

Sunday 25th February 2018
2nd Sunday of Lent

Worship@6 Tonight

Do you want to praise God and hear what he may have to say?
Come and join us tonight for an extended time of sung worship in the Church Hall from 6-7:15pm. We will also be spending time praying for our vision and offering prayer for each other. All are welcome.

Welcome to the Upper Room

Maundy Thursday - 29th March. This time of reflection and prayer will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please come and take your seat and spend some time in the upper room and have bread and wine with Jesus. The service will be candle lit and the prayer team will be available as usual if you would like prayer.

Mission Trip to JENGA, Uganda March 2019

Anyone interested, please come to a promotional meeting on Sunday 25th March 12:15 - 1:00pm in the upper lounge. Grab a coffee and come to hear more. Jo

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.

Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Jack Leeming

A service to celebrate and give thanks for the life of Jack Leeming will take place at St John's Church on Friday 2nd March at 11am. All at St John's are invited to attend and join the family for refreshments in the church hall immediately afterwards.

Rainbow Knit-In

The sponsored Rainbow Knit-In this year will be on Wednesday 11th April at 1:45pm for a prompt start at 2:15pm. It will be held at the Harvey Grammar School hall, Cheriton Road. If anyone is interested in joining a team of knitters could you please let me know. Phoebe Moffatt

Charity Event for Mental Health

Saturday 3rd March 7:00pm onwards at The Saltwood Social Club, School Rd, Hythe CT21 4PP. There will be a light buffet provided and a licensed bar for refreshments, there will also be music, a raffle, an auction, a game of Rock and Roll bingo, a game of heads and tails etc, with the ultimate aim of having fun. People can let me know they are coming along on 07846357026 or by emailing emma_kenealy@hotmail.com.

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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.

Children's Groups on Sunday Morning

As you will have read in my second Vision Update given out on 11th February, your completed Vision Questionnaires highlighted the importance we should give as a church to helping children grow in their faith.

Many people went as far as saying that our ministry to children and young people should be a priority and that we should offer groups for children during our morning service. If this is to become possible we will need to gather and train a team of volunteers.

We need to gauge how viable this is as we move towards the launch of our new vision. Next Sunday (4th March) I will hold a meeting immediately after the 10:45 morning service for all those who might be interested in supporting this initiative. By attending the meeting it will not commit you, but I will be able to explain a little more about what we have in mind. If you cannot make this meeting but might be interested in helping please let me know.

Please consider this prayerfully,

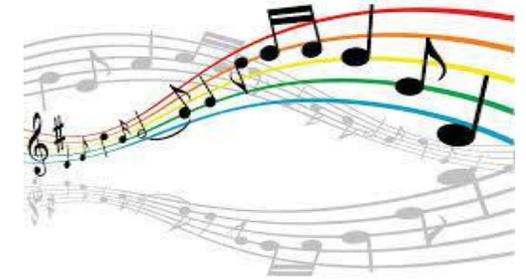
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What's on this week.....

Monday 26th February	Tuesday 27th February
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 28th February	Thursday 1st March
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 2nd March	Saturday 3rd March
11:00am Thanksgiving Service for Jack Leeming, Church	
5:00pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15 Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday 4th March - Morning	Sunday 4th March - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Songs of Praise, Church
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45am Morning Worship, Church Followed by children's work meeting.	

Songs of Praise Sunday 4th March at 6:00pm in Church

Favourite hymns & songs
Music for quiet reflection
Readings from the Psalms
Testimonies
All welcome



No Services at St John's Church on Sunday 11th March

There will be no All Stars or 10:45am service at St John's on Sunday 11th March due to the Church Weekend Away. A service will be held at Grace Taylor Hall at 9:15am.

Church Bookstall

We are looking for someone to take over the running of the bookstall and card stall. This is not an onerous task but would involve checking for tidiness and display each week (except of course when you are away!) The display of books should be changed every so often and used to fit the theme of the year (Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas etc) or the theme of the teaching series, when a book might be recommended. The donations towards books & cards taken need to be collected and paid to Mike Cusden, Assistant Treasurer. Interested? Then please see Robert Grieve, for further information.

The Women's World Day of Prayer - 2nd March 2018

The times and venues are:

11am St George's. Coffee 10.30am, 2.30pm St Joseph's and 8:00pm Sandgate Road Methodist Church. All are welcome. Frances Morgan

Primary Academy Prayer Week 26th - 28th February

This is our 8th year running the prayer week in partnership with Scripture Union. It is a great opportunity for children and staff to think about God and how he relates to their world, and to talk to him. The theme this year is 'Words for Life' - thinking about when we need to say 'please', 'sorry', 'thank you' and 'wow!'.

Please pray:

For the Primary Academy and thank God for the good relationship St John's has with them

For the planning, preparation and set up of the week, that God will inspire and enable the team

For the children and staff that they will engage with the activities and consider God's place in their lives.

For all the members of the team as they chat and explain activities to the children
Thank you. Marj Francis and Lisa Jones, Scripture Union.