

This Evening at 6:00pm
Worship@6 in the hall

"Ride & Stride"

We hope to take part in this event again on Saturday 8th September. You can either join the walking group or cycle, visiting as many churches as possible. You can welcome visitors to St John's, or sponsor welcomers, walkers (as a group or as individuals) or cyclists. Proceeds divided between Friends of Kent churches (for maintenance and repair grants to churches), and our own church. Last year St John's raised the handsome sum of £715. Sponsor forms are in church this Sunday from Martin Jewitt (Tel: 211491).

'Big Sleep Out'

Just a reminder that the sponsored Big Sleep Out for the Rainbow Centre will be taking place on Friday 28th September. If you wish to take part in this event you will need an individual registration form and a sponsor form which I have copies of. If anyone requires these forms please see me. Phoebe

Men's Underpants

The Rainbow Centre is in urgent need of men's underpants, small or medium sized, new or laundered. Due to the increased demand for showers during the recent hot weather they have almost run out of underwear to give to their guests. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Sylvia

St John's Bookstall

Is there anyone who could manage the bookstall, as there is no one looking after it at the moment? It does not require much time and effort, so if interested, please see me for more information. Robert Grieve

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COME AND SEE...
JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY

Sunday 2nd September 2018
14th Sunday after Trinity

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.

How do we grow our relationship with God?

I hope you have enjoyed the summer - we have been blessed with good weather (mostly) and I have heard many stories of exciting holiday adventures and experiences.

Today our children's groups recommence after the summer break and many of our home groups will be starting up again this coming week. These are just two of the ways that we can learn more about God and grow more like Jesus.

I was challenged over the summer when I was told that my most important task as a church leader was to deepen my relationship with God and help others do so. So would you like to deepen your relationship with God?

I am thinking about offering some workshops on different ways of encountering God through prayer. If you would be interested in knowing more please drop me an email at stevejbradford@btinternet.com or phone me on 01303 211037. If there is enough interest I plan to run some workshops during the autumn.

Every blessing, Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday	Tuesday
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
Wednesday	Thursday
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, Church Hall (Term Time)	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall (Term Time)
Friday	Saturday
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	Ride and Stride
7:15pm Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday - Morning	Sunday - Evening
9:15am Morning Worship Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
10:00am Holy Communion Service and children's groups, Church and Hall	



St John's choir & music group are looking for new members from the congregation to join us. Do you enjoy singing or play an instrument? Would you like to help us lead the worship on a Sunday morning? Would you like to join the band & choir at our Thursday evening rehearsals to see whether you would like to become a regular member of the music team? If so, please read the enclosed sheet.

Mission Partners

This week we are praying for **International China Concern**

International China Concern is a Christian development organisation dedicated to changing lives by bringing love, hope and opportunity to China's abandoned and disabled children. They aim to give life, end abandonment and share their values with the local community. Our annual **Walk the Wall** to support this work will take place on Saturday 6th October, starting from Folkestone harbour and walking 10k. More details to follow. Linda Grieve

Synopsis of PCC Meeting:

At the PCC Meeting of 23rd July, 2018, members agreed the minutes of the meetings held on 4th June and 25th June, and then discussed the following:

- Renewal of the church insurance
- Overcoming problems with our projection in Sunday services
- Success of stewardship campaign and our need to find a new treasurer
- Possible alterations/improvements to our buildings
- Vicar's sabbatical in 2019
- Proposed local authority parking restrictions in St John's Church Road

The full agreed minutes will be available after the meeting on 24th September 2018.

What's on this week.....

ST JOHN'S CHOIR & MUSIC GROUP

The choir & band would very much like to have some 'new recruits!'

Is there anyone in the congregation who would like to join us?

We lead the worship on a Sunday morning and meet regularly once a week to pray, have fellowship with one another, praise God and prepare music for leading the congregation.

Singers: Sopranos, altos, tenors & basses - we need them all! If you don't know what you are then come along and find out..... The only requirement is a voice that sings in tune and has a good average range, - in other words, can reach the notes for the majority of songs that we worship with on a Sunday morning. Most of the work we do is unison singing or sometimes 2- part but we do also use 4 part harmony for some of our songs/hymns, especially around Christmas time when we sing the traditional carols. If you can read music that would be a great advantage but it is not a necessity. There are a few singers in our choir who cannot read music but after regular practise are able to sing their line in harmony confidently with the rest of the group.

Instrumentalists: Although we have two keyboard players (who sometimes double up as a violinist and clarinettist) a drummer and a bass player, it would be lovely to have a few more musicians join us. It's good to have colour and variety in our worship and so if you play an instrument of any kind and would like to have experience playing with the band please let me know. Grade 5 is really the required standard that you need to be able to cope with the musical score - but for some songs music can be arranged for players around the Grade 3 standard. If you are a keyboard, drummer or guitar player please also make yourself known – as the existing members would welcome a day off sometimes!

Thinking of joining us? - We always welcome new members. If you feel that your gift is one that could be shared with the music group, or that your interest in music is one that you would like to see grow and develop amongst Christian friends then please let me know. Our rehearsals are on a Thursday evening at 7.45 and it is important that you are able to join us for this time of fellowship. No matter how good a singer or player is or how well they know the song , playing within a group can be quite different and it is vital to know what those around you in the group are doing if a song is to be successfully led on a Sunday morning. We believe God is in the midst of us; guiding us, teaching us more about Himself through the music and binding us together as a group. Our rehearsals are light hearted and fun where we work hard improving our singing and playing and learn new songs.

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord

Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving

And extol Him with music and song” (Psalm 95: 1-2)

Please contact me if you are interested, either after the service on a Sunday or at home on 01303 275874 or email: suewisehills@live.co.uk.