

This Evening at 6:00pm

There will be no Worship@6 as the Winter Shelter Dedication Service is taking place at Folkestone Baptist Church. See notice on previous page.

Christmas Fair at Grace Taylor Hall

Thank you to everybody who came to the Christmas Fair at Grace Taylor Hall. We had a great time and raised £407 towards a new carpet. Thank you so much. Frances Morgan.

JENGA PROJECT (Uganda) Quiz

On Saturday 26th January from 7:00pm - 10:00pm we will be holding a 'Burns Night' style quiz to raise funds for the JENGA PROJECT. Tickets are £8.00 each and include a ploughman's supper and entertainment. Six to a table. Bring your own drinks. Peter Edwards will be our question master. Tickets will be available at the back of church from Deborah Bates or Bertie Edwards from today. We have a small team from St John's going to help with this extraordinary project so please come, have a fun filled evening and so help us to raise some funds for JENGA. If anyone would like more information about the JENGA PROJECT, you can look up the following link: jengauganda.org or ask Jo or any on the team who are going; Peter & Bertie Edwards, Martin & Carole Jewitt, Steve and Mary Harding and Claire Coleman. See you there.

Christmas Flowers

We will be decorating the church for Christmas. If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost the flowers there will be a plate for your gifts on the font after the service today and next week. Thank you. Jill O'Neill.

The People of Hawija Need Clean Water

On Thursday 13th 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.

Men@StJ

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

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COME AND SEE...
JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY

Sunday 2nd December 2018
1st Sunday of 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.

What is Advent?

The Christian season of Advent begins today and lasts until Christmas Eve. The Advent celebration is both a reminder of Christ's first coming and looking forward with eager anticipation to His second coming.

The word *advent* means "arrival" or "an appearing." Christians often speak of Jesus' first and second comings to earth. His first appearing would be the Incarnation—Christmastime. His second appearing will be when he returns to judge all people and take up his kingly rule.

One of the traditions we follow involves the lighting of an Advent Wreath which has four coloured candles in a ring around a white or gold candle. The four candles which are lit on successive Sundays during December represent: the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist, and Mary the mother of Jesus. On Christmas Eve at our midnight Communion Service and on Christmas Day, the centre white candle will be lit; this is the "Christ Candle," to remind us that Jesus, the Light of the Word, has come.

May you enjoy God's peace this Advent, Steve.

What's on this week.....

Monday 3rd December	Tuesday 4th December
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall	2:00pm Craft Club (1 st Tuesday each month, Term Time), Grace Taylor Hall
Wednesday 5th December	Thursday 6th December
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
Friday 7th December	Saturday 8th December
5:30pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Guides, Church Hall (Term Time)	
7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	
Sunday 9th December- Morning	Sunday 9th December - Evening
9:15am Worship Service, Grace Taylor Hall	6:00pm Worship@6, Church Hall
10:00am Communion Service and children's groups, Church and Hall	



Praying for our Mission Partners

This week we are praying for Mission Aviation Fellowship. MAF uses planes to 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.

Churches Together in Folkestone

- Winter Shelter Dedication Service This Evening**
 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 to Folkestone Baptist Church, Hill Road. CT19 6LY.
- Carols in the Community**
 Saturday 22nd December in Folkestone Harbour Arm Station from 5:00pm led by CTF Community Choir. There will be free hot chocolate and mince pies available.
 It is not too late to volunteer to help. As you can imagine, we need volunteers for a variety of jobs. For example:
 Serving hot chocolate & mince pies
 Stewarding
 Setting up
 Clearing up rubbish etc
 For many of these you also get to wear a very dapper and fashionable hi-vis jacket ..what's not to love....?
 So - I would be hugely grateful if you would drop me an email (churchestogether@gmail.com) with your name; church; and (ideally) mobile number so I can begin not panicking about volunteers. Please also pass this on to any friends or family members who may be longing for the chance to don a hi-vis jacket...thanks so much for your help. Pat Finlow.
- 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 or on 01303 210620.