

enthralled by your fellow guests! This is a lovely opportunity to be with different people from our church whom you might not have had the pleasure to get to know yet....

Worship@6 Tonight - is to include a special prayer time for St John's in 2018
Today is the first Sunday of the new year, a year in which we are seeking a fresh vision from God for St John's. Tonight at Worship@6, starting at 6.00pm and ending about 7.15pm, we are going to do three things.

i) Show a video of Christine Caine speaking on Hebrews 12: 1-3 on the subject of "Keep Going" - likely to be an important message for us in 2018 as individual Christians and as a Church! Christine Caine is an Australian Christian leader and preacher who founded A21, an anti trafficking organisation with a mission to end worldwide slavery. As a speaker she's very definitely a little different to our usual style!

ii) Spend time in worship. As God's people, we are to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light

iii) Spend time in prayer for God's leading in 2018. This is going to be an important year for us. Praying together is a way of showing we really mean business with God.

Please make it a priority to come and join us tonight.

Only when we pray do those "God coincidences" happen.

All Age Quiz Night

There will be a family quiz night for all ages on Saturday 20th January from 5:00pm to 7:00pm - everybody welcome. It will be in the Church Hall and there will be a raffle with all proceeds going to the Winter Shelter Appeal. Teams should be 6 - 8 in size but do come along and join a team. If you have fewer people in your group we can match you up with others. Entry is £3 each for adults, free for children. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Any donations for our quiz night raffle would be most welcome. Donations can be given to Claire Coleman or Janice Bradford.

Twiglets - New Helpers Urgently Needed

New volunteers are very much needed in order for Twiglets to continue as a regular outreach and support for young families in our community. If you are interested please contact Jenny Hubbard (see Directory) and she will explain what is required. If there are sufficient volunteers a rota can be made so that not everyone need come each week.

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Sunday 7th January 2018
Epiphany

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.

Hopes and Prayers for a New Year

I wish you all a healthy, exciting, joyful and peaceful 2018.

This year promises to be an eventful one at St John's as we seek God's vision for our Church. It is essential that during this time we stay close to God so that we can hear what he is saying to us and work out how we should respond.

Please join with us in prayer. We have produced a Prayer Diary specifically for our new vision and would ask that you follow this each day as part of your quiet time. Copies of the Prayer Diary can be collected from the back of Church or will be given out by leaders.

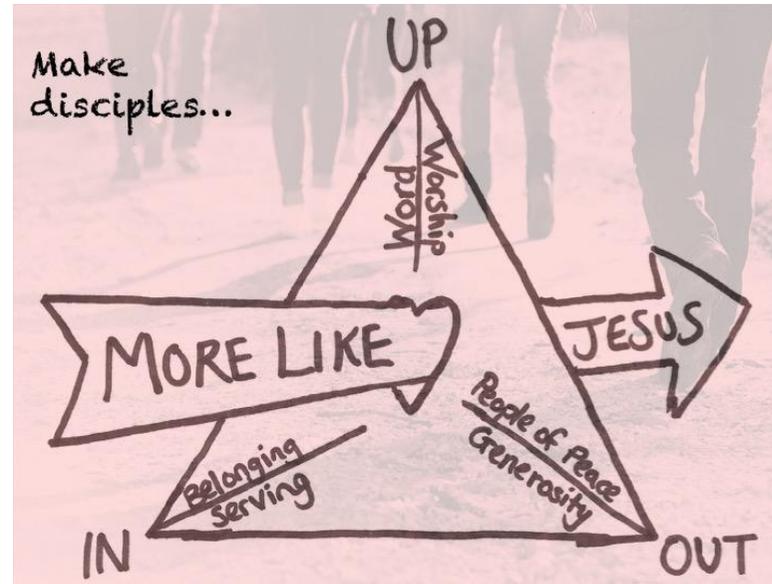
We will be using a special prayer for our vision at all services each week. I thought you may like to see this so that you too can pray it regularly.

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in our service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

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| Monday 8th January | Tuesday 9th January |
| 8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall | 2:00pm Craft Club, Grace Taylor Hall |
| Wednesday 10th January | Thursday 11th January |
| 8:30am 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 12th January | Saturday 13th January |
| 5:00pm Brownies | |
| 6:30pm Winter Shelter | |
| 7:15 Guides | |
| 7:15pm Rangers | |
| Sunday 14th January - Morning | Sunday 14th January - Evening |
| 9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall | 6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall |
| 9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall | |
| 10:45am Holy Communion in Church | |



BURN  **24-7**
FOLKESTONE

Burn Folkestone is a night of continuous worship from 8pm until midnight led by worship groups or individual leaders from around Folkestone and surrounding areas.

Our vision is to be a space where churches from around Folkestone can come and worship God and bask in His presence and receive from Him and to encounter God in a life transforming way so we leave changed people that impact our communities, friends, family and church. To be a place where the lost can be found and where His kingdom can be known.

So we hope to see you there at our first Burn night on Friday 19th January at Saviour's. It's going to be good and God has so much for us.

The Social Team are delighted to announce the second St John's "Open House" week: 5th - 11th February

Here's how it works in 3 simple steps:

Step one Speak to a member of the Social Team if you would like to open up your home and offer hospitality during this special week. This may be for morning coffee, a full 3-course dinner, tea & cake, a pudding party... the list is endless.

Step two Sign up at the back of church to be the guest at someone's house. BUT, instead of revealing your name, simply sign up with an "x" rather than your name.

Step three Turn up at the given time & venue to be pleasantly surprised &