



St. John's Wednesday Weekly News

27th January 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.

If you know anyone who is not on Mailchimp but would like to receive the Reflections, links or News, please let me know.

Mark Everson

It is with great sadness we heard that Mark Everson had passed away on Saturday afternoon from Covid. He had been a member of St. John's for many years and we will all miss his great sense of humour, his love of life and his devotion to God

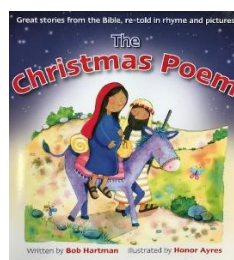
He will be cremated on Tuesday, 23rd February at The Oaks, Havant and it will be streamed live so we can all watch it. More details of this will appear nearer the time.

There will be a Tribute to Mark appearing on the Website.

If you would like to send a card to his sister, Auriol, please get in contact with me



News from Kim and Richard



The Nativity

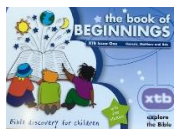
It feels like an eternity ago, but I just wanted to remind ourselves of the St. John's Nativity Trail which ran on the 21st, 22nd & 23rd December. The initiative saw ten posters displayed around the village. Each poster had a picture of one of the main characters from the Nativity story. At the centre was the tenth poster, a stable photo booth; fully equipped with three straw bales, baby Jesus in a manger and Christmas lights, a team of welcomers and a free gift for every parent and every child. The families also had the opportunity to view the Nativity story, via an animated short film, through their mobile phone or other devices.

Over the course of three afternoons' 110 children completed the course and received their free gift. Kim and Richard want to say a huge thank you to Geoff Collett for building the stable photo booth, the gift wrapping team and to Barbara Simmons, Sue McNeill & Matt Luff (the welcoming Team) for standing in the rain congratulating people for finishing the course and providing each person with a warm welcome and a free gift. The initiative was a huge success 😊

Alpha Youth on Zoom:



This week Alpha Youth will be exploring the theme of: 'Fill. How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?'. Below are pictures of the Engage Youth Bible and Bible reading notes that each delegate received. Thank you so much everyone 😊



This Sunday the 'Family service Zoom' explored more of the story of Moses, looking at Moses and the golden calf. Again, there was a balance of games, crafts, prayers, story, application, and songs. Below is a snapshot of the Carter family engaging with Family Service:



Free shop

St John's Church Free Shop Thursday

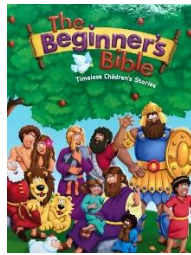
The Free shop is here! On Thursday 21st January Kim & Richard, Sue Fallon & Sue McNeill opened the Free Shop in the Lounge at St. John's. This initiative is supported by a number of different organisations and by members of the St John's congregation and members of the community.

Thank you to all those who have made banana bread or other bakes and cakes. Thank you also to everyone who is contributing to the free shop with food, essentials or finances. Everything is useful.

TUESDAYS 9am-3pm the back door at church is open for donations. Just drop off and ring the bell. Thank you to everyone.

Next week, if you would like to donate, we are after fresh milk, in 2pt bottles. Thank you everyone!

ST JOHN'S TOTS



Kim was extremely busy last week and launched yet another new initiative, 'St. John's Tots'. Kim Susanna and Belinda create the 'Tot's' packs that go out to each family. Each family has received a 'Tot's' Bible (please see above), craft items for that week, a cloth draw string bag and the above activity sheet. This is a much needed resource for those parents with preschool children and ensures that we now can offer Christian input for families with pre-schoolers, primary aged children and secondary aged young people. The feedback so far from families has been extremely positive.

Family exercise on the lawn:



It is now here! On Monday 25th January, Kim and Richard launched 'Family exercise on the lawn'. A huge thank you must go out to Geoff Collett and Julie Fair who have supported Kim getting this initiative off the ground. Geoff used his skills in carpentry to craft the circuit posts. Whilst Julie used her experience as a teacher to create the circuit station posters. Kim and Richard laid the trail. Another team effort. It's being promoted using Social media. Parents home schooling have

already shown their interest and thanks.

"That looks like great fun 😊. We probably have a go this week my child will love it 😊".

Alpha



Alpha started with 2 delegates and now has 5. Yesterday we looked at 'Why did Jesus die?' and next week is 'How can I have faith?' If anyone is interesting in joining, get in touch! Families@stjohnssouthbourne.com



On these chilly nights, why not invest in your relationship? Starting on Wednesday 17th February over zoom at 8pm, come along and enjoy some quality time together. Don't worry there's no group discussion, your conversations together are entirely private. [click here to find out more](#)

[Click here to sign up for marriage course](#)

Praying for the Teaching staff of Southbourne:



As I'm sure that you are all aware, St. John's is passionate about prayerfully and practically supporting the three local schools in Southbourne. A huge thank you has to go out to the Parish Prayer Team who faithfully pray for these schools and Thorney Island Community Primary School. To add a personal dimension to these prayers, Matt & Richard have worked together to create an initiative by which Matt can offer confidential prayer support to the Teachers and staff of Southbourne Infants, Southbourne Juniors and Bourne Community College. The idea is for Matt to be the St. John's representative bringing hope and strength to these passionate but overloaded education professionals throughout these unprecedented and challenging times.

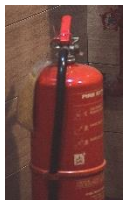
All pictures' have been created and/or supplied by Pexels.com, Canva.com and personal photographs.

Street Prayers

Tuesday 2nd 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. Main Road east – the area from Stein Road to Pottery Lane. The Crescent, Church Road, Farm Lane, Inlands Road & School Lane etc..

Note from Treasurer



Cost of fire extinguisher inspection and certification, a legal requirement £274.31. Gripping but necessary payment this last week. One of the many costs of running a church!

"Every Day With Jesus" is a daily reading resource which has been published by Waverley Abbey for more than 50 years. This year the notes have a new author, Dr. Micha Jazz, and are also being distributed free! The topic for January and February is "Faith for the Journey.," and I am finding the notes both helpful and inspiring, and thoroughly recommend them. Either look for "Waverley Abbey" on the web, or contact me for more details. David (Poulter)



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.

If you have any news, stories, photographs you would like to share in the weekly news, please send them to Susie: admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com.