

**HOMEROUPS in the Summer term**

Homegroups are due to restart again this week. Home group leaders can collect their notes from the church office.

If you are not part of a Homegroup, but are interested in joining one, please speak to Liz or Scott

Bishopscourt is holding a 'NGS pop-up' Open Garden for tulips on Saturday 21st April from 11.00am – 2.00pm. Entry £4.00. Refreshments available. 24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS

Any queries please contact Bridget Langstaff

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**LEAFLET DELIVERING IN OUR PARISH**

As you may know, leaflets and flyers advertising special events and seasonal services are delivered to every house in our parish. This currently numbers around 2000 homes. Leaflets are batched up in packs of around 25 - 30 houses which means we need quite a lot of people to help us deliver the leaflets. We already have

some people who help regularly and deliveries usually take place 3 or 4 times a year - but we are very short of regular help. If you think you could spare some time these few times a year and take on a one or two of these batches, then it would be great to hear from you so that can get organise our deliveries a little easier. Please do speak to Liz King if you are willing to help, or would like to know more about what this entails. Many thanks.

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

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Church Office: Liz King ☎ 8650 3515 ✉ [office@sjep.org](mailto:office@sjep.org) Website: [www.sjep.org](http://www.sjep.org)

Office Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri 9.00 am -1.00 pm **CLOSED TUESDAYS**

**News & Notices**

**8th April 2018**

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 8th April**

**10.00 am Holy Communion - Rachel Winn  
Resurrection appearances**

Readings: Isaiah 53 and John 20:19-end 5

**Wednesday 11th April**

**11.15 am Holy Communion - Dr. David Plummer**

**Sunday 15th April**

**10.00 am Morning Worship - Roger Clarke  
Acts - Part 2**

Readings:

**Special Prayer for the second Sunday of Easter**

*Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen*

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

### **Monday 9th April**

2.00 pm FOCUS - An afternoon of 'Pointless' fun!  
8.00 pm Homegroups

### **Tuesday 10th April**

8.00 pm Homegroups

### **Wednesday 11th April**

11.15 am Holy Communion  
12.30 pm LINK  
1.30 pm Art Class  
2.00 pm Exercise class for all ages and abilities  
8.00 pm Homegroups

### **Friday 13th April**

8.45 am Parish Prayers

*Please pray for:*

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| - Celeste Hitching | - Ron Jepp        |
| - Joan Jones       | - Keith Shelley   |
| - Paul Allen       | - Essie Grives    |
| - Jim Cruse        | - Joyce Foulger   |
| - Stan Elsey       | - Marion Bradbury |
| - Rod Bassett      | - Nancy Day       |

*Jeanette Fisher would like to say 'Thank You' to everyone for their kind prayers and cards sent to her and the family following the death of husband Ken recently - they have been a great comfort to her.*

### **Special prayer topics**

- People going out to work
- Residents in St. Martin's Lane



Today we pray for the persecuted church in

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- For strength for believers from Muslim and Buddhist backgrounds who can be forced to divorce and have their children taken away
- That Christians will stand strong as religious restrictions are tightened
- That government officials who try to control the church will be convicted of the importance of religious freedom.

### ***Some very sad news - a message from Rev'd Liz Lander***

*Unexpectedly, Julia Johnson collapsed and died on Tuesday morning (3rd April). There will a Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 27th April and more details will follow but at this point can I ask you to pray for David and for the rest of Julia's family as they face this shocking loss.*

*This news is hard to comprehend at this stage but we know we have lost a dear friend and our church family will not be the same without her.*

### **APCM & CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 29th April immediately following the morning service. This is a very important meeting in the life of our church so please make a note of the date and plan to come along. If you are not currently a member of St. John's (i.e on our Electoral Roll) and would like to be, please pick up an Electoral Roll Form from the Information Table. When it is completed, please return it to Liz King in the Office.

We have two vacancies on the PCC for Church Wardens, who are elected annually, and three vacancies for PCC members, who serve for a minimum of three years.

Please consider prayerfully if you feel committed to serve on the PCC - there are a minimum of six evening meetings per year. If you require any further information please speak to Liz Lander or Scott Smith. Nomination forms are on the table to the right of the stage. Please complete and return to Pam Gann (PCC Secretary) or to Liz King in the church office.



Congratulations! to Lyn & Ron Jepp who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 5th April. This also coincided with the day Ron came home from hospital following his prolonged stay after suffering a stroke. Please continue to pray for Ron as he settles into life back at home and continues his rehabilitation.