



Sunday 3rd December 2017
1st Sunday of Advent

Offering Tokens

These tokens are available on the table at All Stars and the 10:45am service. They are available to use for anyone who gives through standing order but would like to be able to place something in the offering as it is taken each week. Do make use of them.

Mince Pies Wanted!

Once again we are asking for kind donations of mince pies to have with mulled wine after the Carol Service on Sunday 17th December. There will be a sheet at the back of Church to sign your name if you are able to contribute. Please bring the mince pies to the morning service or by 5:30pm on the 17th. Thank you once again for your help. Carole Jewitt

Christmas Flowers

We will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers there will be a plate for your gifts on the font after the service today and next week. Thank you. Jill O'Neill.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who filled a box for children this year. Mustard Seed collected 85 boxes from us - 50 from St John's and 35 from other people. This will bring great joy to 85 children this Christmas. Phoebe Moffat

Agapé Choir Concert

The Agape Choir will be giving their Christmas concert on Wednesday 13th December at Sandgate Road Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m.

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.

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.

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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.

Church Weekend Away 2018

Only 96 days to go until our Church Weekend Away begins!

Over a hundred of us have signed up to go on our Weekend Away at Ashburnham Place near Battle, in East Sussex which runs from Friday 9th March to Sunday 11th March 2018.

Lyndall Bywater will be speaking to us on the theme of 'Worship' as we seek to grow in our relationship with God. There will be plenty of time for sharing meals, exploring the local area, dancing and having fun together as we grow in our relationship with each other. Exciting activities have been planned for everyone, whatever their age. It will be a great time together.

You will shortly be receiving a letter from Chrissy Forrest asking for your final payment and we would be grateful if this can be settled before the end of January. However if this causes any difficulty please speak to Chrissy.

Every blessing,

Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 4th December	Tuesday 5th December
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	10:00am Cake, Chuckles & Chat, Upper Room Church Hall (2 nd Tuesday)
Wednesday 6th December	Thursday 7th December
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
Friday 8th December	Saturday 9th December
5:00pm Brownies	11:00am -2:00pm Churches Together Christmas Outreach, Precinct
7:15 Guides	
7:15pm Rangers	
6:00pm Winter Shelter	
Sunday 10th December - Morning	Sunday 10th December - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	4:00pm Christmas Party, Church Hall
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	6:00pm <i>No Worship@6</i>
10:45am Holy Communion in Church	7:15pm Sunday Nighters, Church Hall



Cake Sale for Mental Health Foundation Today
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 today 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.



Winter Shelter Dedication Service - Today

The Churches Together Dedication Service for Folkestone Winter Shelter takes place this evening: at 6:00pm in church. This replaces Worship@6.



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 food 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.

Paul Clifton's funeral - new date

Martin Jewitt will be taking Paul's funeral on Tuesday 5th December at 10:00am at Charing Crematorium.