



Sunday 13th May 2018
7th Sunday of Easter

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.**

If you have not received a consent form please collect one from the back. Please sign and complete it, after reading the St John's Privacy Notice, and give to Charmaine or Ruth following 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.

This Evening at 6:00pm

An informal time of prayer and worship.

Christian Aid week 13th - 19th May

There will be envelopes available in each service today which will be collected on the 20th May. This year it is for Haiti fighting hurricane after hurricane. Thank you. Frances Morgan.

Eden Ladies Event 2018

This event will take place on Friday 15th June and Saturday 16th June at Life Church in Bowles Wells Gardens. The theme is 'Fearless'. There will be an opening session on the Friday and two sessions on Saturday plus a time of worship. The day will finish at 3:30pm. The cost is £23 if booked before 31st May and £28 after 31st May. To book and find out more go to www.lifechurch.org/eden or at the information desk at Life Church.

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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.

Welcome to Stewardship Sunday

Why do we give to our church? The simple answer to this question is to meet the costs of carrying out God's mission to the best of our ability in Folkestone. But the Bible also teaches us that giving money is part of our discipleship.

We each have different motivations and capacities for giving, and every gift is gratefully received. Our hope is that your support for the various ministries of St John's Church comes from a profound sense of gratitude and joy for all you receive through your relationship with God and the members of our church.

We are blessed by God and we share our faith journey with each other. We celebrate the joyful events in each other's lives and comfort each other in times of trial and sorrow. We welcome everyone and anyone to join us, and we change the lives of people in our community - people who might otherwise never set foot in our church - simply because they have no one else to turn to, and we are here.

Our church has ministered faithfully for more than 100 years. Over the years God has been very good to us and we have been able to do many interesting and challenging things, which have been paid for by the generous giving of our congregation. Our church is still here, still strong and vibrant, because generations of members have counted themselves blessed and have therefore supported its mission with generous gifts of gratitude and joy.

What's on this week.....

Monday 14th May	Tuesday 15th May
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 16th May	Thursday 17th 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 18th May	Saturday 19th May
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15 Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday 20th May - Morning	Sunday 20th May - Evening
9:15am Holy Communion, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Churches Together Pentecost Celebration, South Kent Community Church (former URC building)
9:15am All Stars - Worship for All Ages, Church Hall	
10:45am Morning Worship, Church	

Today we are launching our Stewardship Campaign. We are asking everyone to take time to ask God how we might each give cheerfully in support of our ministries in the coming year. Please pick up your pack today and return it by Sunday 3rd June.

Every Blessing, Steve



Hear All About It!! Today at 4:30pm, Church Hall

Karen, Mandy and Linda invite you to hear the story about their time at the ICC orphanage in China. They will be showing photographs and videos. Tea and cakes will be served to say thank you for your support. Everyone is welcome.

There will also be a special guest speaker, Kyla Alexander, who has been living and working in China for more than 15 years. Come and hear how her dedication and your support is transforming the lives of children and families living with disabilities.

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 everyone whose data we hold.