



St. John's Wednesday Weekly News

20th January 2021

Unfortunately, due to the present circumstances, there are no services in Church at present. Links for the online services will be sent out, via Mailchimp on Sunday morning.

If you know anyone who is not on Mailchimp but would like to receive the Reflections, links or News, please let me know.



Matt's Reading suggestion

I am currently reading '**Gentle and Lowly**' by **Dane Ortlund** as part of my daily quiet times. It was recommended as a recent Sussex Gospel Partnership meeting. It is a series of 24 simple reflections drawn from the writings of the Puritans about Jesus' heart for his followers. I have found the deep and simple insights both comforting and inspiring. It may be I use some of them as a Lent reflection, but if you want the whole lot, I highly commend it. Happy reading!

News from Kim and Richard



This week.....

I'd like to start by saying a huge.....



Thank you for giving so generously to the 'Engage Youth Bible appeal! Your response has been phenomenal! So much so, that we received more money than we needed! But fear not! This has mean't that each delegate won't just receive a free Engage Youth Bible but will also receive a free age related daily reading booklet as well! The booklets won't be a one off gift either, but our young people will continue to receive these booklets every three months, so that, as a church, we can continue to encourage and equip our young people to engage with God's Word with confidence.

So once again, thank you for your kind donations and please join with me in prayer, that “our young people may grow in their confidence, understanding and love for the Bible. Amen”. Each delegate will receive their Bible and Bible reading notes this Friday! 😊

Alpha Youth:



This week at Alpha Youth we finished the theme of: ‘Bible. Why and how do I read the Bible?’ Each session follows the same outline. Last week’s session looked like this:

- Registration and ‘fun theme’:
 - **Wear only primary colours**
- Opening Game:
 - **Charades**
- Discussion as a recap:
 - **What do you think the purpose of the Bible is today?**
- Video part 1:
- Discussion Question:
 - **Have you ever tried reading the Bible? How’d it go?**
- Video part 2:
- Discussion Question:
 - **Does anyone have any questions they’d like to ask?**
- Final Challenge:
 - **Fasta Pasta**

This week we’ll be exploring the theme of: ‘Follow. How does God guide us?’

Alpha:



This week in Alpha we will be exploring the theme of ‘Who is Jesus’.

If you would like to join this group or you know of someone who would like to explore the Christian faith, then please book through this link.

[Sign up to Alpha](#)

[The straw has found a new home!](#)

Thank you to the people who re-homed the three straw bales. We really appreciate that you took these away for us and were able to reuse them. Such a blessing, thank you 😊.

Free Shop Thursdays



We can obtain catering size bags of ingredients for free. I'm looking for willing bakers to turn free ingredients into free cakes for the free shop! Contact Kim families@stjohnssouthbourne.com



Family service continues to meet over zoom. In January we are looking at the life of Moses. This week's theme was Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness. We looked at the miracle of the waters at Marah that God transformed from bitter to sweet. We looked at the miracle of the quail and Moses striking the rock. The crafts were, making the word Manna out

of bread . Drinking water and a creative prayer element using bread.



This week's new initiative:

ST JOHN'S TOTS

Kim, Belinda and Susanna are working on a St. John's Tots resource that will be launched this Friday. This weekly resource is geared to help parents engage their pre-school children with God through explorative play, a Bible story, an interactive prayer element, imaginative craft and links to Tots worship.

Parents and carers, will receive their first pack this Friday and please be encouraged to give Kim and the team your feedback please so that they can improve the packs if needed.

Thank you.

Church Lawn Exercise Circuit

Thank you to Geoff Collett and Julie Fair for your huge amount of help with this initiative.

Parents homeschooling will be pleased to have an option of somewhere to go and something to do as a family which burns off some energy and puts smiles on faces.

Free Shop Thursday

This is similar to the food box scheme but removing the element of delivery, so shoppers come and collect the items they need. This means less waste and hopefully those who are in need will feel they can come.

I am looking for 2 volunteers. One to pick up donation from Tesco Express Emsworth on a Wednesday morning and the other one to pick up a donation from Tesco Express, Southbourne on a Thursday morning and bring them to the church centre. If you would be able to do that, please contact Kim – families@stjohnssouthbourne.com.

Gifts at the Gate

As in last lockdown we are providing freebies at the gate along with posters for all the other initiatives. Take a look when you're on your daily walk. Next week's gift is chocolate biscuits costing just 9p!

A poster for 'Free Shop Thursday' with a light blue background. The title 'Free Shop Thursday' is in large, bold black font. Below it, the opening hours 'Open 10:30am-12pm' and location 'St John's Church Centre' are listed. A bulleted list contains three items: 'Please bring your own bags', 'Observe Covid Safety Measures', and 'Please obtain a Free Shop Pass from our website.' The 'Free Shop Pass' is highlighted in yellow. To the right of the text is a circular QR code. Below the QR code is a photograph of a person's hands holding a shopping basket filled with fresh produce like apples, oranges, and vegetables. At the bottom of the poster, there is a paragraph of text: 'The Free Shop Pass means we can make sure we have enough supplies and we can meet the Government Covid safety protocols for churches. If you have already registered your interest, you don't need to obtain a pass, we will email you one. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE FREE SHOP PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE BACK DOOR OF THE CHURCH CENTRE VIA THE CHURCH CAR PARK ON A TUESDAY 9AM-3:30PM THANK YOU'.

Click the link below for a Free Shop Pass

[Free Shop Pass](#)

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If you have a spare leaf rake you could give the church, please contact Sue McNeill

Message from The Treasurer

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of St Johns financially at this very difficult time.

If you have not signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme please do so as soon as possible. The PCC would like everyone to commit to regular, monthly giving to St Johns, including those who currently give by standing order, envelopes or cash.

To find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme, click on this link:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>

To download and print the PGS form, please click here:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/pgs-donor-form/>

To complete the PGS form (top Right hand side)

Church/Parish: **St Johns Church, Southbourne.**

PGS Parish Code: **100610322**

In the village of: **Southbourne.**

In the Diocese of: **Chichester**

Completing the form does not take long. When you have signed it please send it off to the address at the bottom of the form: **Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester, GL1 3BD.**

Thank you

Alan

Any questions? treasurer@stjohnssouthbourne.com

Street Prayers

Tuesday 26th January 2021 (9.30 to 10.15 am) By Zoom please contact Anne Marsden for the full details.

Today we will be praying for the following streets and our local schools. We will be focusing on Prinsted West – Ham Lane & Prinsted Lane

If you have any news, photographs or stories you would like to share in the Weekly News, please send them to Susie at admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com.

Here are a selection of jobs from CYE that are being advertised. Please pass them on to anyone who might be interested.

TRAINEE ACTIVITY LEADERS

Application Deadline: Friday 29th January 2021

Each September we have a fantastic group of trainee activity leaders (18 - 25 year olds) join the team - it is so much more than a 'gap year'! If you're interested in joining us for 2021-22, we'd love to hear from you. You can read our information pack [here](#) to give you a flavour of a year at CYE and download the application form [here](#) and send it back to jobs@cye.org.uk.

We have already appointed two of the positions for next year and the application deadline for all further positions is Friday 29th January 2021.



SENIOR ACTIVITY LEADERS

Application Deadline: Friday 5th February 2021

Our senior activity leaders are community members (accommodation, food and monthly allowance provided) who sit within our Activity Team and work closely with our Trainee Activity Leaders to assist their training in a variety of areas. There are three Senior Activity Leader positions with different responsibilities and all require a commitment to personal development and investment in training across all activities that CYE offers.

Please [click here to read the full adverts](#) for each of the three positions, and email jobs@cye.org.uk for a detailed role description and application form if you are interested. The application deadline is Friday 5th February 2021.

MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS

KOGs Team

(available on Mondays)

We are looking for qualified trades people and experienced 'handymen' to join our group of volunteers who provide crucial help around site in areas such as electronics, woodwork, plumbing, building, decorating, landscaping/gardening and general maintenance. This group of volunteers, affectionately known as 'The KOGs', join us onsite on Mondays from 9.30 am until roughly 4 pm to assist our Maintenance Manager in tasks around site. This includes a hot lunch with the rest of the CYE team and a short lunchtime meeting to hear about the work of CYE and support our work prayerfully. The KOGs are a much loved part of our team and the service they provide is vital as it is imperative that our site is a safe and welcoming space for our guests.

If you, or someone you know, has skills in the above mentioned areas and is free on Mondays then please contact our Maintenance Manager, Ed (ed@cye.org.uk) to chat further. We would love to hear from you.

