

This Evening

Worship@6 in the hall. Come and join us as we sing Advent Carols.



Mince Pies for Carol Service

It is that time of year again when we are asking for mince pies to serve after the carol service. Contributions would be very much appreciated. If you are able to provide some please see the sign-up sheets at the back of church. Thank you. Carole Jewitt

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. Thank you. Jill O'Neill.

Men@StJ

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 15th December at The Captain's Table by the harbour at 8:30am. For more information contact David Donald (see Directory).

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.

The People of Hawija Need Clean Water - Change of Date

The date and time for this event has been changed to **Saturday 15th December at 7:00pm** in the 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.

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COME AND SEE...
JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY

Sunday 9th December 2018
2nd 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.

Seasons Greetings!

Firstly Janice and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, joyful and peaceful 2019.

Are you excited about Christmas? It's a wonderful time when we can be filled with a sense of anticipation and excitement as we recall Jesus coming as a baby and look forward to his return.

We have produced flyers with details of all our special Christmas services titled 'Journey to Hope'. Please do take one for yourselves if you did not pick one up last week. Also, please take some extras to pass on to friends, family and neighbours. Christmas is a time when people who do not regularly come to church feel drawn to do so, and an invitation is often all they need.

My prayer for us all is that amongst the busyness and excitement of Christmas we can find time to reflect and consider the true meaning of Christ's coming.

Every blessing,

Steve

What's on this week.....

Monday 10th December	Tuesday 11th December
8:30am Morning Prayer, Church Hall 9:00 am Visit of Beacon School, Church	2:00pm Craft Club (1 st Tuesday each month, Term Time), Grace Taylor Hall 7:45pm Choir & Musicians' Practice
Wednesday 12th December	Thursday 13th December
8:30am Staff Meeting, Church Hall 2:00pm Primetime, Church Hall (Term Time) 9:00am Visit of Beacon School, Church	9:15am Open the Book (Term Time) 1:15pm Twiglets (Toddler Group), Church Hall (Term Time) 7:00pm On Fizz (Youth Group), Grace Taylor Hall (Term Time)
Friday 14th December	Saturday 15th December
5:00pm Brownies, Church Hall (Term Time) 6:30pm Winter Shelter 7:15pm Guides, Church Hall (Term Time) 7:15pm Rangers, Church Hall (Term Time)	8:30am Men's Breakfast, Captain's Table, Harbour 3:00pm Choir & Musicians Rehearsal, Church
Sunday 16th December - Morning	Sunday 16th December - Evening
9:15am Carol Service, Grace Taylor Hall 10:00am Worship Service and children's groups, Church and Hall	6:00pm Carols by Candlelight, Church Hall

Praying for our Mission Partners

Today we are praying for the Church Pastoral Aid Society. CPAS enables churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus. CPAS is the patron of St John's and they work collaboratively with the church and the diocese, committed to seeing people won for Christ and built up in the faith. They also run camps during the summer holidays particularly for children from poorer communities and inner London areas. See Rev Steve Bradford as St John's rep.

Churches Together - Carols in the Community Folkestone Harbour Arm Station - Saturday 22nd December at 5pm

Hopefully - this is already in your diary...



But for things to run smoothly we need two things.....
All of your lovely voices to join with the Herald Angels so we fill the skies over Folkestone with praise!

But also - we need a host of friendly, smiley volunteers to help. For example:

- setting up
- serving hot chocolate & mince pies
- stewarding
- handing out leaflets
- clearing up rubbish

For many of these you also get to wear a very dapper and fashionable hi-vis jacket ...What's not to love....?

If you can help on the day - *please email churchestogetherfolk@gmail.com with your name; church; and (ideally) mobile number.*