

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

Keswick Convention

Several people from St John's are going to the Keswick Convention in the Lake District this year, most of us to the third week, which starts on Saturday 28 July - Friday 3 August. The theme is "Sent: Serving God's Mission". - God is a sending God. He sent his Son to a broken, lost, rebellious world, not to condemn it, but that it might be saved (John 3:17). And he has sent his people into that same world, empowered us by his Spirit, to make disciples of all nations. The main morning week 3 speaker is David Cook, a well known Australian Christian leader, teacher and writer. The teaching in the evening worship celebrations will be given by different speakers. There is also much more besides. All you have to do is find your accommodation in Keswick (preferably soon to get the best choices), sort out your travel, and turn up to the Convention. You can attend as much or as little of the Convention as you like, and there is no charge, though offerings are taken. If you are interested in coming, do talk to me or to any of us who have been before. Many of us have found the Convention really helpful in deepening our relationship with God. Steve O'Neill

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. Jill O'Neill.

Funeral of Doris Dickerson

Some of you may well remember Doris, who with her sister Anne Ebdon, were longstanding and active members of St John's. Doris died on 18th December and her funeral is at Charing Crematorium on Friday 19th January at 1.20 pm. I am conducting the service and if anyone would like to come, then please do see me. Robert Grieve

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.

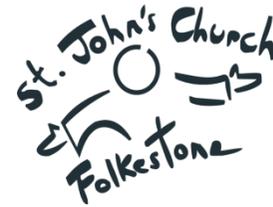
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Sunday 14th January 2018
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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.

How do we make disciples?

Jesus commissioned us all to make disciples but has anyone ever taught us how to do this?

- How to find the people in whom God is already working?
- How to connect with people who don't yet know Jesus?
- How to share your story - your personal testimony of how faith in Jesus has changed your life?
- How to share God's story - the Gospel or Good News of Jesus?
- How to help someone to read the Bible and discover Jesus for themselves?

As a key part of our new vision for our church we are going to address this. We have arranged an exciting training event (called Following and Fishing) at St John's on Friday evening 23rd Feb and Saturday 24th Feb from 9-4.

Please pick up a leaflet from the back of church and contact me to book a place - spaces are limited to 50 people so please book early to avoid being disappointed.

Every blessing, Steve (01303 211037 or stevejbradford@btinternet.com)

What's on this week.....

Monday 15th January	Tuesday 16th January
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 17th January	Thursday 18th February
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 19th January	Saturday 20th January
5:00pm Brownies	5:00pm Quiz Night, Church Hall
6:30pm Winter Shelter	
7:15 Guides	
7:15pm Rangers	
Sunday 21st January - Morning	Sunday 21st January - Evening
9:15am Holy Communion, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45am Morning Worship in Church	

Open House

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, or email, Jo Purle or Peter Edwards 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 & 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....



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Churches Together invite you to join them for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Each day we meet at various churches around the town at 1:00pm to pray. The theme this year is 'That All May be Free'. The venues are:

Monday 22 nd Jan	St John's Church
Tuesday 23 rd Jan	SKCC at Millfield
Wednesday 24 th Jan	Our Lady Help of Christians
Thursday 25 th Jan	Cheriton Baptist Church
Friday 26 th Jan	Harbour Church @ St Saviour's

The week culminates in a United Service at 6:00pm on Sunday, 28th January. Venue to be confirmed.

Funeral of Janet Best

Tuesday 16th January at 11:00am Hawkinge. Martin Jewitt is taking the service.