



# St. John's Wednesday Weekly News

13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Unfortunately, due to the present circumstances, there are no services in Church at present and on Saturday, the PCC passed a motion to suspend live services until it is safe to do so in line with the Bishop's request.

*News from Kim and Richard*

## **Uplifting news:**



Kim and I wanted to pack this week's article with some uplifting news so that we can fulfil what is said in Hebrews 3:13, "...encourage one another daily...".

We hope that this news will bring us all great encouragement.

## **Alpha Youth on Zoom:**



The Alpha Youth group that is meeting on Sunday mornings on Zoom is continuing to meet and enjoy the Alpha Youth series. On Sunday, eight young people joined Gillian Cruickshank, Tina Thompson and myself, as we began looking at: *Why and how do I read the Bible?* This week will be the concluding part of this topic led by Karen Mears, Gillian Cruickshank and myself. Please pray for us and this group 😊

## **Could you sponsor an Alpha Youth delegate?**

To encourage our young people to read the Bible, I have identified the "Engage (NIV) Youth Bible" as a fantastic all round Bible with included daily notes for our young people to enjoy and use. I would love to be able to gift our young people with one of these Bibles. The cost of a single Bible is £20 and we have 10 delegates, which equates to £200. That is a lot to come out of the families and youth workers budget in one go, so if you could and would like to sponsor an Alpha Youth delegate to receive one of these Bibles then please follow this link to donate – any amount gratefully received.

[I'd like to sponsor a Youth Alpha Delegate with a Bible](#)

### Family Service on Zoom:

Did you know that there are 22 families connected to St John's. How great it will be when we all get together safely – we won't fit in the church if we have to socially distance! This Sunday, Kim led the service using Zoom and Canva, which she delivered from Church to the living rooms of those taking part. Each week, the families receive a pack that contains everything that they would need to access the service and engage with the crafts etc. This week twelve families engaged with a service based on the life of Moses. This week Kim will be concluding this theme. The content of this week's service looked like this:

- Welcome
- News
- Song with Movements: 10,000 reasons
- 1<sup>st</sup> part of Moses – Baby Moses

Mini – Craft 1:



- 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the story – Moses and the burning bush.

Mini – Craft 2:



- 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the story – The Rescue and parting of the Red sea

Mini – Craft 3:



- Application
- Song with Movements: Way Maker

You don't need to have children to come and be part of the family service. If you would like to zoom in to see what we do and be encouraged and or get involved then get in touch with Kim – [families@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:families@stjohnssouthbourne.com)

### Alpha:

On Tuesday evening, Kim and I launched Alpha with the first topic of: Is there more to life than this? Please do pray for the delegates that they may find answers, hope and an opportunity to see Jesus for who he truly is.

### Free straw needs a new home!



There are three bales of straw outside St. John's Centre entrance under cover so they are mostly dry. Can you make use of them? Come and collect or if you would like to have them delivered contact Kim – [families@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:families@stjohnssouthbourne.com) Thank you 😊

## Lockdown Kids -Gifts at the Gate

You may remember that in last lockdown Kim put out various home school resources and free gifts at the gate. This is relaunched! This week we're giving away a weekly planner for families to plan home school activities or meals or use it as a reward chart. If you take a daily walk check it out.

Also coming soon to the gates, light a candle prayer gates – don't worry not real candles. More than ever in these desperate times we need to continue to pray, to seek God's protection, intervention and salvation.

## Church Lawn PE lesson.

Coming very soon will be a no touch outdoor PE lesson / circuit training family exercise trail for local families in lockdown to do something interesting for their once a day dose of fresh air. Not another walk!

# LIFEWORDS

Life Words Update

## Happy New Year to you and yours!

The Coronavirus has impacted on many things in our lives including delivery for new and established booklets for our church. We sent an order into Life Words before Christmas for our Easter project 2021, spring and summer, but so far none have arrived. We therefore decided to update everyone on what to look out for on the Life Words shelf in the porch, in anticipation that the booklets will arrive soon. 🙏

Look out for a new printing of "**Day by Day**", which was originally designed in 1977. It has been redesigned for a global audience, with illustrations commissioned especially for the booklet. As the COVID crisis continues many need God's presence, and ask for his guidance and protection

## "Consider the wildflowers" (flourishing in the chaos)

This is a booklet written by women from a charity called Azalea who support women from sexual exploitation. It also is aimed at people with drug problems, people living on the streets, modern day slavery, or people living in fear of domestic abuse. It reads very well though to anyone who just feels their life is in chaos, and doesn't know who to turn too. So, perhaps an unconventional booklet but one to have at hand, if you know anyone who could benefit from its Bible based words.

There will be more booklets that you are familiar with to join the above. Please, still consider "sowing a seed" wherever you are able. With the current restrictions in place, and maybe stricter ones to come, we understand it won't be easy. However, if we do what we can, we know God will do the rest. 😊

Keep safe and well

Love and blessings 🙏

Barry and Elaine Heron x



### Catch up with Tea and Cake.

Sarah and Ian are hosting Tea and Cake on Zoom this afternoon.

Please see the email that they sent earlier for the links to join them.

### 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](mailto:treasurer@stjohnssouthbourne.com)

### Street Prayers

**Tuesday 19th 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.

Our prayers will be focused on Prinsted East and Frarydene.