

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

HELLO FROM THE VICARAGE!

It's been great to focus on Christian Aid this week, and a special thank you to everyone who's helped in any way and especially to Julie for organising. Please continue to pray for them and come and enjoy the finale to the week - the Garden Party after Sunday morning service around the Church Centre.



This Sunday at the 10am we reach the moment in the Gospels when Jesus ascends to heaven. (I won't see you this Sunday until after the service as I'm taking the service at St Nicholas, Thorney Island)

At the 4pm it's the final Sunday service of this half-term so we're going on to think about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (next Sunday (28th) there's a tea party at the vicarage for the 4pm as quite a few of the team will be at May Camp).

There's midweek communion at 9.30am on Wednesday in the Church and do make a note of a memorial service on Sunday 4th June at 4pm. This is a chance to remember those we've lost and to give thanks to God for them. It will be a time to reflect, pray and remember in a quiet space so please come if that would be helpful, and invite anyone you know who might appreciate it.

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. The following week I'm taking a few days off for half-term so I won't be around in the Centre, and there's no communion on Wednesday 31st May. *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.

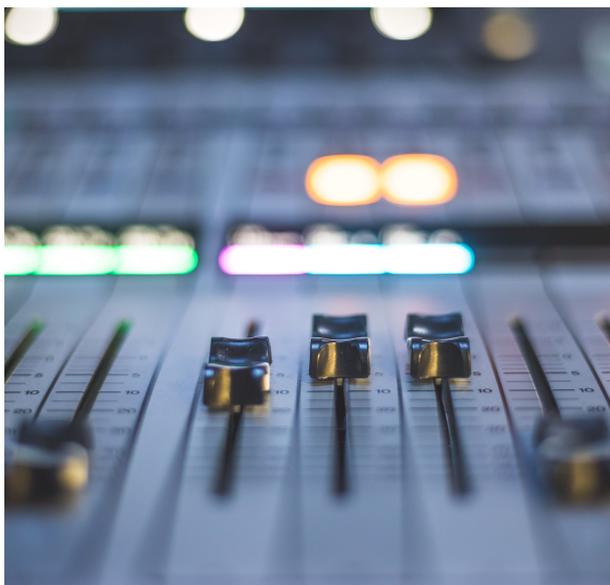


SOUTHBOURNE FREE CHURCH



Is anyone interested in joining Tom and Paul the Free Church minister in visiting Glebe House Care Home for a short worship service? We're particularly keen to have a few people who can sing to help us lead some hymns. The first visit is Wednesday 7th June at 2.30pm. If you might be interested, please speak to Tom

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14TH-20TH MAY



Please [click here](#) for the link to our St John's Christian Aid online envelope or scan the code at the back of church or in the centre. The donations go directly to Christian Aid. Thank you.



CHRISTIAN AID GARDEN PARTY after church this Sunday at 11.15am.

Cakes and biscuits wanted for this. Please list ingredients and drop cakes and plants off at the centre before church on 21st or on Saturday 20th May 4-5pm.

[Click here](#) to watch the Christian Aid Video

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!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SOUTHBOURNE
4PM - SUNDAY 4TH JUNE



A QUIET SERVICE, OPEN TO EVERYONE,
WITH PRAYERS, MUSIC AND REFLECTION



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)



COMMUNION SERVICES

From May onwards, the pattern of communion will look like this.

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 23rd May (9.30 to 10.15 am)

Cooks Lane, Furstone Grove, Priors Close, Hurstwood Avenue, Guildford Close, Bulbeck Court & Priors Leaze Lane.

Our prayers will also be focused on the Nutbourne area including Patricia Way.

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

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY NEWS - SUE FALLON'S TRIP TO NEPAL



I have just returned from a fantastic trip to Nepal where I spent an amazing 8 days trekking and a fun few days sightseeing.

The trip was planned almost a year ago with the goal to reach Annapurna Base Camp (4130 meters) There was never a day where we walked either all up or all down. Each day seemed to involve going from high up one side of the valley to high up on the other side.

Looking at the itinerary you could be fooled into thinking we weren't going to be doing much on one of the days as we were to sleep at 2,500 meters one night and 2,700 meters the next. What they hadn't put was that we needed to go down to 1,830 meters to cross the valley!

The weather was interesting as we experienced everything from walking in shorts and t-shirts to wearing every thermal thing we owned, beautiful sunshine, getting soaked, being pelted with hail, and walking through snow, it was brilliant.

We had heard from other trekkers that they made it to the base camp but were met with 12cm of fresh snow and near white out conditions, they couldn't see anything, this was just 2 days before we were due to get there! That was not to be the case for us, we had stunning views all the way up, it was breath taking.

I was a bit slower than most of the group and consequently there was only myself and a porter on the path for quite a while, what a blessing as God's creation unfolded around us and the peace and beauty was spectacular, a great opportunity for reflection.

We happened to be getting to the base camp May 6th and so had our own little coronation celebration. That day was the longest as we went from 3,700 meters at 4:45am to get to base camp at 4,130 meters for sunrise and arrived at 3:00pm at 2,500 meters where we would sleep for the night. It was all worth it!





The children made these split pea mandalas as they learned about Christian Aid at Friday Fellowship

Also we turned the church into the sea to learn about the miraculous catch of fish!



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



NEW WINE - EXCITING, EXPERIENCE, EXTRAORDINARY
OAK HALL - RETREAT, RELAX AND RECONNECT.

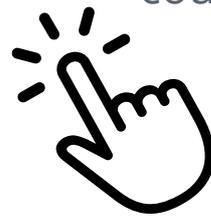
Camping at the Manor





The Parenting Children Course

Parents of 0-10s, have a look at this promo vide and post your interest in the church connect groups if you'd like this course to run.



4YG

Green Group
Sunday 4pm
For those currently in Year 6, 7 and 8.
Runs as part of the service.



4YG

Pink Group
Sunday Sunday 4pm
For GIRLS currently in years 3, 4 and 5
COMING SOON



4YG

Blue Group
Sunday 4pm
for BOYS currently in years 3, 4 and 5
COMING SOON

 **ST JOHN'S TOTS**

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

Friday Fellowship

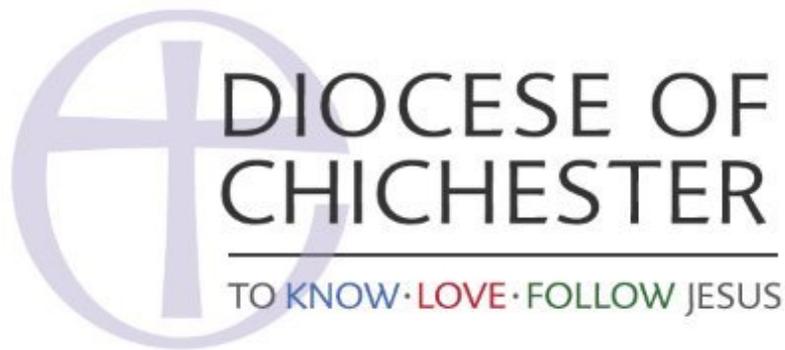
- Jan 13th
- Jan 27th
- Feb 10th
- Feb 24th
- Mar 10th
- Mar 24th
- Apr 28th
- May 12th
- May 26th
- Jun 9th
- Jun 23rd
- Jul 14th

3-5:30pm
Parents and children stay for games, crafts, to explore faith and enjoy a meal together.



YOUTH NEWS

Maycamp



Friday 26th May - Monday 29th May

Plumpton Racecourse

Year 6 and upwards

All meals and transport provided

3 nights camping

£130 (Bursaries available)



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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