

This Evening at 6:00pm

Time of informal worship and prayer in the church hall.

Stewardship Campaign

The PCC has agreed we should hold a Stewardship Campaign for St John's in May 2018. We need an extra £12,000 to break even on this year's budget and avoid digging into our reserves. If we can raise more it will enable us to support our vision for mission much more fully. There are any number of possible projects sitting in the wings!

Stewardship Sunday will be on 13 May. With the help of Liz Mullins, our Diocesan Stewardship and Funding Adviser, we will be asking people to review their regular giving, and to consider the possibility of one-off gifts if this is more appropriate to their circumstances. Liz is coming to speak to us, and we shall be giving out individually addressed appeal envelopes and asking for responses by Sunday 3rd June.

So this is just an early warning - and in St Paul's terms, a plea for "rich generosity" when the time comes. Thank you in advance!

Next Open House Week 14th - 20th May

If you would like to be a host during this week do let Claire Coleman know by Tuesday 24th April. Thank you.

After Service Refreshments

We need a few more volunteers to continue to be able to offer refreshments after the 10:45am services. Please consider joining us - details are in the leaflets in the pews. Thank you. Jackie Boyce

Oberammagau Passion Play September 2020

We are going to see this as part of a week's tour in Austria and Bavaria. Would you like to join us? It is arranged by McCabe Pilgrimages and led by Linda's sister, Shirley. If interested, do see us for details, brochure etc. Robert Grieve

'He said it - He will do it'

A special prayer event on Thursday 3rd May at Life Church from 10:00am - 12.30pm. Bringing together Christians from all over Kent to come and pray for our county and nation.

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Sunday 22nd April 2018
4th Sunday of Easter

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.

Novena (9-days of prayer)

Join once again with 50,000 people from around the world praying using the Novena resources between Friday 11 May and Saturday 19 May as part of the global prayer movement: [Thy Kingdom Come](http://www.thykingdomcome.org) - we will be showing videos about this during services which can be watched online at: www.thykingdomcome.global

Novena is a time of prayer consisting of the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost when Christ's disciples prayed constantly. In 2018 the Novena theme is Changed Lives - Changing Lives which reflects on how our encounters with God change us and how our transformed lives then change the world.

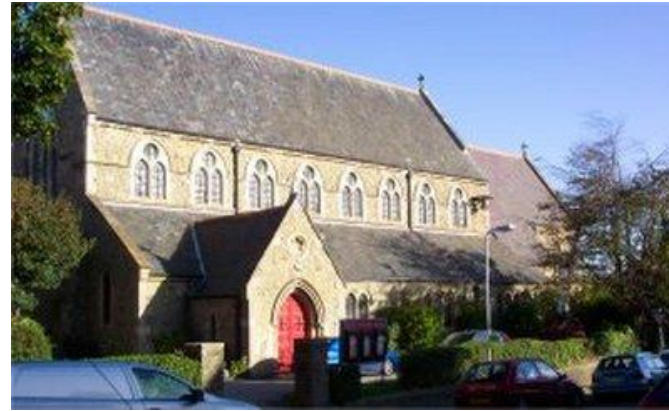
Novena Pocket Prayers - a beautiful booklet with nine days of scripture, art and prayer are available for each member of St John's to use between 11-19 May. Do pick one up today. Additional prayer resources can be found at: www.canterburydiocese.org/novena

I encourage you to join us in praying afresh for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, as we pray together: 'Come Holy Spirit: thy kingdom come' and may our waiting and praying this Novena open our hearts afresh to God's possibilities.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 23rd April	Tuesday 24th April
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
7:30pm APCM, Church Hall	
Wednesday 25th April	Thursday 26th April
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 27th April	Saturday 28th April
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	10:30am Trip to Margate
7:15 Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday 29th April - Morning	Sunday 29th April - 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	



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM takes place tomorrow at 7:30pm in the church hall. Refreshments will be available from 7:00pm. This is an important meeting in the life of our church.

We would love you to join us as we review 2017, and look forward as a church to an exciting 2018. We will be electing our Church Wardens - Nick and Steve have both offered to stand for a further year.

There will also be an election of new members to the PCC and a presentation about our vision for the future.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sponsored our team for the Rainbow Knit-In. Our team made £261 and the total amount from all the teams came to £3292.90. So a very big thank you to everyone.