



St. John's Wednesday Weekly News

17th February 2021

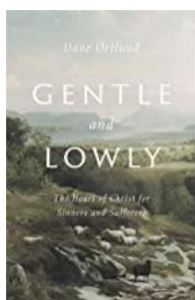
Unfortunately, due to the present circumstances, there are no services in Church at present. Links for the online services will be sent out, via Mailchimp on Sunday morning.

Lent

There will be two offerings for Lent at St. John's this year



The Bible Society's Lent Encounter. You will have to sign up to this through the Bible Society's website.



Matt will be hosting a Reflection, which would be a short reading from Gentle and Lowly with time for breakout rooms and close with reflective prayer on Wednesdays 7.30 pm. This will begin tonight the link is given below.

Here is a link to Chichester Diocese Ash Wednesday support

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/ash-wednesday/>

Please contact the St. John's office for Zoom codes.

Mark Everson

The Funeral for Mark Everson will take place on Tuesday, 23rd February at 11.30am. This will be for family only but you will be able to watch via a live stream:

Webcast link:

Website . <https://www.obitus.com>

Username: Nuro7851

Password: 131042

Live Webcast & Watch Again



Please send this username and password exactly as above to family and friends. You can login to our website at any time to view a test connection (and we strongly recommend you do this) but you'll only be able to view the Live Webcast approx. 5 mins before the service start time. Please be aware this is a public building and the timing of the Live webcast is semi-automated to allow for services running early or late – please use your discretion if you can see activities not applicable to the service you are here to watch. Once the service has finished, it will take us up to 3 working days to get the 28-day Watch Again onto the website.

There is a Tribute page for Mark on the Website, if you would like to contribute, please send an email to the office. admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com

Sue McNeill, as one of the Churchwardens is fund raising for a bench that be a fitting memorial for Mark. The piano bench would be suitably engraved and fixed against the south facing wall of the church.



Further funds would enable the purchase of WW1 and WW2 benches from the same company which would form part of an ongoing project with the Parish Council to upgrade the war memorial area.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/mark-everson-memorial-benches?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Do have a look at the page and let others know who might like to donate towards this.



RING BINDERS We are in the process of downsizing prior to moving house and have LOTS of good quality ring binders and lever- arch files – assorted colours. Can anyone use them? Free or donation to St. Johns food parcels. Peter & Rosemary Pearson 01243 371591 or rosemary.pearson2@btinternet.com

Deanery Gathering – Saturday 20th February.

We'll be praying for St Johns Southbourne this Saturday at 10am. We look forward to seeing some of you. Do join us if you are able. We will be praying next for East Dean on 4th March at noon.

Please contact the St. John's office for Zoom codes.

Street Prayers

Tuesday 23rd February 2021 (9.30 to 10.15 am) By Zoom, please contact Anne Marsden for the full details if you would like to join us.

We will be praying for the following streets and our local schools.

Southbourne Fields, Alfrey Close, Woodhouse Way, Lawley Avenue, Collett Crescent & Whitchers Way.



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.

Date for the Diary

The APCM will take place on Thursday, 16th April. I need all team reports in by the end of March please.

There is no Family Newsletter this week as it is half-term.

The Free Shop on Thursday is going really well and a big thank you to everyone who has donated.



Jane Inglis and Sue Fallon came across the Church while walking on Bramdean Common.

This iron church was built in 1883 at the instigation of the Rev. Alfred Ceaser Bishop MA (the rector of Bramdean) in order that the commoners, charcoal burners and gypsy itinerants who used Bramdean Common were able to attend a church. His widow, Louisa Francis Katharine died in 1893 and endowed in her will monies to be held in trust to ensure the future of the church.

<https://www.buildingconservation.com/articles/tin-tabernacles/tin-tabernacles.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tin_tabernacle



Lent Challenge 2021!

Can you complete all 40 before Easter?

Give some of your time to help a member of your family with something they would like to do.

Pray for the fire service in your town or village.

Share some sweets or crisps (or something else yummy) without being asked or told to.

Buy a small gift to bless someone!

Draw a picture to give to someone you haven't seen for a while. (Don't forget to tell them God loves them!)

Read the Bible story of how Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness.

Write a prayer letter to God.

Phone a friend for a chat to help them know you care about them.

Pray for your family. The ones you live with and those who live elsewhere.

Do some chores to help clean your house.

Read a Bible story.

Give some money to help people in need.

Write a psalm, song, poem or rap about God and what He has done for you.

Thank God for the NHS. Pray for all the drs, nurses, cleaners and people who work in the NHS.

Worship God using art. You could paint, draw, use clay or something else!

Do something kind to bless someone as a surprise.

Read a favourite bible verse or story of each person in your house.

Make a playlist of everyone's favourite worship songs and worship God together.

Make a card for a member of staff at your school to say 'thank you' for all they do for you.

Read John 3:16-17 as a family. Talk about what you think makes that verse so special.

Pray for the prime minister. Ask God to give him wisdom and grace.

Do something to help someone without being asked!

Pray for Queen Elizabeth and her family. She is rather old so will be missing her children and grandchildren!

Make a poster of a Bible verse to remind your family how amazing God is.

Give something of yours away to bless someone else.

Pray for the doctor that looks after your family.

Buy a delicious edible treat to give away to someone. Remember to tell them God loves them!

Learn a Bible verse and teach it to someone in your house.

Choose a toy you have outgrown that is in good condition to give away... and give it away!

Play a game with your family.

Pray for those who lead our church. Ask God to help them make wise and kind decisions.

Send a message to a friend from school, church or work that you miss.

Sort through your clothes and give away any that are too small.

Worship God with music!

Thank God for all of your friends by name!

Read the Old Testament story of Moses leading the people to freedom!

Pray for the adults who take care of you.

Phone a family member you have not seen for a while and tell them that you and God love them.

Pray for all the teachers and staff at your school.

Pray for the people who help keep our streets clean. Pray for those who empty our bins!

Read a Psalm. If your not sure where to start Psalms 23 & 150 are great!

Thank you to The Point Church, Burgess Hill for letting us reproduce this Lent Challenge for you to try and complete! Although some might be a difficult to do in these present times.

If you have any news, photos or stories you would like to share, please send them to admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com.