

### Worship@6 This Evening

Many of us were thrilled to listen to a video of evangelist Christine Caine at Worship@6 at the New Year and her encouragement to "keep going" as Christians. Tonight we have another of her videos entitled "Stop acting like a Christian and be one". After visiting a cathedral in Florence she asks how we can we be sure that our church won't simply end up as a mausoleum? It's a thought provoking video about the purpose and nature of the church to go with our time of worship and prayer. Do join us.

### Thank you!

Many thanks to Revd Jo and Revd Steve for the amazing impact they have had so far on my journey towards God. I would also like to thank everyone who was kind enough to support me and Paul at the confirmation service on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Canterbury Cathedral. Thank you for all of the cards and good wishes. Tony Hann

### The People of Hawija Need Clean Water

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in the church hall Amalan will be sharing about his work with Tearfund in Iraq over the last 1½ years. He will be giving an insight into the challenges of providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene for rural communities whose villages have been devastated by ISIS occupation.

### Book Stall

Our book stall is near the welcome desk, please feel free to browse through these books. Any that you would like to buy or borrow please take and if you would like to donate a pound or more to church funds, please leave in the slot. Any books you have and would like to donate or for further information please see Gill Sinden. Thank you.

### Men@StJ

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at The Captain's Table by the harbour at 8:30am.

### Love in a Box

A huge thank you to everyone who filled a box for a child for Christmas and also to those who contributed money. The boxes bring great joy to the children and are much appreciated. Thank you again. Phoebe.

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COME AND SEE...  
JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Sunday next before Advent

# 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.

## Christmas Stocking Service

Next Sunday will mark the start of Advent when we look forward to celebrating God's gift to us of his son, Jesus.

It is also our annual Christmas stocking service when there will be an opportunity for each household to bring a gift that will be handed out at the Foodstop Christmas Dinner on Boxing Day and beyond. Most of the guests are men and desired presents include: gloves, scarves, hats, socks, chocolate bars, shower gel, deodorant for men and razors. A great way of sharing this season of love with our community.



Please leave the gifts unwrapped. Thank you

Every blessing,

Steve

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

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, Term Time), Grace Taylor Hall
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>
8:30am Staff Meeting, Church Hall	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time)
2:00pm Primetime, Church Hall (Term Time)	1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall (Term Time)
	7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall (Term Time)
	7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Morning</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Evening</b>
9:15am Worship Service, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Winter Shelter Dedication Service, Folkestone Baptist
10:00am Christmas Stocking Service and children's groups, Church and Hall	



### Praying for our Mission Partners

This week we are praying for our work in local schools. St John's is actively involved in partnership with 4 local Primary schools in Folkestone; Mundella, Primary Academy, St Mary's and St Peter's. St John's ministers weekly in these schools through assemblies, Open the Book presentations, lunch club and after school club. St John's also partners with the schools for Easter, Harvest and Christmas services and special weeks of prayer. In addition, regular visits are made to share the Christian faith in smaller class groups. See Claire Coleman as St John's rep.

### Churches Together in Folkestone

- Winter Shelter Dedication Service 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
 A special service to pray for this year's Winter Shelter Project. The guest speaker will be Callum McKenna. All are welcome at 6:00pm in Folkestone Baptist Church, Hill Road. CT19 6LY.
- Christmas Day Lunch at St Andrew's Church**  
 St Andrew's Church in Cheriton will again be hosting a special lunch for those who might otherwise be on their own. There are various ways in which you can help and support this venture, from telling those who might like to come to being involved in the team or supporting financially. Please see the posters for further information. You can also contact Anya Goldsack who is running the event at [goldsas@live.co.uk](mailto:goldsas@live.co.uk) or on 01303 210620.
- Contemplative Prayer Workshops**  
 St George's will be holding a series of six monthly sessions of contemplative prayer workshops starting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9:30am. If interested please contact Jane Lovick, Church Administrator for Trinity Benefice on 244299 or [administrator@trinitybenefice.co.uk](mailto:administrator@trinitybenefice.co.uk). See also notice on noticeboards.