

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 23RD JULY

HELLO FROM THE VICARAGE!

Welcome to you if you're reading this on Sunday, or any other time throughout the week.

What a joy it was to have Eric and Rachel Mande and the family with us last weekend, do please keep them in prayer and if you'd like details of how to support them in other ways, please speak to Anne Marsden.



This Sunday at the 10am we follow on from last week, hearing from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians about life in eternity, we'll also be sharing Holy Communion.

The 4pm service is taking a break during August, but there is an invitation to some fellowship on the beach in August, the details are inside the newsletter.

After Sunday we're taking our annual summer leave, so there's a break from Wednesday Communion over August. Coffee Connect are also taking a well-deserved break over August, so if you'd like to meet and pray anytime do get in touch with me at minister@stjohnssouthbourne.com or leave a message through the office and I'll get back to you.

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.



PLEASE RETURN ANY KITCHEN ITEMS!



Would anyone who has borrowed any plates, bowls or anything else belonging to the centre kitchen please return them by Sunday 30th July. Please leave them on the trolley by the kitchen door.

Thank you from Barbara

ERIC TEACHING ELLIOT HOW TO PLAY DRUMS AT THE 4.00PM SERVICE BBQ





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

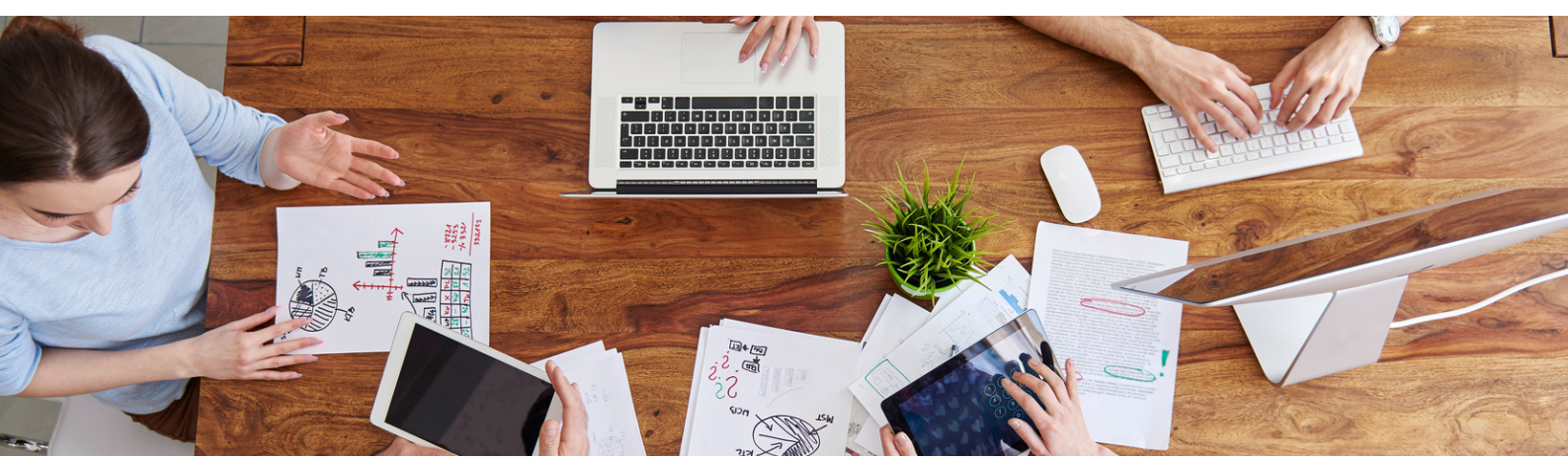
We will be praying for: -

Main Road from Stein Road to Pottery Lane, The Crescent, Church Road, Farm Lane, Inlands Road & School Lane.

We will be giving thanks for people who give us personal service – Refuse Collectors, Postal workers, Milk and other deliveries and Street Cleaners

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





PCC Update June 23

Here are the highlights from the June PCC meeting, please keep praying for Tom and the PCC.

We discussed keeping the church open during the week; this requires the sound equipment to be secured and Tim has ideas as to how to do this. He has also been working on the replacement screens so everyone can see the words clearly during the church services.

Julie Fair was thanked for her huge effort putting on Christian Aid week and it was decided that this was an important event, a good witness, and a team should lead it next year.

Tom talked about Confirmation and Communion. The standard practice of the Church of England is that children can be confirmed from age 13, and only take Communion once confirmed. Tom stressed the importance of understanding the significance of Communion, as instigated by Jesus himself. He will ask the Bishop if we could confirm children from age 10 where they were thought to have the appropriate faith and understanding. We would still require Confirmation before Communion. All children (and people of any age) who are not confirmed are invited to receive a blessing during Communion.

Barbara has plans for monthly Seniors' lunches in the autumn.

The PCC had an enjoyable and useful Awayday in June, courtesy of Apuldram church, and Tom will feed back ideas from that at the July PCC.

The full minutes are available via the Church Office.

EVERYONE
is welcome here!

Beach Church Picnic

13th Aug

2-6PM



[Click or scan to sign up](#)



**We will be closed
from Tuesday August
8th and reopen
on Tuesday 5th
September.**

**We wish you all a
relaxing summer!**



BOOK REVIEWS FOR SUMMER READING

**Psalms by the Day: A New Devotional Translation, 2016 (hardcover)
by Dr J Alec Motyer (1924–2016).**

The author of this wonderful book was a brilliant Bible expositor but he was also a humble Irishman who exuded Christian joy. He developed from an early age a love for studying God's Word. I had the privilege of hearing him speak from the Old Testament in the 1970s; once at the Keswick Convention and once at my university Christian Union. He brought the Bible to life as few can and these were unforgettable experiences! He became principal of Trinity College, Bristol and wrote many widely appreciated commentaries and other books. On and off for several years at St John's, we have taken a look at some of the Psalms during August. We shall be doing so again next month. So I had no hesitation in choosing this book for 'my' review. It can be purchased via Amazon for £12.50 and represents great value for those who already love the Psalms.

The following reviews give you a better flavour than I can of what you will find in this book and of how it will open up the Psalms for you as never before:

... expository without being dry, devotional without being forced. As we get to look over his shoulder, we learn to read the Psalms better for ourselves ... a delicious combination - richly full, concisely put. Again and again he reads the Psalms as being centred upon Jesus Christ. (Mark Dever)

This book is an absolute treasure - a life-time of godly scholarship, faithful preaching and pastoral wisdom all in one volume ... a wonderful way to engage freshly with these rich Biblical songs! (Jonathan Lamb)

I've long taken the view that anything by Alec Motyer is always worth reading. His grasp of the Bible is second-to-none. The publishers have excelled themselves with this handsome hardback volume. Here are 73 days of readings incorporating Motyer's fresh translation of the Psalms. A book to savour and enjoy. (Eddie Olliffe, Together Magazine)

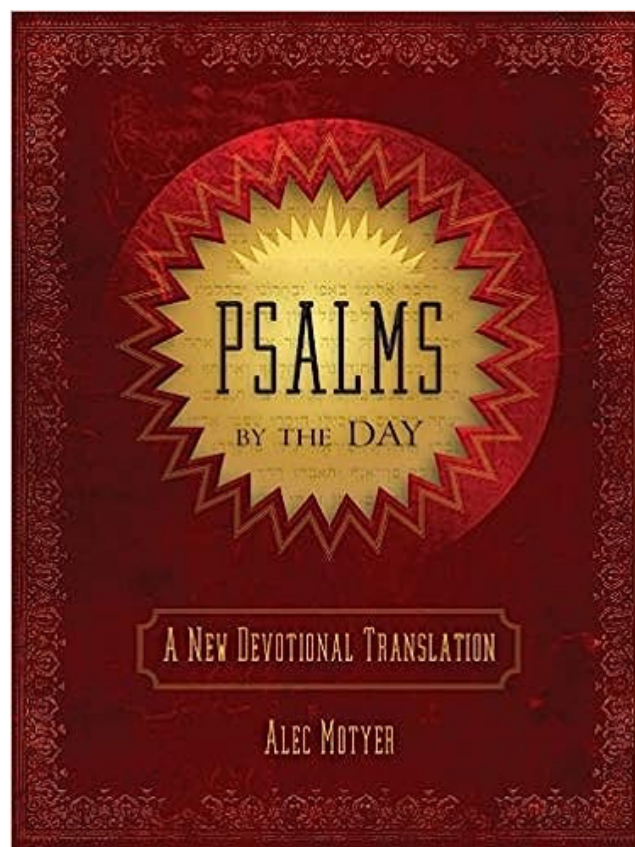
This book is the dream combination: the Psalms presented as a daily devotional by the great Christian scholar ... Everyone who picks up this book will find that they not only learn to read and understand the Psalms as Christian scripture; they may also find their prayer life changed in a profound and dramatic way. (Carl R. Trueman)

What a wonderful resource! This is an invaluable study companion for anyone reading through the Psalms ... very accessible and user friendly; no knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. I heartily recommend this for pastors, students and laity alike. (Seulgi L. Byun)

Please don't rely on my enthusiasm for this book or even the above reviews but do listen now to what Alec Motyer himself wrote about it. Then why not buy a copy if you can in good time for August?

"The aim of this book is not to try to tell you what the Psalms mean, but to try to offer you a few helps towards discovering for yourself what they mean.

Please use all the bits and bobs in this book to that end. I suppose the great stories in the Old Testament loomed largest in our Sunday School days, but over the centuries it is the Psalms which have spoken loudest to the Christian church. You and I can bring the Psalms and all their treasures back into our personal lives. Please, by means of this book, let me play a small part in your repossession of such wonderful richness". As I can offer nothing better than the above reviews and the late Dr Motyer's own introduction to this lovely book, I won't even try. Be blessed!
Mike Wilson (July 2023).



Reflections on **Peter Spreckley's book,**
“A Case of Daylight Robbery, What My Church did not teach me.”

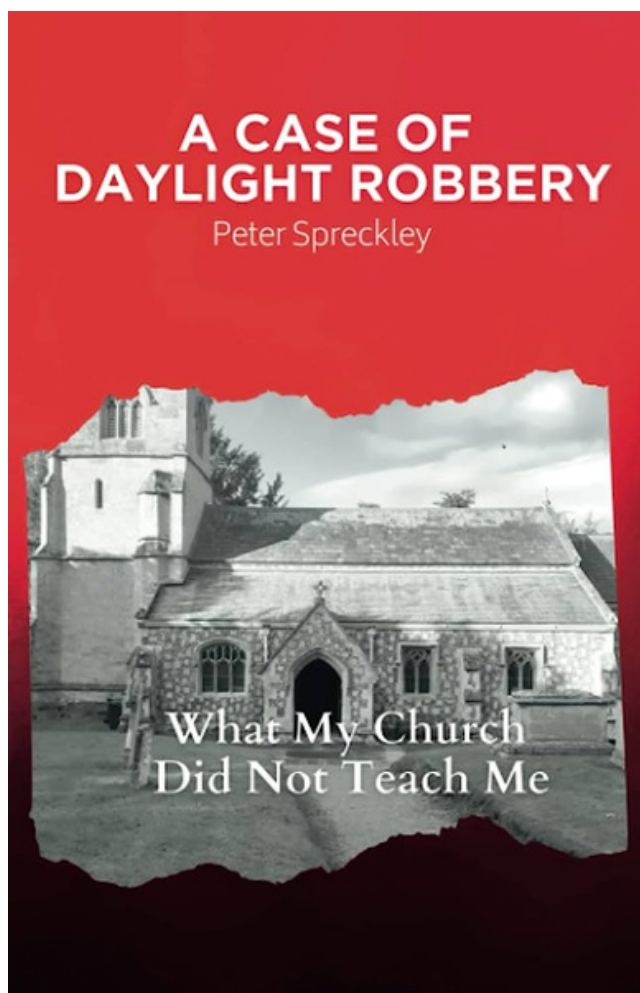
Peter kindly lent me a copy of his book which I read in 3 days! My first reaction was to thank God for the 50 years that Tim and I have been in Churches with good biblical teaching and signs of the Holy Spirit.

Belinda and Richard, with St John's vicar Ron and Pat Poil were impacted by the Holy Spirit when David Watson preached in Chichester Cathedral over 45 years ago. Teaching on the Holy Spirit and practising the healing ministry has been part of St John's ever since.

However as I read more and reflected, I recognised how as individuals and as a Church we can get too comfortable and lukewarm in our trust and obedience in the Word of God.

If you want to grow in knowing who you are in Christ, experiencing His love and the Power of the Holy Spirit, read this book and meditate on the scriptures Peter quotes and explains.

Anne Marsden



Summer



Please pray for all those who are attending New Wine or Oak Hall this summer. Going on holiday to deliberately set aside time with God can be very powerful and transformative so please pray for an openness to what God has in store.

Oak Hall

For 2024, please consider joining your church family on holiday at New Wine or Oak Hall. The dates will probably already be posted on their websites.



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