

Please continue to pray for the ICC team - Karen, Mandy & Linda  
*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 work.*

*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.*

### Rainbow Knit-In

The sponsored Rainbow Knit-In this year will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 sponsoring a team of knitters, please sign the sponsor form at the back of church. Phoebe Moffatt

### Thanksgiving Service for Larry Heintz

Many of you will remember Larry Heintz who died on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The family are inviting all friends to come and support them and to join in celebrating his life at this service on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm at St John's. All very welcome.

### Trip to Margate

After such a great weekend away together at Ashburnham, the social team are planning a day trip to Margate on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April. It's for young and old alike, families, those on their own, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the beach or the Turner Contemporary...or Dreamland for the more adventurous! The choice is yours. We'll get you there and back and you can choose your preferred activity whilst there. We have a coach booked at 10.30am from Cornwallis Avenue [outside Vicarage], leaving Margate at 3:00pm. Coach cost: adults £10, children £5, under 5s travel free, but please speak to one of us if you'd like to come but funds are a barrier. Mary Harding & Claire Coleman

### Prayer Diary

Why not take five minutes each day to pray for the parish and ministry of St John's? Copies of the St John's Prayer Diary are available at each service to help you. With a topic for each day of the month the diary covers all our activities and each of the roads in the parish. Do take one.

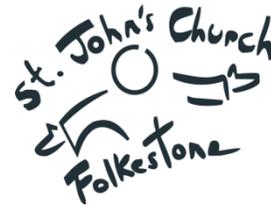
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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018  
Easter Sunday

# 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.

## Happy Easter



Lent is over! 46 days ago we began our journey through Lent 2018. So how did it go? Were you able to find some extra time to spend with God in prayer or reading Scripture; were you able to grow as a disciple of Jesus?

During Lent we have been working through the book of Joshua at Grace Taylor Hall and in the 10:45am service, whilst All Stars have been exploring 3D Discipleship. Most of us attended the Church Weekend Away at Ashburnham and some completed the Following and Fishing training. I know many people have been reading a spiritual Lent book. Whatever you did I hope that it has grown your relationship with God.

Today we come together to celebrate Jesus' resurrection which is at the very centre of what we believe as Christians. The apostle Paul goes as far as saying that if we don't believe in Jesus' resurrection our faith is futile and we are to be pitied - see 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Because of Jesus' resurrection we can be confident that we too will receive resurrected bodies when we come to the end of our lives, and that is just the best reason to celebrate. Hallelujah!

Happy Easter, Steve

## What's on this week.....

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>
8:30am No Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club, Grace Taylor Hall
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>
8:30am No Morning Prayer	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
9:00am No Staff Meeting	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)	
2:00pm Thanksgiving Service for Larry Heintz, Church	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15 Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Evening</b>
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 Holy Communion, Church	

## Bad dancing, great worship and lots of fun at any age!



More than 100 of us went to Ashburnham Place for our church weekend away to focus on *Growing in our Faith*, with powerful teaching from Lyndall Bywater and inspiring worship led by Yo Kim and Claire Coleman.



### 2018 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year our APCM will be on Monday 23 April. Refreshments will be available from 7:00pm with the meeting starting at 7:30pm. If you feel that you are a member of St John's Church we would encourage you to attend as Steve Bradford will be presenting our new vision and answering any questions or concerns that people may have.

The APCM is for all members of St John's who are on the Electoral Roll. In addition to the vision presentation there will be: an election of new PCC members; a presentation on our financial position; reports on the life of our church; and a chance to ask questions of the leadership.

We hope to see as many of you as are able to come but please make sure you are on the Electoral Roll. The 'Electoral Roll' of an Anglican Church is basically its membership list. The Electoral Roll is the basis of our church directory, which helps internal communication and allows us, wherever possible, to contact people via email, thus saving us postage costs.