

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

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

Thank you

We can't thank everyone individually but the family would like to thank people for their love and support of Eileen and Jack over many years and to thank those who braved the weather on Friday to come to Jack's thanksgiving service. We were delighted to see so many people there. Lois Leeming

Flowers for Easter

We will be decorating the church for Easter. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers there will be a plate for your gifts on the font after the service today and next week. Thank you. Jill O'Neill

"Suspended" in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral

This is an artistic work of clothes and shoes salvaged from refugees in Lesbos and Calais. People suspended between a past to which they cannot return and a future where they cannot move forward. You may find this helpful to view in the remaining weeks leading up to Easter. Remember to take your Cathedral pass.

Good Friday Service - At the Foot of the Cross

There will be a short service of meditation and music at St John's on Good Friday, 30th March, at 9.30 am for about 45 minutes. This still enables people to get to the Folkestone precinct service at 10:30am, prior to the procession of the crosses. There will be opportunities to pray, reflect on Christ's passion, listen to music and for silence. You will all be very welcome. Robert Grieve

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

Coffee Morning

Grace Taylor Hall is having a coffee morning on the 27th March from 10:00am to 12:00noon. Marmalade and cakes will be on sale. All are welcome.

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Sunday 18th March 2018
5th 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.

Easter 2018

Just 2 weeks left of Lent. Easter arrives early this year. Palm Sunday is just a week away and Easter Sunday is on the 1st April when we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

In this week's Get Connected you will see details of our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday times of prayer and worship. Also on Good Friday is the Churches Together Procession of the Cross - the service begins outside Debenhams at 10:30am with the walk setting off about 11:30am.

With so much going on this year the PCC has decided not to hold our Easter Fun Day. Numbers attending this have been declining and it has proved increasingly difficult to recruit sufficient volunteers. If you would like to be involved in organising this and/or helping on the day next year please let me know.

God bless, Steve

Cake Stall Today

Karen, Mandy and Linda will be having a cake and gift stall in the church hall after the 10:45am service today. This is to raise funds towards their forthcoming travel to China. Thank you.

What's on this week.....

Monday 19th March	Tuesday 20th March
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 21st March	Thursday 22nd 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 23rd March	Saturday 24th March
5:00pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15 Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday 25th - Morning	Sunday 25th - 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, Church	
12:15pm Jenga Meeting, Hall lounge	

Prayer for mission trip to China

It is not long now until Karen Sutton, Linda Grieve and Mandy Allen fly out to China and they would really value your prayers. They fly to Hong Kong on 22nd March where they will join the rest of the team from other countries such as Australia and Canada. They will spend the first day in orientation before travelling into China. While there they will be working in the orphanage run by International China Concern (ICC) 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 they are all trained in Special Needs they will also be supporting and teaching the staff in ways to play and interact with the children. All this will be challenging for them physically, mentally and emotionally.

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.
Pray for the team's preparations
Pray for peace as they are all apprehensive about the trip as well as about the family they leave behind.
Pray for safety in travel and good health.*

PCC Elections

If you would like to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council please speak to the Vicar or one of the Church Wardens. The elections will take place at the Annual Church Meeting on Monday 23rd April. To stand for election you must be on the Electoral Roll of St John's Parish.

If you have not already received a copy of the pink Get Connected Extra about the APCM and the revision of the Electoral Roll please pick up a copy from the table at each service venue. Application forms to go on the Roll are also available on the tables.

Welcome to the 'Upper Room'

Maundy Thursday - 29th March in Church. 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.

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Synopsis of PCC Meeting 26th February, 2018

At the PCC Meeting we discussed the following :

- 2018 Stewardship Campaign
- Approved Final accounts for 2017
- Implications of Charity Governance Code for PCC members
- Safeguarding training
- New Data Protection regulations
- St. John's Weekend Away
- Implementation of our New Vision and Strategy

If you would like to know more please ask one of the PCC members.

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