

Churches Together United Service

This is the culmination of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service is at Folkestone Baptist, Hill Road at 6:00pm. Jo Purle will be speaking. There will be no Worship@6 today.

Film Night at St John's 17th February

Book the date in the diary. The film 'The Shack' based on the best-selling book will be shown in the church at 6:30pm. Admission is free. The age guide is 12 plus years and the running time is 2 hours 12 minutes. Bring your own cushion and blanket for a cosy film night in the pew. Please feel free to bring popcorn if you wish for a truly authentic experience!!

Prayer Chain

As you may know I currently handle all prayer chain requests. Now that Tilly Ellul is back to full health she is going to act as back up. So, whenever I am away you should send any requests to her (contact details in Directory). The next time I am away is from 14th - 16th February so please send any requests during that time to her. Thank you. Ruth Jones

Lindsay Taylor's Service

Thursday 1st February at 2:00pm at St John's. This will be followed by a committal up at Hawkinge with just the family. Everyone is invited to refreshments after the service at the Master Brewer in Broadmead Village. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research UK.

Men@StJ

The next breakfast will be Saturday 17th February at 8:30am at the Captain's Table down by the harbour.

Accommodation needed

A couple in their mid-twenties are looking for a flat or annexe to rent in Folkestone for the medium term. Any information or offers would be much appreciated. Please contact Barry or Sue Wise.

Children's Bible in Rhyming Verse

Written by Jenny Rawlings, former member of St John's, with illustrations by Mark Fletcher. Available to view at £10.50 each (£1 going to St John's). Copy to view in Children's Corner. To order Tel: 01303 250572, mobile: 07511 967445.

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Sunday 28th January 2018
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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.

Alpha Course 24th April 2018 - 26th June 2018 at 6:45pm

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 invitations are available at the back of church. Please see me for further details (revjop@virginmedia.com). Jo Purle

What's on this week.....

Monday 29th January	Tuesday 30th January
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 31st January	Thursday 1st February
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	1:15pm NO Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall	2:00pm Funeral for Lindsay Taylor
2:00pm Primetime, Church Hall	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall
	7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice
Friday 2nd February	Saturday 3rd February
5:00pm Brownies, Church Hall	
6:30pm Winter Shelter, Church Hall	
7:15 Guides, Church Hall	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall	
Sunday 4th February - Morning	Sunday 4th February - 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 Morning Worship in Church	

Open House

St John's "Open House" week: 5th - 11th February

Don't forget to sign up!

Here's how it works in 3 simple steps:

Step one Speak to, or email, Claire Coleman, 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....

Synopsis of PCC Meeting

At the PCC Meeting of 22nd January, 2018, Members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November, 2017 and then discussed the following :

- The Draft 2017 Financial Report for St John's. Copies of the final version will be available at the APCM on 23rd April.
- How we might carry out a review of our financial giving in 2018. This followed a talk by the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor Liz Mullins.
- Our ongoing work to safeguard all children and vulnerable adults.
- It was agreed that there will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday 11th March due to the Church Weekend Away. A service will be held at Grace Taylor Hall.
- Analysis of the vision questionnaires completed in December
- The vicar presented a first draft of how our new Vision might be implemented.

The full agreed minutes will be available after the meeting on 26th February, 2018.