



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Would you like to join the On Fizz Team?

I have been greatly encouraged by the call for us to grow as disciples of Jesus, this past year, and part of that involves helping to make disciples ourselves. Our On Fizz teenagers home group are looking for more leaders to walk alongside them in their journey of faith and exploration. If you are interested in finding out more about what this might involve and may prayerfully consider joining our team in the New Year, then please do come and talk with me. Many Thanks. Claire Coleman CYFM.

### Thank You

I wanted to thank everyone for supporting my cake sale on Sunday in aid of the Mental Health Foundation. I was absolutely amazed and moved by all the support. The cake sale and raffle managed to raise a fabulous £150.20 for the mental health foundation which is phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who has supported me. Emma Murphy

### 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. Thank you. Jill O'Neill.

### 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.

### Agapé Choir Concert

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

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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.

## The Alpha Course is coming soon to St John's!

Do you know anyone who is curious to discover the basics of the Christian faith? Do you want to refresh your understanding of the essentials of your faith?



Alpha is an engaging series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha is for anyone who is interested to learn more. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and think about Christianity in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

Alpha is a free 10 week course. Each evening includes food, a short talk and a small group discussion where you can share your thoughts.

This is an exciting opportunity to pray about. Please invite any friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours who might be interested to discover the Christian faith. Alpha is starting from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, at 6:45pm.

Alpha invitations will be available soon. Please see me for further details ([revjop@virginmedia.com](mailto:revjop@virginmedia.com))

Jo Purle

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

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	10:00am Coffee, Cake & Conversation, Hall Lounge
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</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 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>
5:00pm Brownies	8:30am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table, Harbour
6:30pm Winter Shelter	3:30pm Choir & Musicians Practice
7:15 Guides	
7:15pm Rangers	
7:00pm Carol Service, Grace Taylor Hall	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Evening</b>
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Carols by Candlelight, Church Hall
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45am Morning Worship, Church	

### 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 attendees, rather than to individual members. So from 3rd December 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, could still be sent to all if you prefer to do this.



### Christmas Party Today 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. 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.