

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
11TH
DECEMBER**

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.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St. Mary's, Chidham are having a Christmas Tree Festival this weekend and Coffee Connect together with Warm Space have a tree there, decorated by Kim and Susie. Why not pop down and have a look at the Festival. It is open from Friday to Sunday. For opening times [click here](#)

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 LIGHT THE TREE EVENT



MUCH FUN WAS HAD BY ALL WHO CAME TO THIS!

MINCE PIES

Are you able to donate some mince pies to have after the Carol Service next Sunday? Please bring donations to the Centre.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARD

The St John's Christmas card is back. from Sunday 4th December. It 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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ALTERNATIVE PRESENTS



For an alternative Christmas present and to make a difference to someone's life [click here](#). To read about Sue Fallons's trip to Tanzania please [click here](#). Sue hopes to do a more detailed presentation at a later date.

PRAYER MEETINGS

There will be morning prayers on Monday and Thursday between 8.30-9.00am next week and evening prayers this Sunday evening, 1 between 6.30 and 7.30pm. Please [click here](#) to join any of these meetings.

	St. John's 10.00am	St. John's 11.00am	4.00pm	St. Nicholas
11th December			Max Cross	
18th December	Bill Meyer			TBC
24th December		John Dane		
25th December	Bill Meyer			TBC

STREET PRAYERS

This week we will be praying for: -Main Road South, Slipper Road, Thorney Road, Thornham Lane, Thorney Island, Gordon Road, Mill Quay & Osprey Quay.

We will also be praying for the Emergency Services the support us, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue and Police.

[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.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PAT POIL



There will be a Memorial Service for Pat Poil on Monday 12th December at 1.30pm at St. John's followed by refreshments in the Centre.

If you could bake a cake for this, please get in touch with Susie.

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

LICENSING OF REV TOM ROBSON



The Licensing of Tom Robson will take place on Monday 20th February during a service at St. John's at 7.00pm. Everyone is invited.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Do your Christmas Shopping and raise money for St. John's by signing up with Easy Fundraising. If you haven't not signed up before, it's easy and completely free. 6,100 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your shopping online at no extra cost to you! To sign up click [here](#)



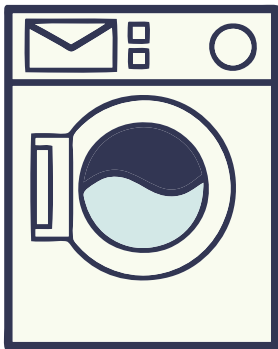


St. John's Church Southbourne

Together to make Christ known



You may be used to seeing a collection plate being passed around in church. We no longer use a collection plate, but we can make an offering in other ways. The easiest to give to the work of the church is online. Head over to the INFORMATION tab on our church website or scan here.



Someone locally is in need of a washing machine. Does anyone know of one that could be available, or can help?
See Kim



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

Here is a suggested summary of the words of knowledge gathered during the month of prayer.

Keep moving forward using the foundation that has been established over time through sound biblical teaching. Embrace & nurture the whole community by using the spiritual gifts within the church, **with love**, to bring blessing across all ages. It is HIS plans not ours so we can be molded into people God wants us to be fitting together like jigsaw pieces. He will signpost us to our involvement so be willing to accept change and to be changed.

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](#)





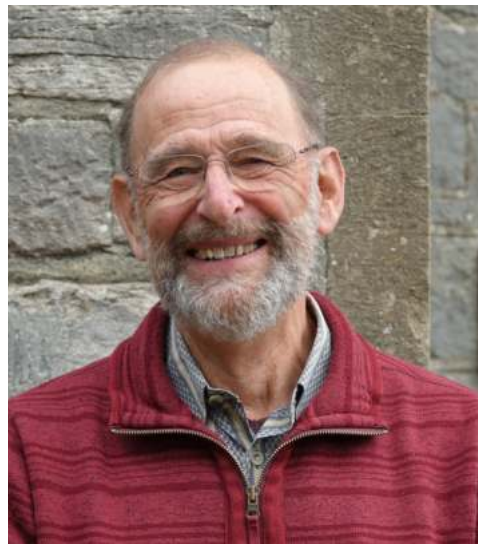
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