



COME AND SEE...
JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY

Sunday 15th July 2018
7th Sunday after Trinity

This Evening at 6:00pm

Worship@6 tonight is another opportunity to look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son which Lyndall Bywater spoke about at Ashburnham earlier in the year. This time we shall have the help of videos from the Skit Guys and a church in Washington DC. The thing is - the father wants the son back but the brother doesn't. So what is Jesus trying to tell us? Come and think, pray, discuss, and worship at 6:00pm tonight.

Jenga Project Trip Quiz Night

Many of you will know that a few of us are off to Uganda in March 2019 to help with the Jenga Project. We are planning a quiz night with food and entertainment provided. Please put Saturday 26th January 2019 in your diaries. We thought we would have a "Burns Night" theme. So put your kilts on!!!! Further details to follow. Bertie Edwards

Men's Breakfasts

Forthcoming dates are next Saturday, 21st July and 18th August at The Captain's Table. Please have a think as to whether there's someone that you might invite along. Contact David Donald for further details.

Open House Week Monday 13th - Sunday 19th August

You are warmly invited to our next 'Open House Week' in August. Please consider if you would like to open your home or arrange an event; anything from coffee and cake, to lunch, or supper, or a walk to a pub, to a craft morning, to a film or anything as creative and innovative as you can muster. Looking forward to another successful 'Open House Week' where church members can meet new people and enjoy good company as we build our community here. Please email Rev Jo Purle by Monday 23rd July with your open home invitations or to find out more.

Mental Health, Stigma and the Church

An informative and interactive workshop on Saturday 8th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm at St Luke's/The Lighthouse Church, Canterbury Road, Hawkinge CT18 7BP. The entry cost is £10. The workshop is designed to equip churches and individuals with both general and specific information on mental health issues and explore what churches and individuals can do practically to support people. For more information see posters and email: monicastr28@gmail.com

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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 10:00am 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.

Becoming more like Jesus

Jesus told his followers to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

At St John's we want to be known as a community of people, of all ages, who love God and passionately share His good news and hope with others. In order to do this we need to be passionate about growing in our relationship with God. You will often have heard me ask the question 'How have you grown in your faith in the last 6 months/year?' Now is a good time to ask yourself that question.

Some of the ways we grow in our relationship with God include: gathering together for worship on Sunday; listening to sermons; studying the Bible in home groups; and personal prayer and Bible study. I have found that being part of a Home Group has been a significant part of growing in my relationship with God, and if you don't already belong to one I want to encourage you to join one in the Autumn.

We intend to launch some new groups later this year and if you are interested in joining one of these, or one of our existing groups, please let me know.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 16th July	Tuesday 17th July
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday 18th July	Thursday 19th July
8:30am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
10:00am Taylor Toddlers, Grace Taylor Hall (Term Time)	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall (Term Time)
2:00pm Primetime Garden Party, 24 Alder Road	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall (Term Time)
	7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice
Friday 20th July	Saturday 21st July
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	8:30am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table
7:15pm Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday 22nd July - Morning	Sunday 22nd July - Evening
9:15am Worship/Communion Service, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
10:00am Worship/Communion Service and children's groups, Church and Hall	



Praying for our Mission Partners

Each week during our 10:00am services, apart from whole church services, we will be praying for one of our mission partners - individuals and organisations.

Today we are praying for **Mission Aviation Fellowship**. MAF uses planes to help transform the lives of the world's most isolated people in need. Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations MAF enables practical help, physical healing, and spiritual hope to be delivered to many of the most remote and inaccessible communities on the planet. Their UK office is in Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone and some members of staff worship at St John's.

General Data Protection Regulations Consent Forms

A reminder that we need your completed forms back by tomorrow, 16th July. As previously mentioned, in order to comply with the latest legislation 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 lost your form or never received one please see Ruth. Forms should be returned to either Charmaine Strelitz or to Ruth. Thank you.