

This Evening at 6:00pm

A time of informal worship and prayer in the hall.

Next Open House Week 14th - 20th May

Another chance to get to know new and different people in our church family. Please do have a look at what is on offer this time on the sign-up sheets. We have had such positive feedback from previous open house events, so do take the time to sign up with a cross and enjoy the time together. Many thanks, the social team.

Hear All About It!!

Karen, Mandy and Linda invite you to hear the story about their time at the ICC orphanage in China, on 13th May at 4:30pm in the church hall. They will be showing photographs and videos. Tea and cakes will be served to say thank you for your support. Everyone is welcome.

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

Oberamgau 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.

Take 5

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.



Sunday 29th April 2018
5th 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.

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!

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What's on this week.....

Monday 30th April	Tuesday 1st May
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club
Wednesday 2nd May	Thursday 3rd May
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 4th May	Saturday 5th May
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15 Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday 6th May - Morning	Sunday 6th May - 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	

General Data Protection Regulations

As some of you will be aware on 25th May this year the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) will come into force.

These will be much stricter and give greater rights to individuals about whom we hold data (the

'data subjects') than the 1998 Data Protection Act. One of the most important of these is that we need to obtain consent from all those whose data we hold.



The first step was to email all those who lead, or have oversight over, any of our church groups in order to carry out an audit of all the data held on individuals in respect of those groups. This means we now know what information is held and what it is used for and how the information is stored.

Many of you will have completed Electoral Roll forms in order to join the Roll which is essentially our membership list and the basis for our Church Directory. On these forms you consented to your details being kept on computer and used only for internal communications. However we cannot now use the information on the Electoral Roll forms without obtaining further consent from each individual. Even if you are not on the Roll but would like to be included in the Directory or be contacted with news and information you will need to give your consent.

The next step is for everyone to complete a St John's consent form, having read the St John's Privacy Notice. You will have received today your copy of each of these documents. Please sign and complete the consent form and give to Charmaine or Ruth after the service or during coffee time in the hall.

We will also be setting up systems for the safe storage of all your information. If you would like to know more please contact Nick Buckley, Ruth Jones or Charmaine Strelitz.

Thank you in advance for all your help with this.

Nick, Ruth, Charmaine.