

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

Jo's Priesting - a date for your diaries

Jo Purle will be ordained as a priest at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 30th June. It would be great if as many of us as possible were able to be there to support her. We are expecting the service to be at 5:00pm but will confirm this nearer the time.

International China Concern (ICC) Mission Trip

About a year ago, we (Karen, Linda and Mandy) believed that God called us to serve Him in China on a short term mission team. Now there are only 6 weeks to go and we would really value your prayers!

We are flying to Hong Kong on 22nd March where we will join the rest of the team from other countries such as Australia and Canada. We will spend the first day in orientation before travelling into China. While there we will be working in the orphanage run by International China Concern who St. John's supports on a regular basis. Each day will be spent with the children, all of whom have special needs. This will involve all their personal care including feeding, as well as playing with them, taking them out for walks, doing various art and musical activities, everyday activities and so on with them. As we are all trained in Special Needs we will also be supporting and teaching the staff on ways to play and interact with the children. All this will be challenging for us physically, mentally and emotionally.

At all times we will endeavour to share the love of Jesus with the children and staff although evangelism is forbidden in China so we will have to be cautious.

Please pray for the following:

Praise for the privilege of going to China on this short term mission team.

Praise for the wonderful support of the church family spiritually and financially.

Praise that we eventually got our Chinese visas!

Pray for our preparations

Pray for peace as we are all apprehensive about the trip as well as about the family we leave behind.

Pray for safety in travel and good health.

Thank you so much.

Karen, Linda and Mandy

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Sunday 18th February 2018
1st Sunday of Lent

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.

Following and Fishing

Has anyone ever taught you: How to connect with people who don't know Jesus? How to share your personal story of faith? How to share God's story, the gospel? How to invite someone to read the Bible with you and discover Jesus for themselves?

Following and Fishing will equip you to make disciples among people who are far from God, using simple and easily reproducible methods. Following and Fishing will take place at St John's on Friday evening 23rd Feb (7:30-9:30pm) in St John's church and Saturday 24th Feb (9am-4pm) in St John's church hall. There is no charge and refreshments will be provided.

This is for everyone who wants to share their faith with others. If you would like to know more please speak to me or pick up a leaflet from the back of church and contact me to book a place.

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

What's on this week.....

Monday 19th February	Tuesday 20th February
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 21st February	Thursday 22nd February
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
9:00am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall (Term Time)
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall (Term Time)	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall (Term Time)
2:00pm Primetime, Church Hall (Term Time)	7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice
Friday 23rd February	Saturday 24th February
5:00pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	9:00 am Following and Fishing Course, Hall
6:30pm Winter Shelter, Church Hall	
7:15 Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:30pm Following & Fishing, Church	
Sunday 25th February - Morning	Sunday 25th February - 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, Church	



Songs of Praise 4th March - 6:00pm in Church
 Favourite hymns & songs
 Psalms
 Testimonies
 Music for quiet reflection
 All welcome



New Wine - Saturday 28th - Friday 3rd August

This summer, a number of people from St. John's are planning to attend the New Wine Summer Conference. Those who went last year can thoroughly recommend it!

New Wine exists to see local churches changing nations. At this exciting annual summer conference, held in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, we gather together in our thousands to celebrate all God has been doing and continues to do in our lives. There are times of worship, teaching, prayer, ministry, small group seminars and plenty of time to relax, have fun and make friends in the summer sun.

The St. John's group are camping or caravanning. Places are booking up fast so do look up <https://united.new-wine.org/week-1> or chat with Steve, Janice, Claire or Jo if you're interested to find out more information.