

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

CHRISTMAS TO JANUARY SPECIAL

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matt. 1:22-23

COFFEE CONNECT , WARM SPACE & CHURCH CENTRE



Coffee Connect, Warm Space and the Centre will be closed from next week and will open on Tuesday, January 3rd. Susie will be working from home next week and if you need to contact her either email or call the office phone.

WHAT'S HAPPENING 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.



PHOTOS FROM THE NATIVITY



MAY THE CHILDREN KNOW THE TRUTH OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY THROUGH ALL OF THESE EVENTS.

CHRISTINGLE



PLEASE BRING A DONATION FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY TO THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. THANK YOU



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, THORNEY ISLAND

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



18th December 10:30am Carols

24th December 11:30pm
4:00pm Nativity

(Christmas Eve)
Carols, Candles & Children
(If you have a nativity costume
please do wear it! (Or a tea-towel
/tinsel head dress) or come as you
are!

11:30pm Midnight

First Communion of Christmas with
Carols and candles.

Christmas Day (25th December)

10:30am

Family Communion
Service for all the family with a
With shortened Holy Communion.

St Nicholas church can be found down the far end of the Island.

Go as far as you can (without getting wet!) and its on the left as you look towards the harbour. There is parking at the sailing club.

CAN YOU LIGHT A BULB?

The light fittings upstairs need to be replaced for safety reasons. Could you help towards the cost of this? See the display in the Centre, scan the code on the bulb to help with the cost of this. Thank you, If you are unable to scan, please donate some money through the office.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARD

The Christmas will be at the back of church. If you wish you can sign it instead of sending cards to your church friends and put the money saved in the adjoining box marked Stone Pillow Night Shelter for the Homeless.



Christmas at St John's Southbourne.

Sun 4th Dec

10am

Morning Worship 

3pm

Light the Tree

Sun 11th Dec

10am

Morning Worship

4pm

Nativity 

Sun 18th Dec

10am

Morning Worship 

6:30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

4pm

Christingle Service

11pm

Communion Service 

Christmas Day

10am

Celebration 

Sun 1st Jan

10am

Morning Worship

Sun 8th Jan

10am & 4pm services resume

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FUNERAL FOR MOYA JOYCE



A funeral for Moya Joyce will take place Tuesday 20th December at 13.45 at The Oaks Crematorium. Everyone is welcome, family flowers only, donations for Cancer Research UK c/o Southern Cooperative Funeralcare, 31 North Street, Emsworth, PO10 7DA

PRAYER MEETINGS

There will be morning prayers on Monday and Thursday between 8.30-9.00am next week. Please [click here](#) to join any of these meetings.

Communion	St. John's 10.00am	St. John's 11.00pm	4.00pm	St. Nicholas
18th December	Bill Meyer			TBC
24th December		John Dane		
25th December	Bill Meyer			TBC

STREET PRAYERS



This week we will be praying for: North Area of Stein Road, Hither Green, South Lane, Cheshire Way, Fraser Gardens

Lauder Close, Breach Avenue, Wentworth Drive. As we draw into the Christmas Season we will be praying for the people who give us personal service, Refuse Collectors, Postie, Milk and other deliveries, Shop Assistances 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.

FUNDRAISING TEA FOR FAMILIES IN NEED



You are invited to a Festive Afternoon Christmas tea fundraiser to support Families in Need this Christmas on 22nd December between 12pm - 3pm.

Please let me know if you would like to come so I know numbers. Bring a friend
10 Hither Green Southbourne
Emsworth PO10 8JA
07899077035

4YG



4YG is a youth group for those in Y6, Y7 and Y8 to explore faith with their peers. It meets as part of the 4 O'clock Service and there are up to 18 young people in it. It is led by Rachel and Dylan and supported by a team of volunteers. There's Bible study, a café and a challenge or game. For more info contact Richard - families@stjohnssouthbourne.com



ST JOHN'S TOTS
Thursday Mornings in term time.
St John's Church Centre, Southbourne
10-11:45am £2 per family

Volunteers to serve refreshments are needed from January, can you help?

If you can help out once a month, that would be really helpful.

Please see Kim.



WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE / PICTURES

This is a regular page in the news for words of knowledge or pictures.

Please pray that the Lord will reveal to you the meaning of the word or picture. The meaning might be for you as an individual, or for the church as a whole, or something else.

For help with discerning words of knowledge, or to learn more about hearing from the Holy Spirit, email Elaine Ware at admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com

Picture received during a personal time of quiet and reflection.

Sunday 4th December 2022

At about 7.30 a.m. lying in my warm comfortable bed, I had finished my daily bible reading and was thinking about February when Tom would be with us.

I suddenly had a picture of two railway lines – next I saw a platform by the side of them. Then the picture changed as I became aware of the carriage (old fashioned one) and the engine. There I saw a young man shoveling in coal so that the train would have enough fuel for the journey,

There were plenty of people on the platform, surrounded by their baggage.

A voice called out 'All aboard' and people made a dash for the carriage. However they were unable to get on because they were carrying their luggage. However once they had left their baggage on the platform they were able to get on the train.

Fair isle jumper

Praying for some insight into what St. John's would look like in the future, I thought of a red warm jumper, but a colourful fair isle replaced the one I had seen. Full of different colours all woven together to make the whole

If you have words of knowledge for the church, please email them to wardens@stjohnssouthbourne.com

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](#)





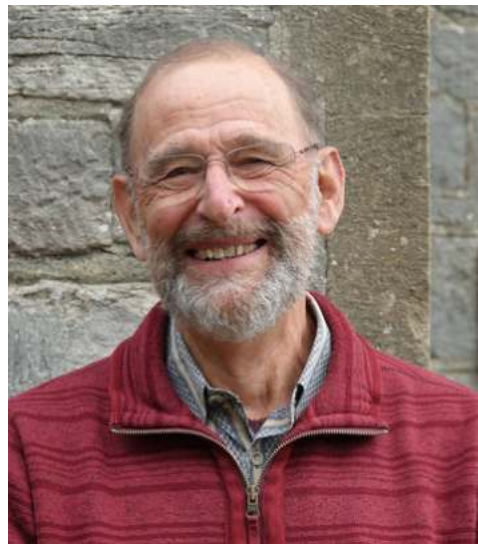
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