



St John's Church
Hildenborough

A worshipping community
Serving the community

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY 22nd APRIL 2018

**We are glad that you are worshipping with us today
and hope you feel at home.**

THIS WEEK – Easter 4

8.00am Holy Communion with Andy
1 Peter 2: 11-17 & John 16: 16-22
(Third Sunday after Easter)

10am Morning Worship
Tim leading and Simon preaching
Psalm 146 & Mark 8: 11-26
*We welcome Tye & Hugo Jackson and
William Dunk for baptism.*

6.30pm NewGen Meet in the Centre

NEXT WEEK – Easter 5

8.00am Holy Communion with Tim
James 1: 17-21 & John 16:5-15
(Fourth Sunday after Easter)

10am Morning Worship
Simon leading and Richard Larcombe
speaking
Colossians 1: 15-20 & Mark 8:27 – 9:1

6.30pm Evening BCP service with Simon
leading & Susan Trowbridge preaching

6.30pm NewGen meet in Centre

CHILDREN & YOUTH. Every First Sunday there is a Kidzservice at 9.30am aimed at primary school children along with their families. Other weeks, worship and activities take place in the Church Centre alongside the main morning service. Full details on our *Children & Youth Information Sheet*, or just ask a sidesperson or children's leader.

Don't rush off. Please join us for refreshments in the Church Centre after the 10am service. (First Sunday at 10.15 between services.)



Text Giving If you would like to make a donation by phone, from £1 upwards, just...
Text LUKE10£5 to 70070 and help St. John's make a difference. Thank you.

This Week's Diary...



Monday 23rd

8.15am Prayer Meeting in Marcus' Office
1.30-3.30pm Sunbeams in Church Centre

Tuesday 24th

9.00-11.00am Farmers' Market in the Church Centre
9.00-11.00am Church Open to visit or for prayer
8.45-11.30am Tea & Coffee Corner in the Family Room & Foyer

Thursday 26th

9.30am 'A Time to Pray' in Church
7.45-9.30pm Parenting for Faith in Family Room

Saturday 28th

St John's hosts Tonbridge Archdeaconry celebration of lay ministry

Today...

We welcome Tye & Hugo Jackson and William Dunk as they are baptised.

Next Sunday...

There will be a **BCP evening service at 6.30pm** with Simon and Susan Trowbridge.

Join a Home Group?

Home groups meet at various times during the week, both daytime and evening. If you would like to find out more do speak to Simon.

This Week's Verse... Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. Romans 12:19 NIV(UK)



Sunday Services... Some helpful info

Prayer

- *Prayer meetings for our services take place in the vestry on the first Sunday at 10.30am (between services) and on other Sundays at 9.30am before the service. Please join us.*
- *After the 10am (or 11am) service there are people available to pray with those who would like it. They can be identified by their blue and white badges.*

For your comfort...

- *The Church is fitted with a hearing loop*
- *Toilets are located in the Church Centre including facilities for the disabled and for baby changing. For safeguarding reasons during services, adults are requested to use the toilet by the car park entrance, or if occupied, the disabled toilet in the foyer.*
- *It is our tradition to stand during worship and for some parts of the service. However, please feel comfortable to sit or stand as you are able.*

Offering *A bag collection is taken during our main services. Of course we appreciate that many of our church family give regularly through the gift aid scheme. If you are a visitor and would like to take advantage of gift aid, there are envelopes for this purpose in pews and at the back of the Church. Thank you.*

Communion *If you have any special health concerns that might prevent you from receiving communion but you would like to do so, please speak to one of the clergy.*

Photography Please note that for safeguarding reasons no unauthorised photography can be permitted in our services or at any groups/events involving children. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMING UP...

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday 10th May 8pm
St Peter & St Paul

An opportunity to come together in worship as a Deanery. This will also be Mark Brown's last public act as Tonbridge Area Dean, a post he has held for 8 years.

HOME GROUPS MEETING TOGETHER

Wed 16th May 8pm
Family Room

As part of 'Thy Kingdom Come' there will be a special time of worship and prayer together on 16th May. More details to follow. Everyone most welcome, home group member or not!

Please note this is a change in date from that originally advertised.

TIDY UP TEAM NEEDED! ADVANCE NOTICE! Sunday 1st July



Are you an early bird? Would you like to bless your community? As you may be aware, the local Scouts are planning to host a village music event on the Rec on the evening of Saturday 30th June. St. John's Church has made an offer to assist with the clear-up operation which the Scouts have gladly accepted! The tidying up will be done early on the morning of Sunday 1st, so we will need to get a team together. More info to follow, but do put the date in your diary now. The more the merrier! Thanks so much.

THY KINGDOM COME Nine Days of Prayer 2018



The Archbishop of Canterbury's special wave of prayer will run once again from Ascension on 10th May until Pentecost on Sunday 20th May. We shall be marking the event at St. John's with a **special prayer space in the vestry**. We hope to have continuous prayer during the daytime **from Mon 14th to Fri 18th May**. More info soon. Contact Margaret WJ.

PETR JASEK

Join us in the Church Centre, Friday 6th July 7.30 for 8pm to hear Petr speak.
(In association with our mission partner Release International).

Petr, a Czech humanitarian worker in Sudan, was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment in December 2015. He spent 445 days in 5 prisons and was released in 2017. He has a remarkable testimony of how God preserved him.

Also... If you are able to display an A4 or A3 poster for this event in your home, please ask Sal for a copy. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION A number of the church family have expressed an interest in being confirmed which is great news. It would be wonderful if we could hold this special service here at St. John's, which should be possible if we have sufficient candidates. So, if you are interested in being confirmed or baptised and confirmed – please do speak to one of the clergy.

CLC IN TONBRIDGE (The Christian Resource Centre) is closing in the second week of May. Please support their sale of books at reduced prices over the next couple of weeks.

'PRAYER BOX'



Prayer for the fourth Sunday of Easter: *Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Please pray for:

All those grieving loved ones.

All those we know who are unwell and also for those carers amongst us.

All members of our Church Family who are unable to worship with us, especially our more senior members who may be finding life a struggle.

All our young people preparing for exams this term.

The Parenting for Faith Course on Thursday.

All those involved in lay ministry. Tonbridge Archdeaconry celebrates lay ministry at St. John's next Saturday.

Our mission partner Release International (*see below*).

If you or anyone you know would value prayer or would like a pastoral visit, please speak to a member of the clergy or contact the office.

MISSION NEWS... This week Release International (the Persecuted Church). Pray for Christians in China as they face a "gathering storm" of persecution. Harassment of Christians has risen dramatically under Xi Jinping and is set to worsen now he has been declared president for life. New restrictions on religious freedom came into force in February, intended to contain the "overheated" spread of Christianity. In 2017 there are records of 220,000 Chinese Christians harassed and 3,700 detained with many cases going unreported.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS Congratulations to Helen and Tom Noone on the birth of their daughter Elodie, a sister for Aurelia.

UNLOCK – LONDON CHURCHES WALK 28TH APRIL

Chris Mileham will be doing the walk again this year and would love you to join him. The route is approx. 7.5 miles and entitled "Together in Tottenham", the most ethnically diverse constituency in Europe. Unlock is a charity focussed on bringing God's good news to neglected urban areas and is a partner organisation to the Bible Society. The 7 churches on the route range from Roman Catholic to Pentecostal and each provides info about their ministry plus light refreshments. Should be fascinating and informative, if tiring! If you can't join Chris, do consider sponsoring him. Contact Chris.

FINAL WORD *"Man must evolve for all human conflict a message that rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love." Martin Luther King*