

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
26TH
FEBRUARY**

**A WARM WELCOME TO TOM & FAMILY
AS HE TAKES HIS FIRST SUNDAY
SERVICE THIS WEEKEND.**



THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make the Licensing evening run so smoothly.

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.



LIFE WORDS VACANCY



A vacancy has arisen for someone to take on this role within St John's.

Is it something you feel able to do? It can be a stand alone venture or a shared one. There is plenty of autonomy to make the role your own. Please speak to Susie if you are interested. If I can pass on any information which would help, feel free to email me. Elaine Heron.

MATCH FUNDING FROM THE CO OP



Thank you everyone for your very generous donations to the Warm Space Crowdfunding campaign which has now closed. In total £4,840 was raised, half being funds from the Coop and there will be some gift aid on top of that too. ...and go and shop in the Co op, they are very generous!

PRAYER MEETINGS



Monday Morning 8:30am Zoom
Street Prayers 9.30am 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 9.30am in the Lounge

Emmanuel International UK Conference & AGM

10:30am-4pm Saturday, 11 March 2023

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SOUTHBOURNE
(NR CHICHESTER)



The EIUK Annual Conference and AGM 2023 is taking place on Saturday 11 March 2023 in St John's Church, Southbourne. Thanks to technology we are looking forward to hearing first hand from the Ewing family, Joel Newby and Laura Kelly from Tanzania, Mike and Marianne Botting from Uganda, and Paul and Helen Jones, Fred Silva and Tarcisio Porto all the way from Brazil!

Cost is £15.00 per person and includes lunch and tea/coffee. We start at 10:30am and close at 4pm. Those who still want to chat and catch up are welcome to join us as we hope to have supper together. Booking forms can be obtained from our website on

<https://www.eiuk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Conf23-Brochure.pdf>

Please RSVP by Friday 3 March 2023.

CHRISTIAN AID EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



There are Christian Aid envelopes in church and the centre and a QR CODE. Please pass envelopes to the church office or [click here to donate](#) much needed support at this tragic time for Turkey and Syria.

WHAT'S ON DURING LENT



22nd Feb - 6th Apr

This year Lent starts on 22nd February and ends on 6th April. Rather than having a midweek 'course' we will be following the special Lent series 'Giving It Up' at our 10am services. This series will begin at our morning service on Sunday 19th February. Our new vicar Revd Tom Robson will be leading us through the second session at his first morning service with us on 26th February.

Here is a brief introduction from the author of our Lent series, Matthew L Kelley. He is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church based in Louisville, Kentucky:

"Many of us give up certain things for the 40 days of Lent, and doing so can be very beneficial for us. This series takes that idea one step further as we look at things that God wants us to give up, not just for 40 days, but forever."

Each week of this series will be encouraging, challenging and helpful to us all as we head towards the great celebration of Easter Sunday.

See you there!

Mike Wilson

STREET PRAYERS



We will be praying for Prinsted East & Frarydene.

We will also be remembering the work done by our Parish, District & County Councils and the Water Authorities

[Click here to join the zoom](#)

Tuesday 9:30am - 10:15am

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

KITCHEN TRAINING



Are you interested in helping in the church centre kitchen?

The opportunities to help range from serving tea and coffee or washing up to being involved in breakfast and other meals. All helpers in the kitchen are required to complete initial kitchen training in order to familiarise themselves with its equipment and related processes.

The next kitchen training will take place in March 2023.

Please speak to Barbara Wilson by Tuesday 28th February to gain further details.

CELEBRATE



It was a joy and privilege to share in Sebastian's and Iris' baptism last week, Please pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.



Summer

Let's Go

CAMPING



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

Early Bird Rates are open until 31st January

Lots of St John's already booked.

NEW WINE - EXCITING, EXPERIENCE, EXTRAORDINARY

OAK HALL - RETREAT, RELAX AND RECONNECT.



The Parenting Teenagers Course

Parenting Teens (11-18s) Course.

Wed 1st Feb

Wed 8th Feb

Wed 22nd Feb

Wed 1st March

Wed 8th March



[sign up here!](#)

Be connected via the [Church Connect Whatsapp Group](#). [Click here](#) to message Kim



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

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.



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](#)





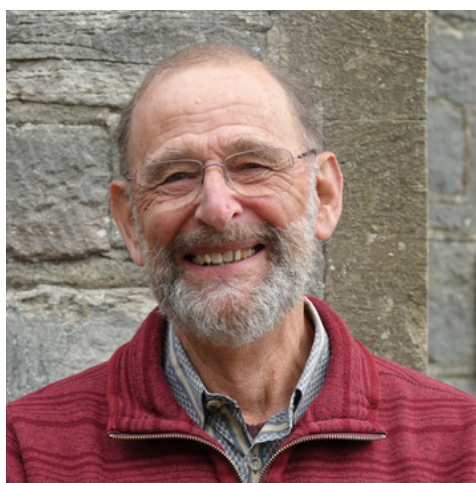
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