

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
11TH JUNE**

HELLO FROM THE VICARAGE!

It was a privilege to be able to take the Memorial Service last Sunday, and I'm hoping to offer this each year for those who would like to come and remember loved ones.



This Sunday at the 10am we hear Paul's teaching to the Corinthians on the work of the Holy Spirit

The 4pm service is back after a half-term break and we're beginning a new mini series in the Psalms.

There's midweek communion at 9.30am on Wednesday in the Church and I'll be around Tuesday and Thursday 10am-midday in Coffee Connect so do come and have a chat or pray if you'd like to.

Please remember the family of Bill Knight in your prayers, following his death last week. We will let you know once we have information about plans for his funeral.

If you are around on Saturday 17th, there is a Sussex Day Fete on the Recreation Ground from 11am to 4pm, at which the Church will be serving BBQ hot dogs. Do come and say hi!

God bless, and see you soon.

Tom

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

To find out what is going on this week in the life of St. John's, please [click here](#) and it will take you through to the calendar on St. John's Website.



CLOTHES APPEAL

Hope Now is a Christian organisation working to bring relief to refugees in Ukraine. They are appealing for second-hand summer clothing (male for female). It needs to be clean and in reasonable condition. Please have a word with Rosemary Pearson (371591)

URGENT HELP IS NEEDED



We are very short of volunteers to train to serve on the sound desk. There is a real possibility that some services will be without sound as the current team are also preachers, singers and lead the service. Come on tech savy people ST JOHN'S NEEDS YOU. Contact Martin Fair at: martinfair@btinternet.com



THANK YOU

to the Craft Club for making new bags for the gazebos.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14TH-20TH MAY



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christian Aid week. We've raised the total of £2,374.13 which will go to support Christian Aid's partnership with people around the world.

From Julie: "Well done and a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated so generously and helped in so many different ways."



SOUTHBOURNE SUSSEX DAY FETE



The Sussex Fete is taking place on Saturday, 17th June and the Parish Council have asked us to do the BBQ, so we are looking for volunteers to help with this! Please speak with Tom or Susie if you are able to help, even if it just for an hour. Thank you!



COMMUNION

See below for the pattern of Sunday Communion.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
St Nicholas 10:30	St John's 10am	St John's 4pm	St John's 10am

5th
Special Services
See Calendar

Wednesday @9.30am in the Church



PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday Morning 8:30am Zoom

Thursday Morning 8:30am Zoom

2nd & 4th Sundays 6:30pm Zoom

[Click Here to join the zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 832 7893 7113

Passcode: 141540

Friday Morning Prayers 9.45am in the Lounge

Prayer for Persecuted Church 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 11.30am in the Centre.



STREET PRAYERS

Our prayers will focus on: -

Tuesday 13th June (9.30 to 10.15 am)

The Bourne Area, Bourne View Close, Haslemere Road, Cloverlly Road, Smallcuts Avenue & Park Road. We will also be

remembering the work of our Parish, District & County Council and Water Authorities.

Please feel free to join us especially if we are praying for your area.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FAMILY NEWS – PETER SPRECKLEY'S BOOK

A Life Full of Surprises.

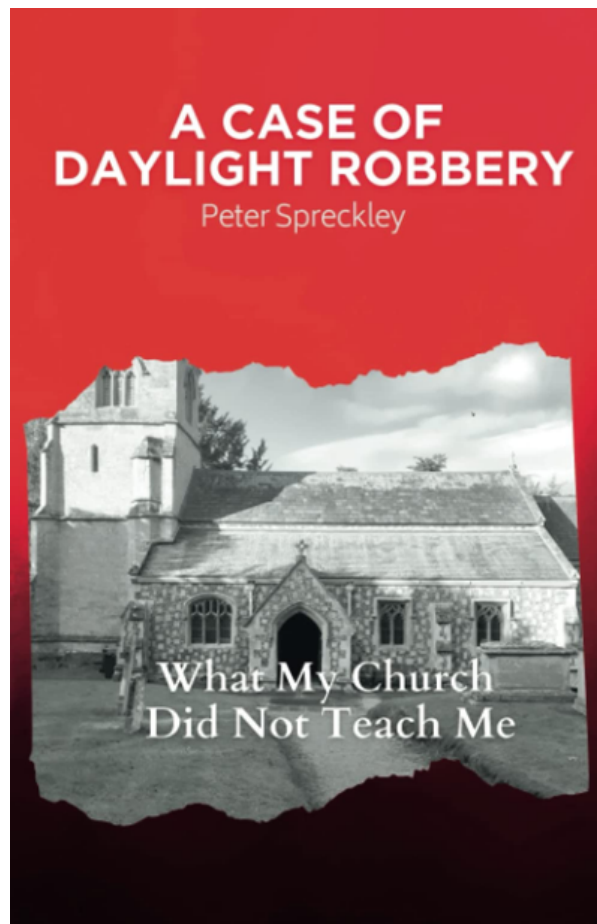
Most people have been taken at some time in their lives by surprise by unexpected events. In the context of my faith life, I think I must have had more than my fair share. The latest was in February last year when I felt I had been commissioned by the Lord to write a book, yet I was just a retired solicitor heading into my eighties, with no academic training, and had never in my wildest dreams thought of writing a book. Happily, the commission was validated in several ways.

The book was published last month under the challenging title of “A Case of Daylight Robbery, What My Church did not teach me.”

My faith life must have started when I was christened in 1939 and continued in school chapels, confirmation, and parish churches until in 1984 I discovered that I was not yet a Christian, (second surprise!). The first one was when God challenged me when one day I was mowing the grass in the churchyard next door to our house.

The book recounts in the context of my spiritual journey some foundational scriptures which I discovered for the first time, and which are critical to our understanding our identity in Christ, which in turn led to my being transformed from a lukewarm church-goer to a witness for the gospel both in this country and abroad, as the words of the bible became alive in my experience.

In the writing I have learned so much which I had not previously understood of God's limitless provision for us through the new covenant, to live the life Jesus calls us to live, for which he has freely equipped us. I dare to believe that any seeker of the truth will find some encouraging fresh understanding from what the Lord has caused me to share. [Peter will be sharing more at the 10am service].



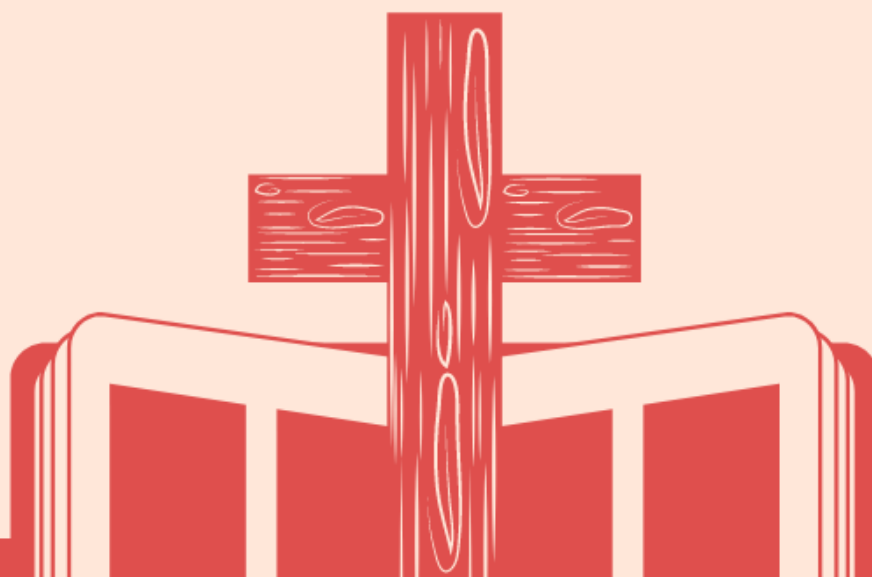
St John's Homegroups

Share - Study - Pray - Encourage - Grow

Meet new people and gain a deeper understanding of God's word to help apply the Bible to your everyday life!
A great way to get to know others and encourage one another in your faith.

GROUPS MEET THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

To find out more please speak to Carol Jones:
Phone: 01243 373 197 / Email: carol@carolandgraham.net



Summer

Let's Go

CAMPING

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NEW WINE

Wed 26 July – Sun 30 July 2023

Kent Event Centre,
Maidstone, Kent,
ME14 3JF

OAK HALL

Family and Friends Week
19 - 25 August & 25 - 28 August
Otford Manor Sevenoaks TN15 6XF



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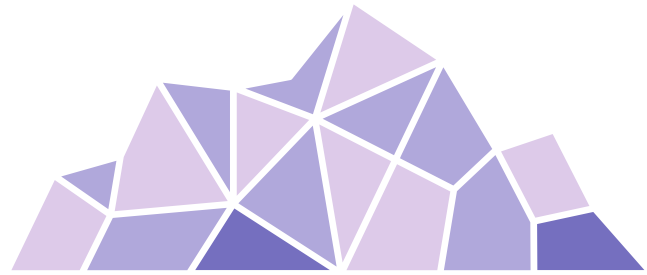
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THE GREAT SUMMER RE-CONNECT
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Children and Families



Green Group

Sunday 4pm

For those currently in Year 6, 7 and 8.

Runs as part of the service.



Pink Group

Sunday Sunday 4pm

For GIRLS currently in years 3, 4 and 5

COMING SOON



Blue Group

Sunday 4pm

for BOYS currently in years 3, 4 and 5

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**ST JOHN'S
TOTS**

Thursday Mornings in term time.
St John's Church Centre, Southbourne
10-11:45am £2 per family

Friday Fellowship

Jan 13th
Jan 27th
Feb 10th
Feb 24th
Mar 10th
Mar 24th
Apr 28th
May 12th
May 26th
Jun 9th
Jun 23rd
Jul 14th

3-5:30pm

Parents and children stay for games, crafts, to explore faith and enjoy a meal together.



MensNet

Social events for Men

Thursday

29th June

7:00pm - 9:30pm



At Martin & Julie Fair's House



If you would like to attend please contact
Richard Carter on:

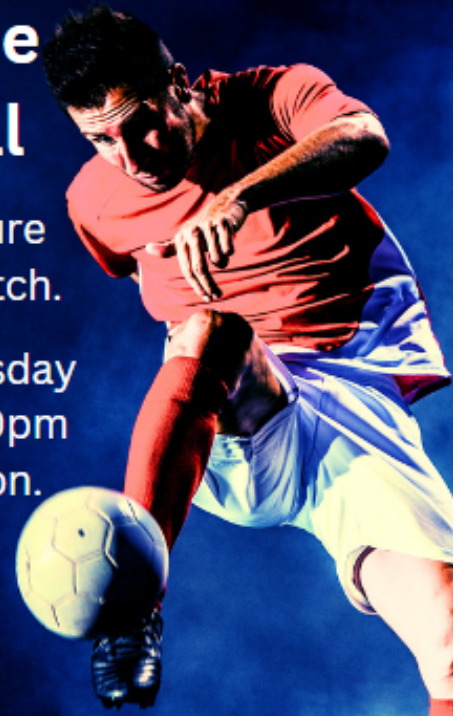
families@stjohnssouthbourne.com

or scan the code to sign up & for further info.

5- A- side Football

Bourne Leisure
Centre 3G Pitch.

Every Wednesday
7:50pm - 8:50pm
£5 per person.



If you're interested in playing or for
further details please contact
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St. John's Church, Southbourne



Ladies evening with +Ruth

Tuesday 4th July
7pm



St John's Southbourne



Adult Tickets £7
Youth Ticket £3
Saver Ticket Free

Come and enjoy a summer's
evening of good food, drinks and
puddings and hear an inspiring
message from Bishop Ruth.

4 O'clock Church INFO

ACCESSIBLE

We use pictures alongside words in our liturgy and worship to help everyone feel included. There is plenty of activity at this service so if you need to move around that's ok.

TODDLER ZONE

There is a dedicated zone for pre-schoolers with colourful, easy to clean and fun but quiet toys so parents can relax and engage with the service. We're glad you're here, don't worry about noise.

WORSHIP

You can expect contemporary worship, working towards some free space to experience and enjoy God's presence.

COMMUNION

We have communion twice a month You can choose bread only, or intincted (dipped in wine), or simply come forward for a blessing. We're working towards admitting children to communion before confirmation. We will keep you posted.

CREATIVE BIBLE READING

We often use tactile objects to explore a bible story or topic. We aim to make the story come to life for the listener! Congregation participation!

ACTIVITIES

Children are provided with engaging activities for use during the sermon to give parents a chance to go deeper into God's word.

PRAYERS

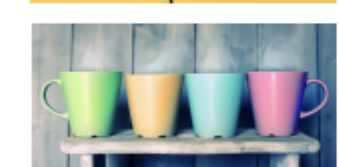
We use creative ways to engage with God in prayer, sometimes moving around the room or using objects to guide us.

CHURCH NEWS / YOUR NEWS

We use this news sheet to communicate all things church news, but tell us your achievements and celebrations. Also, we welcome testimony of what God has been doing in your life

GET INVOLVED

Could you prep the drinks trolley before the service? Do you play an instrument and could help facilitate worship? Can you pray with others? Could you rota in to help facilitate kids groups? [Click Here](#)





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