

### Worship@6 tonight - Light bulb moments for disciples

Come and laugh (and you will!) with humorist Jeanne Robertson telling the story of a light bulb moment when she tried to buy a vanilla milkshake. And then join us in thinking about some key light bulb moments in Scripture, and perhaps in sharing any such moments which have moved us on in our Christian faith. All mixed with prayer and praise.

### Prayer Vigil 16th September 7:00pm to 8:15pm

A time of meditation and prayer. This will enable you to eat and be alongside Jesus and call upon him. See the tables as a place where Jesus is eating with you and speaking with you. Music will be playing and the prayer team will be on hand in the prayer corner.

### Save the Date

Harvest Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the upstairs hall. Enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and dance at St John's church hall. More details to follow - See Janice Bradford and Mary Harding

### 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 Cusden

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COME AND SEE...  
JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Reading our Bibles with Purpose

Last week I wrote about one way we can grow in our relationship with God - prayer. I will be running some prayer workshops in the autumn and if you are interested in joining these please let me know.

A second way we can grow in our relationship with God is by reading our bibles. When we do this we should do it with purpose. By that I mean that each time we read our bibles we should ask ourselves three questions:

- What does this say to me about God?
- What does this say to me about people?
- What should I do as a result of reading this?
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I encourage you to pray before you start reading that the Holy Spirit will enlighten you as you read God's word and prompt you to act upon it.

Putting this into practice will help us all grow as disciples of Jesus, who told his first disciples 'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it' (Luke 11:28). What we read in scripture should make a difference in how we live, one small step at a time.

Every blessing,

Steve

## What's on this week.....

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>
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)
	7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - Evening</b>
9:15am Communion Service, Grace Taylor Hall	7:00pm Prayer Vigil, Church
10:00am Worship Service and children's groups, Church and Hall	



### Praying for our Mission Partners

This week we are praying for JENGA CDO (Community Development Outreach) which is a pioneering Christian charity based in Mbale, Uganda. Its heart is sustainable development through educated and empowered communities, improving the quality of life of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. JENGA CDO focuses its ministry in urban slum communities and rural mountainous villages. A team from St John's will be visiting JENGA CDO in March 2019. See Rev Jo Purle as St John's rep.



### New Members Needed

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 collect an information sheet from the back.