

Debbie's Dance School

Adult Beginners Ballroom and Latin Dance lessons
Wednesdays from 11th January 8.00 pm-9.30 pm

Are you looking to learn to dance and meet new people?

Why not join my Beginners Ballroom and Latin American dance classes on Wednesday evenings at St John's Church in the large hall for teaching and social dancing.

Great opportunity to learn to dance, learn routines and meet new people.

If interested please call me on 07939565883 or e-mail at

debbiesdanceschool@yahoo.com.

**NEW ROTAS**

Rotas for Wardens & Deputies, Sidespersons, Communion Assistants, Computer Operators, Coffee Teams etc. have recently been sent out by email. They are also available on the church website. If you are part of one of these groups and have not yet received your rota, please let Liz King know.

BIBLE READING NOTES - If you want to read the Bible and don't know where to start or if you want a deeper understanding about what God is saying to you and to His church today why not try using Bible Reading Notes. Come and talk to Jenny and John in the Bookstall and we will find something that will suit you as there are publications for all ages. We will be ordering the January 2017 editions soon and if you pay for the year we will deduct 5% from the total.

LIVING WELL - would like to thank St. John's for their continued support of the Food Bank - especially welcome at this time of year.

All the usual foodstuffs - dried goods, tins of vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat. Pasta, rice, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, etc. Also laundry items and toiletries.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served on Sunday 29th January by members of Liz King's group.



Vicar: Rev'd Liz Lander ☎ 8650 6110 ✉ landerliz@yahoo.co.uk (Liz's day off is Saturday)

Associate Vicar: Rev'd Scott Smith ☎ 8289 4819 ✉ smithscott@hotmail.com (Scott's day off is Friday)

Churchwardens: Julia Lewis ☎ 8462 3508 and Tony Peters ☎ 8402 1876

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Office Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri 8.00 am-4.00 pm **CLOSED TUESDAYS**

News & Notices**22nd January 2017**

A very warm welcome to you all, especially if you are new to St. John's or you are just visiting - we are delighted to have you with us. Refreshments will be served after the service so do please stay and join us for coffee/tea.

Sunday 22nd January

10.00 am Morning Worship - Rev'd Pam Owen
Adoration (Visiting preacher - WPCU)
Psalm 95: 1 - 7 and Luke 10: 38 - 42

6.30 pm Holy Communion - Dr. David Plummer Sunday
Acts 9 v 1 - 19 and 2. 2 Corinthians 11 v 24 - 28

Wednesday 25th January

11.15 am Holy Communion - Dr. David Plummer

Sunday 29th January

10.00 am Holy Communion - Rev'd Liz Lander
Petition (Give us this day)

NO EVENING SERVICE***Special Prayer for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany***

God of all mercy,

your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,

release to the captives,

and freedom to the oppressed:

anoint us with your Holy Spirit

and set all your people free

to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

If you would like prayer today - please speak to the person leading the service who will find someone to pray with you.

Monday 23rd January

- 2.00 pm Focus
- 8.00 pm Homegroups

Tuesday 24th January

- 10.00 am The Ark
- 8.00 pm Homegroups

Wednesday 25th January

- 9.00 am Parish Prayers
- 11.15 am Holy Communion
- 12.30 pm LINK - *(don't forget to book your lunch in advance)*
- 1.30 pm Art Class - Beginners welcome
- 2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities
- 5.30 pm Kingfishers
- 8.00 pm Homegroups

Friday 27th January

- 8.45 am Parish Prayers

Please pray for:

- *Judy Bedford - recovering from surgery in St. Thomas's Hospital*
- *Joan Robinson - seriously ill in the Royal Marsden Hospital*
- *Clive Porthouse - very poorly*
- *Oliver (8 months old) nephew of Louise Savage diagnosed with infantile scoliosis.*
Please pray for parents Chris & Rachel during this worrying time.
- *Margaret Murrell - waiting for heart valve replacement*
- *Dave King - waiting for heart bypass surgery due to take place on 26 January*
- *Alasdair Cameron - waiting operation on 30th January*
- *Wilf Orton - having a hip replacement on 4th February.*
- *Brian & Rosemary Clayton*
- *Jane Newman*
- *Graham Mountford*
- *Paul Allen*
- *Keith Shelley*
- *Essie Grives*

We told you recently about the little boy born to Fiona Gould & Steve Innes in Australia. He is to be called Archie and as mentioned, baby Archie was born with no eyes. He is now home from hospital and whilst he also has some hearing problems, they are able to fit him with hearing aids. Please continue to pray for this family and the challenges they face.

Special prayer topics

- Children and young people in our community.
- Residents who live in Manor Way

The Diocese are looking for answers to three questions (below) as part of an initiative called, '**Our conversation, our future,**' which Bishop James hopes will help us, '*achieve a framework for our common life and calling, a scaffolding which will enable us to work with God in the building of his kingdom in the parishes, chaplaincies and places where we are.*'

The questions being asked are:

- *What may the Holy Spirit be saying to us about our area?*
- *What do we currently spend our energy and resources on?*
- *What do we need to change about who we are and what we do?*

For more information, do download the PDF 'Toolkit' at

<http://www.rochester.anglican.org/strategy/conversation>

Responses (made via the same webpage) need to be with the Diocese by Easter 2017 (mid-April). Should you wish you share your responses with the Leadership team here at St John's, then please email them to Liz King in the Church office. Thanks

Please note - The Traidcraft stall will be closed for 2 or 3 months whilst Judy recovers from her surgery.

Alpha is starting at St John's at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st February 2017. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you like.

How does it work?

Alpha is eleven sessions with a day away in the middle. Each session includes food, a short talk and discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow up.

How much is it?

There's no charge to do Alpha, though we do ask for a contribution towards food.

For further information please speak to Liz or Scott or contact the Church office.