

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

# SUNDAY 16TH JULY

## HELLO FROM THE VICARAGE!

Welcome to you if you're reading this on Sunday, or any other time throughout the week.

Last Sunday we had a great consistency of theme in our teaching across the morning and afternoon services, being reminded that we can trust God even when times are hard. It's not always easy following Jesus, although it can also be a great adventure. But whatever is going on for you right now, please know that you can bring it to him, and he will hear you.



**This Sunday at the 10am we'll be joined by Eric and Rachel Mande to hear an update on their ministry and work, do join us if you can.**

**At the 4pm it's the last service before a summer break and we conclude our series with the story of Jonah.**

**There's midweek communion this Wednesday (19th) and then a break until September. I'll be around Tuesday and Thursday 10am-midday in Coffee Connect so do come and have a chat or pray if you'd like to.**

**God Bless**

*Tom*

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

To find out what is going on this week in the life of St. John's, please [click here](#) and it will take you through to the calendar on St. John's Website.



## "I MUST GO DOWN TO THE SEAS AGAIN"

On Sunday 9th July, a special effort was made at St Nicholas, patron saint of sailors, for "Sea Sunday". Andy and Wendy "press ganged" an enthusiastic group of volunteers who spent much of Saturday dressing the church overall in flags, anchors, lanterns, charts and all sorts of "nauticalia". The ukulele duo had even practised the previous week whilst sailing to the Isle of Wight. Our resident artist displayed several of her own paintings of rough seas reflecting what Jesus might have slept through on the Sea of Galilee.

A good turnout included several families. The sea shanties were carefully adapted by Andy to fit the service and were interspersed with traditional hymns and Bible readings with a nautical theme. The shanties accompanied by ukuleles, recorder, harmonica and tambourine and hymns by Kathy on the organ, brought the plight of seafarers to the fore and the role of the Mission to Seafarers to whom our collection was dedicated. The fellowship service finished with "The Royal Navy Sailor's Prayer" and a spirited time was had by all.

Siriol Seabrook







# COMMUNION

See below for the pattern of Sunday Communion.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
St Nicholas 10:30	St John's 10am	St John's 4pm	St John's 10am

**5th**  
Special Services  
See Calendar

**Wednesday @9.30am in the Church**



# PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday Morning 8:30am Zoom

Thursday Morning 8:30am Zoom

2nd & 4th Sundays 6:30pm Zoom

[Click Here to join the zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 832 7893 7113

Passcode: 141540

Friday Morning Prayers 9.45am in the Lounge

Prayer for Persecuted Church 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 11.30am in the Centre.



# STREET PRAYERS

We will be praying for: -

This week our prayers will focus on: Prinsted West, Ham Lane & Prinsted Lane. We will be specially remembering our Emergency Services, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue, Police, RNLI & Coast Guards.

Please free to join us, especially if we are praying for your area.

# After Church Summer BBQ

16th  
July

5PM

AFTER 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Click or scan  
to sign up



# Beach Church Picnic

13th  
Aug

2-6PM

Click or scan  
to sign up



Gathering





# Summer

## Let's Go

## CAMPING

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### NEW WINE

Wed 26 July – Sun 30 July 2023

Kent Event Centre,  
Maidstone, Kent,  
ME14 3JF

### OAK HALL

Family and Friends Week

19 - 25 August & 25 - 28 August

Otford Manor Sevenoaks TN15 6XF



NEW WINE - EXCITING, EXPERIENCE, EXTRAORDINARY  
OAK HALL - RETREAT, RELAX AND RECONNECT.



[Whatsapp group  
for anyone going  
to New Wine](#)



[Click here](#)



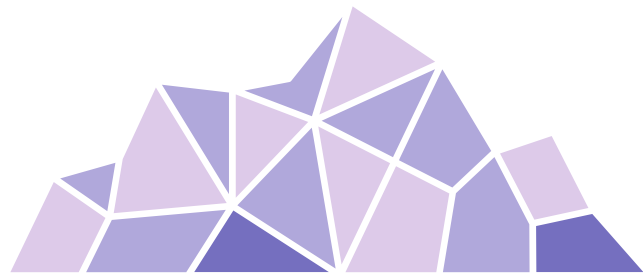
**We will be closed  
from Tuesday August  
8th and reopen  
on Tuesday 5th  
September.**

**We wish you all a  
relaxing summer!**





# Children and Families



Green Group  
Sunday 4pm  
For those currently in Year 6, 7 and 8.  
Runs as part of the service.



Pink Group  
Sunday Sunday 4pm  
For GIRLS currently in years 3, 4 and 5  
COMING SOON



Blue Group  
Sunday 4pm  
for BOYS currently in years 3, 4 and 5  
COMING SOON

 **ST JOHN'S  
TOTS**   
Thursday Mornings in term time.  
St John's Church Centre, Southbourne  
10-11:45am      £2 per family

## Friday Fellowship

Jan 13th  
Jan 27th  
Feb 10th  
Feb 24th  
Mar 10th  
Mar 24th  
Apr 28th  
May 12th  
May 26th  
Jun 9th  
Jun 23rd  
Jul 14th

## 3-5:30pm

Parents and children stay  
for games, crafts, to  
explore faith and enjoy a  
meal together.







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