



HAPPY EASTER!

It's been lovely starting to get to know you, and seeing how God has been at work. The wonderful news of Easter is that Jesus has done everything to forgive us and bring us back to God when we trust him. Now we can live in his presence and walk with him through all of life. What a joy it is to have such a sure and certain hope! And I hope that you have a very joyful Easter. Love

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

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

On Easter morning we will serve Breakfast in the Lounge & Foyer from 9.00-9.45am.

We will serve bacon rolls, fresh fruit salad, granola, Greek yoghurt and honey, croissants, pain au chocolate, plus fruit juice, teas & Coffee. Please sign up by [clicking here](#) so we know how many to cater for. Thank you.



EASTER EGG HUNT



Refreshments
and fun
activities after
the service!

PHOTOS BEING TAKEN ON EASTER DAY



On Easter Sunday, we will be taking lots of photos for a display board in the church centre. Please also take photos and [send them here](#). If you do not want to appear on the display board please [click here](#) and type your name. Thank you!

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.

TOM ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Tom will be away the week after Easter and not in the Centre the following week as I'm on a leaders conference. He will be back around on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 25th April.



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



THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to post deliver only Christian Aid envelopes in the parish 14th-20th May. I have lots of spares, so if you would like to deliver in your local roads let me know as soon as possible please. Julie Fair 07899077035 or 01243 372070 julie58fair@btinternet.com

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



SOUND DESK TRAINING

We are very short of volunteers to train to serve on the sound desk. There is a real possibility that some services will be without sound as the current team are also preachers, singers and lead the service. Come on tech savy people ST JOHN'S NEEDS YOU. Contact Martin Fair at:

martinfair@btinternet.com 01243 372070

ANIMAL FOOD BANK

St John's has decided to trial a pet food bank for people in our local community who may need a little help. Donations of in date, sealed dog and cat food will be most welcome. Also, please spread the word in our local community to people you know, so they know that help is available if they need it



ELECTORAL ROLL

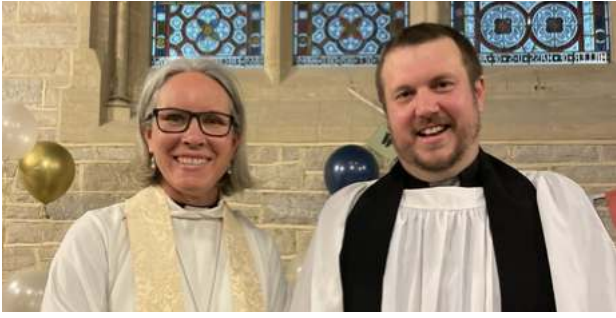
If you would like to be a registered member of our Church and are not on the list posted on the notice board, please complete [the form here](#), or obtain a paper one from the back of Church and hand to the welcome team or leave in the office.

Any questions see Anne Marsden.



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.

PCC UPDATE

Here are highlights of the March PCC meeting, the first chaired by our new vicar, Tom Robson. The full minutes are available via the Church Office.

Tom was encouraged by the number of people who attended the Love Southbourne meeting on Sunday and the enthusiasm shown. Initial ideas include distributing hot cross buns on Good Friday, several events planned for the Coronation weekend, running a BBQ at the Sussex Day fete, events in Christian Aid week, and healing and memorial services. Tom would like to convene a small group to plan events through the year.

Tom is re-introducing mid-week Communion, 9.30am on term-time Wednesdays.

He's also considering a monthly evening Communion service, and an "in-person" prayer meeting in addition to the online prayer meetings.

He also wants to start an enquirers' evening at the Vicarage for non and very new Christians.'

He took the opportunity to discuss the role of the PCC, which should be to develop a vision for kingdom growth, whereas managing day-to-day practicalities can be devolved to subgroups involving those with expertise in particular subjects. This will also relieve the churchwardens of some of their workload.

Richard and Kim reported on a busy month with Families and Youth, and hope to take a group of young people to MayCamp in May half-term.

Julie Fair has completed the risk assessments and lots of other preparation for Christian Aid week.

Ian presented the financial accounts for the year, prior to the APCM: well done Ian!

Tim is working hard to bring the church up to speed with current fire regulations: there will be fire practices in the next few months!

We discussed the upcoming APCM: there will be elections for a churchwarden, 4 Deanery Synod members and 2 PCC members. Please pray about these important posts and seek to nominate the people the Lord wants in these roles. Forms will be available at the back of church and from the Office after Easter.

There is likely to be an Awayday for the new PCC on June 16th.

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



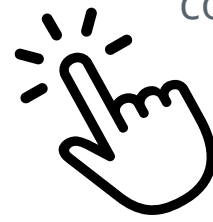
NEW WINE - EXCITING, EXPERIENCE, EXTRAORDINARY
OAK HALL - RETREAT, RELAX AND RECONNECT.

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](#)





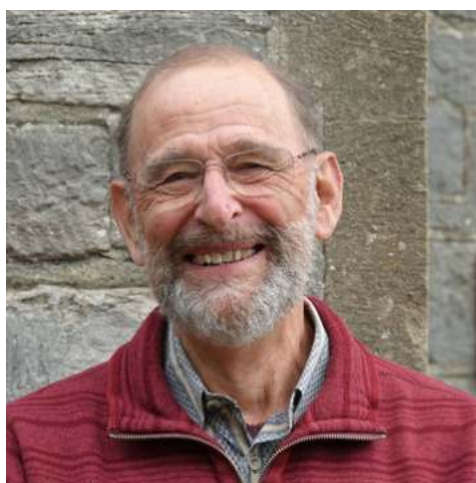
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