

ST JOHN'S SOUTHBOURNE

SUNDAY 10TH MAY

Hello and Welcome.

If you are visiting us on Sunday, please ask the welcome team for a welcome pack, and prayer is always available after our services. Our aim is: *'Together, to make Jesus known.'* We would love the chance to get to know you and share more of the life and faith of our church. A summary of our most recent PCC meeting is on our website's PCC page ([click here](#))



At the 10am we're continuing in the exciting story of Acts, as we are reminded about the power of God to change people's lives. At the 4pm Jesus we're hearing about Jesus ascension back to the Father, and his promise to always be with us. At 6.30pm it's our online prayer meeting, with a focus on Christian Aid. We also continue to have the church open this coming week, 9am-midday Monday to Friday for private prayer.

Do get in touch if there's anything you'd like to pray or talk about. We hope that you will know the peace and grace of the risen Jesus and we'd love to share that with you.

Rev. Tom Robson

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday 10th May

9:10am Prayer
10:00am Morning Service (Church)
2pm Walk and Talk (Church)
4pm All Age Service (Church)
6.30pm Online Prayer

Monday 11th May

8:30am Online Prayer (Online - Zoom)
2pm Prayer for Japan (Prayer Room)

Tuesday 12th May

9am-12pm Coffee Connect (Church Centre)
2pm Film Club
6pm Prayer for Japan

Wednesday 13th May

9am-12pm Coffee Connect (Centre)
9:30am Holy Communion (Church)

Wednesday 13th May (continued)

10:30am-12pm Nurture Group (prayer Room)
7:30pm Signing Practice (lounge)
8pm Men's Football (Bourne Leisure Centre)

Thursday 14th May

8:30am Online Prayer (Online - Zoom)
9:00am Coffee Connect (Centre)
10:00am St John's Tots (Upstairs)
2pm Book Club (Upstairs)

Friday 15th May

7pm Classical Concert (Church)
Cookbook recipes and adverts deadline

Saturday 16th May

1-3pm Community Fete including Christian Aid Stalls (grounds and centre)



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[Click here for online prayer meetings](#)

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

Please email requests for inclusion in the Weekly News to [Admin@...](mailto:Admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com) by Wednesday.



Volunteering - Our church has an army of fantastic volunteers who serve but we have a few gaps. These include the sound desk for the screens during services, refreshments after 10am service and welcome team. If you are interested in any of these, or indeed would like to help in another way, please contact the admin team who can direct you to the right person. 1 Peter 4:10 'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.'

Confirmations! Two of our young people, Mollie and Libby, will be confirmed by Bishop Ruth at Funtington Church, 7pm on Monday 18th May. It would be lovely if you could come and support them at what is always a joyful service. Ask Tom for more details or just come along!

Walk and Talk is back for 2026

Join us for a walk and a chance to chat around our beautiful village and shore, the first one is on Sunday 10th May starting at 2pm and returning to Church in time for the 4pm service. Everyone is welcome, and multiple routes can be taken into consideration for different walkers. A chance to get to know each other better and enjoy fellowship. For more information please speak with Julie and Andrew Rooker.

Our next **LUNCH CLUB** will be held on Monday 18th May, to help celebrate 150 years we are having a music recital in the church followed by **Lunch Club which is open to the community**. Please get in touch with Julie Collins if you would like to come as there are limited numbers and we don't want anyone to miss what will make for a fantastic get together

150 years of Southbourne Celebration Concert at St Johns - Friday 15th 7pm

Excerpts from Yeomen Of the Guard by Havant Light Opera, Merrie England by Los Ladrones. Doors open at 6.30pmth Starts at 7pm, free admission but donations welcomed towards the organ fund and Havant Rotary Club (Club Foot India Charity)

SOUTHBOURNE 150 YEARS Celebration Service - 17th May 4pm. **PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO 10AM SERVICE THIS DAY.** We hope as many of you as possible can come together at the 4pm service where Bishop Ruth will be joining us for a celebration service, suitable for everyone. Refreshments afterwards of canapes and bubbles.

Community Fete and Christian Aid Stalls - Saturday 16th 1-3pm

Taking place in St Johns garden (or possibly inside the church, weather dependant) Local Groups and clubs with various fundraising stalls. Free entry. Cream teas and music from Spinnuker band. Please come along and get involved, we hope it will be a great event.

Cook Book Recipes

Please email your recipes to admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com by FRIDAY 15th MAY. Please include ingredients, method and how many it serves. Photos welcomed. We look forward to having this ready for purchasing at the Church Together Day on Sunday 19th July. We are also looking for local businesses to place an advert on the inside of the covers, again, contact Admin. Thank you.



May Camp. Please pray for the upcoming May Camp in which young people from the diocese come together for worship, fun and fellowship. We pray especially for Kim and Richard as they get organised with the team and that all 16 young people going from St John's have an amazing time and all goes well. Don't forget prayers for favourable weather!



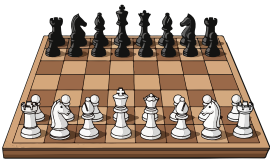
Bishop Martin retires at the end of May. The diocese are preparing to search for the next Bishop of Chichester. There is a consultation to hear the views of as many people as possible across our communities. This anonymous survey should take no more than 10 minutes, closing on 26th May 2026. Please use this QR code which will link you to the survey. More information on the process is available at: www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/



We welcome Andrew Hill as our new Church Warden, with thanks to Gillian Cruickshank for serving for three years. Please pray Andrew for taking on this role and joining Carol in being Church Wardens. Andrew has also taken on the administration of the Electoral Roll.



We wish Richard a very Happy Birthday as he celebrates his 50th birthday this weekend!



Chess Nights. A few of us are planning to meet once a month to play some chess and share some fellowship. 1st Thursday of the month, 7-9pm in the Church Centre. Begins Thursday 4th June. All abilities welcome, and feel free to bring some refreshments.



Great Artists Films. Alistair Bennett hosts evenings on some of the great artists for U3A in Chichester, and is now offering them in Southbourne. Beautifully-filmed documentaries about the artists and their work, beginning with Michelangelo - 7-9pm on Thursday 28th May in the Centre lounge. Open to all. (PCC will meet upstairs that week).



Mission of the Month: Christian Aid. Look out for fundraising events and opportunities during week beginning 10th May.



To be involved and support please contact 07899077035 Julie Fair. Thankyou to all those who are helping to deliver Christian Aid envelopes all across Southbourne this weekend, what you are doing will make a real difference.



Christian Aid Week has arrived!

We join thousands of churches across the UK for Christian Aid week - a time to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours and respond to poverty and injustice with practical love. We have the opportunity to make a real difference and we hope you can get involved taking part, praying or donating. [Click here for our e-envelope.](#) Or use the QR code.



Street Prayers, Tuesday 9.30am on Zoom (click here)

This week we will be praying for: Stein Road south of the Railway Crossing - Stein Terrace, Lodgebury Close, Northcote Gardens & The Retreat. We will also be praying for Non-Christian Husbands and partners etc.

OUR USUAL SUNDAY SERVICES

	10AM	4PM (TERM-TIME)	Evenings
1st Sunday	Morning Worship & Global Mission Focus	All-age Service	6.30pm Quiet Communion
2nd Sunday	Communion	All-age Service	6.30pm Online Prayer (click here)
3rd Sunday	Morning Worship & Local Mission Focus	All-age Communion	(Often Holy Presence)
4th Sunday	Communion	All-age Service	5.30pm In-Church Prayer
(5th Sunday)	Communion	All-age Service	

There is also a service or fellowship meeting every Sunday at 10.30am at St Nicholas, Thorney Island. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the access list.

WHO TO CONTACT

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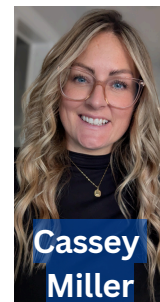
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We have a dedicated **pastoral team**. If you would like pastoral support, you can email pastoralteam@stjohnssouthbourne.com or speak with Tom our vicar, Susie Bartlett or Rosie Cunliffe.

OTHER USEFUL INFO

- [Click here for the zoom link for our online prayer meetings](#)
- Prayer requests can be emailed to: prayingfriends@stjohnssouthbourne.com
- [Click here on your phone to join the St John's WhatsApp group](#)
- [Click here to read the most recent report from our PCC.](#) (Full minutes available from the office)
- [Click here to login to our Churchsuite.](#) If you've not got an account, please [email Admin@...](mailto:Admin@...)