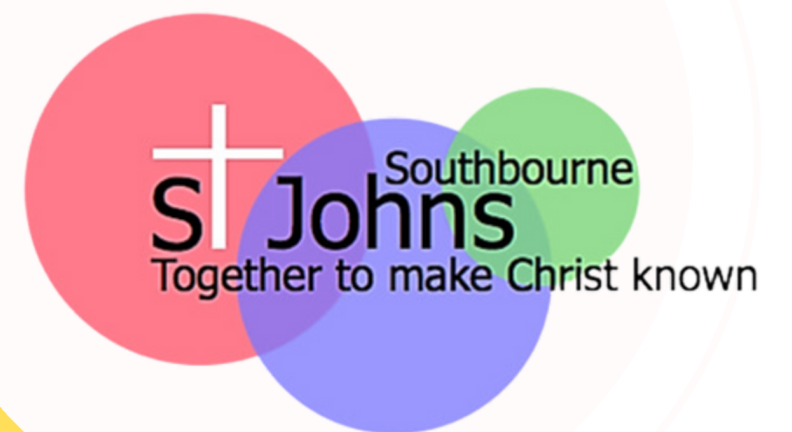


*“I get to spend time with  
my friends and learn  
more about God.”  
Autumn-Rae aged 12.*

# ST. JOHN'S FAMILIES & YOUTH MINISTRY

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH  
SOUTHBOURNE**



# Welcome to St. John's Church!

Inside this booklet is all you need to know about what's currently happening with our families & youth work. So grab a cuppa and a biscuit, sit back and enjoy. We hope you'll find something here for all your family. God bless,

*Richard & Kim Carter*

*Families & Youth Ministers*



The 4pm service is where our families & youth work begins. The service offers a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere which aims to enable all to meet with God.

Within this service we offer three distinct children & youth groups which are described below:



4pm Tots is our weekly pre-school group within the Sunday 4pm service. You will find a warm & friendly welcome from one of our facilitators. We use sung worship, the Bible, prayer, play & crafts to aid pre-school children in exploring and continuing their Christian faith journey.



4K is the Primary-School age group within the 4pm service with the aim of helping children from Reception to Year 6 explore faith in Jesus. 4K is on three Sundays of the month, with the third Sunday being an All-Together Worship Service. Come along and join in the fun!



St. John's youth provision comes under the umbrella of 4YG (4pm Youth Group) and has a range of weekly initiatives designed to deliver a holistic approach to Christian discipleship. Please take a peek at the next page to discover more.

To discover more, please either email our Families & Youth Ministers at:  
**families@stjohnssouthbourne.com**

Or check out the Families and Youth page on our website:  
**stjohnssouthbourne.com/FYM**

# 11 -16 years old

## The 4YG Pattern

Our aim within the 4YG umbrella is to create a holistic approach to Christian faith formation & discipleship. To accomplish our aim we run the following 4YG initiatives:

### 1st Sunday of the month:



4YG is a dedicated Christian youth group within the Sunday 4pm service. At 4YG, we explore the same theme as in the service, pray, have snacks and play a game. 4YG is designed for young people to explore or deepen their Christian faith with their peers.

### 2nd Sunday of the month:



Acts of Service Sunday gives young people the opportunity to serve on a ministry team within the 4pm service. This is followed by 4YG+ after the service, so the young people don't miss out on having time together.

### 3rd Sunday of the month:



Young people stay in the service for our All-Together Worship Sunday. We also share Communion and invite people to be pray and receive prayer if they would like. This gives everyone, regardless of age, the time to worship together and everyone is invited!

### 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

*“I’ve made new friends and the food at the café is really nice.” Sonny, aged 11*

4YG returns during the 4pm services on both the 4th & 5th Sunday of the month. It's further time for 11-16 year olds to ask questions, share their thoughts and explore faith in Jesus together.

Please turn over the page to see 'what's on' during the week for pre-school, Primary and Secondary School age young people and much more...

# Discover what's on during the week:

## 0 - 4 years old Pre-school



St. John's Tots is a weekly parent/carer & pre-school group which runs on a Thursday from 10am - 11:45am (term time only) Come along and join in the fun!

## 5 -10 years old, Primary

Friday Fellowship's aim is to provide something for all the family. Parents/carers relax, the kids have fun & make friends and everyone shares a meal together.



## 11 -16 years old, Secondary



High Tide is a free monthly youth worship event for churches in and around Portsmouth. High Tide usually runs on the 2nd Friday of the month (although this can vary) and runs from 7-9pm. Transport is provided.

***“I love High Tide because I get to meet new people my own age and we play fun games. The best thing is the time we get to worship God all together. It makes me feel more connected to God which makes me feel at peace.” Lilly aged 13.***

## Even more.....



MayCamp is the Chichester diocese annual Youth event. MayCamp is held over the last bank holiday in May at Plumpton Racecourse near Lewes. So, pack your bag, dust off your tent and come along and enjoy fun, faith and fellowship. One evening in November there is also Mini MayCamp, a fun warm up event to MayCamp itself.



We have fostered excellent relationships with our local schools, including: Southbourne Infant and Junior Schools and Thorney Island Community Primary School. Our team take regular assemblies, as well as supporting RE lessons.