

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
16TH APRIL**

HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter - I hope that you had a chance to enjoy the celebration, and be reminded of the great hope that we have in Jesus.



We're taking some time off this week, and then next week I'm away for 48 hours on a conference but I'm looking forward to being back in the church centre on term time Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-midday. **The 9.30am Wednesday communion will also be up and running weekly in term time from the 26th April.**

It was great to see people out on Good Friday giving out hot cross buns and Easter invites, as the latest Love Southbourne initiative. Do keep thinking and praying and send any ideas to Susie in the office.

This Sunday at the 10am we follow on from Easter with the story of the Emmaus Road. **There's no 4pm service as it's school holidays. But the 4pm is back the following week,** and in the morning on the 23rd it will be a communion service around John 21.

God bless, and see you soon,

Tom

QUESTIONS ON LIFE AND FAITH

Monday 17th April, 8-9.30pm at the Vicarage, 271 Main Road (2 houses along from church)

Come and join Tom and Emily for discussions about life and faith. A chance for people exploring or new to christian faith to bring your questions.

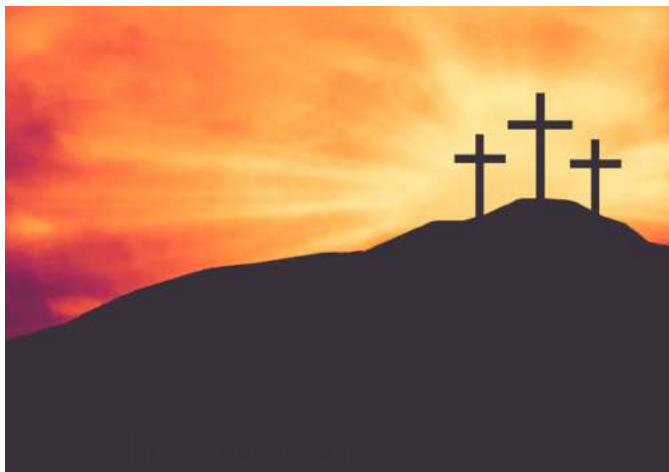
A relaxed evening open to anyone, please sign up at:

https://stjohnssouthbourne.churchsuite.com/modules/calendar/event_view.php?id=4855

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION



Thank you to Sarah and Rosemary for putting on such a thoughtful Reflection on Good Friday though the eyes of the soldiers at the Cross



Good Friday through the eyes of the Soldiers on duty.



LOVE SOUTHBOURNE ON GOOD FRIDAY

At 8.00am on sunny Good Friday morning, a group of people from St. John's set out to give Hot Cross Buns around the Parish. The buns were put in paper bags, with the words on One Solidarity Life printed on them and an invitation to come to the Easter Services.

Karen & Elaine went to Tesco Express, Sue McNeill and Julie Fair stood outside the Co-op, Anne Marsden & Gill Prosser set out for the Prinsted foreshore, and Geoff Collect stood by the Bus Stop, while Susie and Duncan warmed up and buttered the Buns, and Tom helped to replenish supplies, while chatting to people along the way. The Hot Cross Buns were well received by everyone and below are a couple accounts from Karen Mears and Geoff Collect.

On Good Friday, when Elaine and I gave out the Hot Cross Buns, we found people very friendly, many asked which church we were from, some said they felt blessed and that they would like to come to a service.

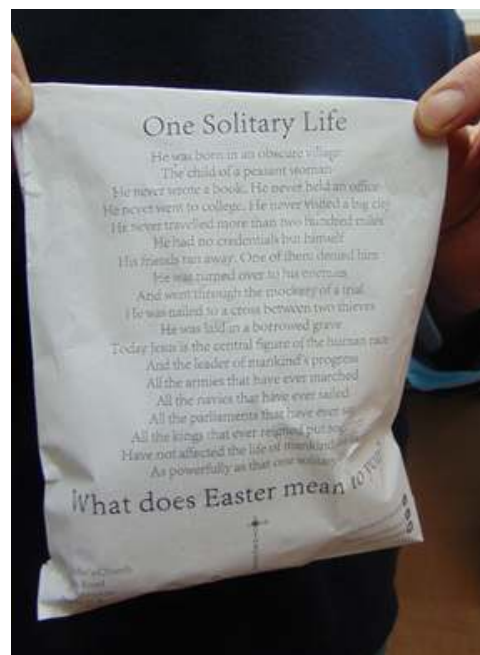
We met people as we walked up the road and stayed outside Tesco where we gave out lots of buns to Local people, workers, families. One lady was so taken by what we were doing that she bought Elaine and I a bunch of daffodils.

We also were really blessed by a lady who accepted prayer from us. She said that had made her day, saying she felt blessed.

Elaine and I felt very uplifted by our morning, God really blessed us too.

Praise be to God. Karen Mears

The only way I was able to distribute the hot cross buns was to get on the buses which stopped. I gave one to the driver and then asked permission to offer them to the passengers with a shout of Happy Easter to the whole bus!! Geoff



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.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Coronation Weekend

Saturday 6th May - showing the **Coronation live** in the Church Centre, at 10.00am with refreshments being served

Sunday 7th May - A 10am special Sunday service on 'Jesus, the King of Kings'

Monday 8th May - A thank you BBQ in the Vicarage (weather permitting) for anyone who has volunteered in any area of church life! Details to be confirmed soon



PLANT POTS WANTED

WANTED small plant pots for Julie Fair transplanting plug plants for Christian Aid plant stall. Please leave at back of church or leave under Julie's porch .thank you

CHRISTIAN AID

I also need volunteers to help organise the envelopes; and people to organise and run the book stall and cake stall for the Christian Aid Garden Party Sunday 21st May. I know this sounds a long way off, but I need a team of helpers in advance this year please.

Please contact Julie Fair 01243 372070 or 07899077035

julie58fair@btinternet.com

CONFIRMATION

WED 21 JUNE 7PM



Is getting confirmed the next step for you in your journey of faith? Confirmation is for all who have been baptised and wish to mark their faith in Jesus. You'll spend some time with Tom in preparation before your confirmation, then on the day, the Bishop will anoint you with oil, lay hands on your head and ask God to confirm you by the Holy Spirit. Have a chat with Tom if you would like to discuss the next step in your faith journey.



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING



The APCM will take place on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Church. Come along and hear what has been happening through the last year at St. Johns.

HAVE YOU GOT A STORY TO TELL?



If you have any stories of how God has worked in your life recently, or any personal news you would like to share with your church family, please email Susie at the admin email. We would also love photos of places, events you have been etc as well!



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

This week we will be praying for:-

The Hermitage East, Penny Lane, Tupenny Lane, Southbourne Avenue, Apple Grove, Russet Gardens & Bramley Gardens

Our prayers will focus on people who give us personal services – Refuse Collectors, Postie, Milk and other deliveries and our Street Cleaners.

[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.

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



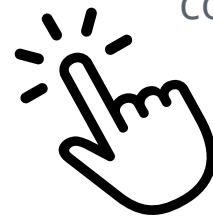
NEW WINE - EXCITING, EXPERIENCE, EXTRAORDINARY
OAK HALL - RETREAT, RELAX AND RECONNECT.

Camping at the Manor





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



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.



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](#)





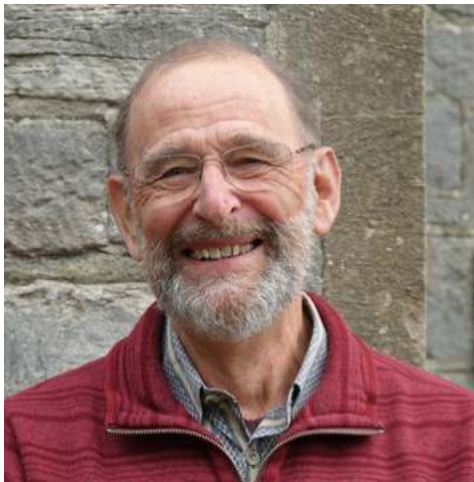
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