

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

HELLO FROM THE VICARAGE!

I hope that you've had a good week and were able to enjoy the bank holiday, enjoying God's creation in this sunny weather we've been having?



This Sunday at the 10am we move on through Acts to the Holy Spirit coming to Gentiles as well as Jewish believers. It's great news for us, whoever we are and whatever our background!

At 4pm I'm leading a memorial service in church. Everyone is welcome to this quiet and reflective service to remember and give thanks for those we love but see no more.

Midweek communion is back on Wednesday and 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.

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.



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

THANK YOU!

Thank you again for your amazing support in Christian Aid week. We are waiting in great excitement for our grand total and will announce it once all the proceeds have been processed by our fabulous counting team 😊

If you could return your used small plant pots to the back of church or the centre that would be great.

Thank you Julie Fair



ST JOHN'S FAMILY NEWS

Pilgrimage to the Hebridean island of Iona 14-23rd April 2023 by Siriol Seabrook

A chance invitation to a talk, spotted in Susie's church newsletter in November 2021, about a proposed pilgrimage, led to a most memorable week on the Hebridean island of Iona.

The initial, illustrated presentation, held at Westbourne Parish Church by the rector, Revd Andrew Doye and his wife, Karen, inspired me. It showed a detailed timetable for the proposed visit together with slides of amazing sea and landscapes, showing limpid blue water and white sandy beaches all bathed in sunshine, taken during their "recce" earlier in the year.

"Mull"ing it over with Roy, he pointed out that there was possibly an ancestor of mine buried on the island, and combined with Ben Fogle's programme "Scotland's Sacred Islands" recounting the legacy of St Columba whose arrival in 563AD, had an influence on the establishment of Christianity throughout western Europe, we decided it was an opportunity not to be missed.

We left Westbourne Friday morning, stopping at Carlisle overnight. Once we had left Carlisle on the Saturday morning, the scenery became spectacular as snow-peaked mountains towered above dark lochs. At Oban we said goodbye to our jovial driver, Mervyn and had a welcome couple of hours stopover in the lively port full of bagpipe players, whilst we waited for the ferry for the ¾-hr crossing to Craignure on Mull. After a crab salad, Roy and I climbed up to McCabe's tower above Oban with breath-taking views across to the island of Mull.

The accommodation for our group of 23 overlooked the Sound of Iona and was a mere ten-minute walk from the Abbey. In the heart of the house, was the beautiful St Columba's Chapel in which Andrew held services morning and evening early enough for "pilgrims" to attend the Iona community services in the Abbey. He also organised walks most days across Iona and a 7-miler on Mull with spectacular views out to sea and the outlying islands. Apart from the first day's rain, we were so lucky with the weather which was fine and sunny all week. One afternoon, Karen organised a boat trip to Staffa to see Fingal's cave, seals and after climbing to the top of Staff saw the razorbill puffins floating in their hundreds on the blue water below.

On some afternoons, drawing classes were organised by fellow pilgrims, Norma and Denis kindly supplying all the necessary art materials. Roy and I had a go at drawing the abbey. "Pilgrims" were free to come and go and join in activities as they wished.

Most evenings there were something on offer in the lounge including a variety of quizzes and on the last night a fun musical evening including recitations. Steve, a talented guitarist formed a group which he named "Pilgrims Regress" including Roy on harmonica and tin whistle and I singing a few Scottish-Irish folksongs.

Andrew's final "pilgrim" service was outside overlooking Mull when we had to think of a word to encapsulate our feelings of the week and mine was "Fellowship" and a sense of community.

On return to Oban, however, no coach! The company had mistaken the date of our departure for the following day. So ended up with a train journey through the Trossachs National Park with awe-inspiring views. The coach collected us at 8 am on Sunday morning and we were back in Westbourne by 7 pm that evening. As Andrew said “a pilgrimage is the going to somewhere unfamiliar as an exercise of discovery, not only of the place but also of one’s self”.



Memories of amazing pilgrimage to Iona, Hebrides 14-23 May 2023 organised by Rev Andrew & Karen Doye, Westbourne Church

PS: Karen and Andrew Doye are hosting an event on Saturday 8th July in Westbourne at 2.30-5pm. It's a chance for the pilgrim group to be reunited; plus a shortish presentation for others guests, too, of our 2023 trip; afternoon tea and a glass of wine; AND a talk by Mr John Connolly, who in 1963 was the youngest member of the crew who built a boat ('a curragh') in the ancient style and rowed it across to Iona from the north coast of Ireland in an historic reconstruction of St Columba's journey 1400 years earlier. For tickets (£8), karendoye@talktalk.net or text 07743 509231.



COMMUNION SERVICES

The pattern of Communion looks 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 this week will focus on: - Manor Road, Manor Way, Manor Gardens, St. Johns Road & Flanders Close.

We will also be remembering our friends in the Basham, Fishbourne, Funtington, Chichester and Villages

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

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

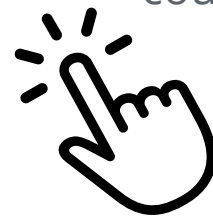
Camping at the Manor





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.



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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