall attenders, rather than to individual members. So from 3 Dec there will be boxes for posting in all three venues, where the cards will be displayed for all to read. Individual cards could still be sent to those who can't get to church. And, naturally, individual cards could still be sent to all if you prefer to do this.

### **Rainbow Shop**

If you are in Cheriton do take a look at the Rainbow Shop Christmas window and be enticed inside to find Christmas gifts among our range of games, jigsaw puzzles, jewellery, scarves, and vintage section.

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

On *Saturday 2nd 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.

### **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. 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.

### **Open Doors Retiring Offering Last Week**

Many thanks to everyone who gave to our retiring collection for Open Doors last Sunday. A magnificent sum of £337.81 was raised.

### **Men@StJ**

The next breakfast will be Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30am at the Captain's Table in the harbour.

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Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Sunday next before Advent

# 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.

## Looking Forward

Next week we begin the advent season with our Christmas Stocking Service. A service for all ages at 10:45am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. A chance for us to pause and look forward to the Christmas season, a time that can be quite chaotic.



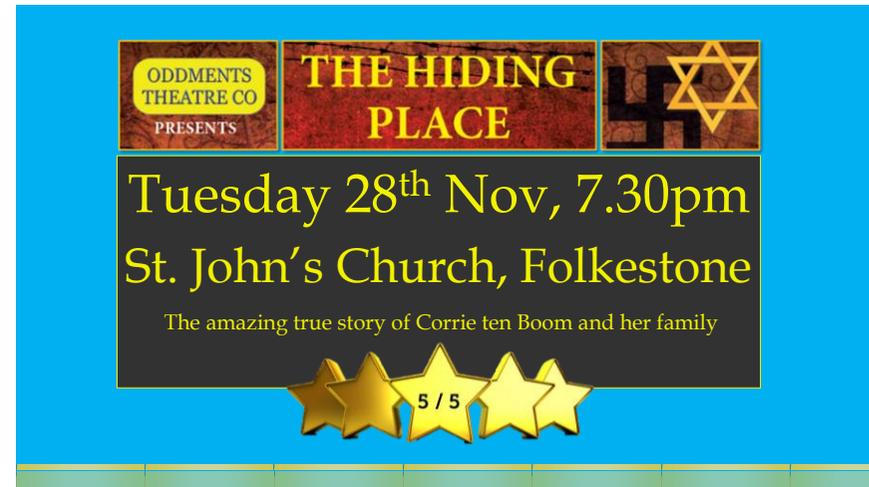
As part of our service we bring a gift, per family, that will be handed out at the Foodstop Christmas Dinner on Boxing Day and beyond. Most of the guests are men and desired presents include: gloves, scarves, socks, shower gel, deodorant and razors. Also welcome for the event and year round are chocolate bars, biscuits and tins of beef or oxtail soup. A great way of sharing this season of love with our community.

Every blessing,

Claire Coleman

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

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	7:30pm The Hiding Place, Church
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</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
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>
5:30pm Brownies	
7:15 Guides	
7:15pm Rangers	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Evening</b>
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Winter Shelter Dedication Service, Church
10:45am Christmas Stocking Service, Church	7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall



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](http://www.oddments-theatre.co.uk), from Janice Bradford or the church office. Doors open 7:00pm.

### Christmas Choir for our Carol Service

The singers and musicians are beginning to rehearse carols & Christmas songs for the carol service on 17<sup>th</sup> December. 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



### Christmas Party Sunday 10th December 4:00-5:30pm Church Hall

Part of our social programme, 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.