

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
15TH
JANUARY**

TAIZE SERVICE



Taize prayer service: Thursday 2nd February, 7.30pm

Come and join us for a quiet meditative service on the theme of light, celebrating the occasion recorded in Luke's gospel when Jesus was brought to the temple 40 days after his birth.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who signed the St John's Christmas card. It raised £170 for Stonepillow's work with the local homeless. Belinda has an email of thanks which she would be happy to show to anyone who would like to see it.

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.



DORIS SPRECKLEY'S FUNERAL



Doris Speckley's funeral will take place on Tuesday, 24th at 11.30am at St. John's and then lunch will be served in the Centre afterwards. Everyone Welcome.

COFFEE CONNECT & WARM SPACE



Coffee Connect & Warm Space will close at 11.00am on the day of Doris's

PUZZLES WANTED



Can anyone donate or loan to Warm Space some jigsaw puzzles preferably ones with 500 pieces.

PRAYER MEETINGS



There will be a Zoom Prayer Meeting this next Sunday evening (22nd) and morning prayers on Monday and Thursday between 8.30-9.00am this week. Please [click here](#) to join any of these meetings.

ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE

Assisted suicide debate

Please consider responding to the Government inquiry about assisted suicide (assisted dying/euthanasia). None of us wants to see anyone suffering, but the response should be better access to good palliative care, not asking doctors to help kill patients. As Christians, we should be protecting the weakest and most vulnerable in our society and none of the proposed safeguards has managed to do this in any country where assisted suicide has been legalised.

Care, the Christian charity, have produced guidance as to how to fill in the questionnaire. Simply **click on this link**: they give you some detail as to what you might want to think about and comment on. Or email/talk to me at sarah@maclennans.org for some simple suggestions. You don't need to complete all the questions.

You need to submit your reply by 20th January!

Sarah Maclennan



CARE
FOR WHAT
YOU BELIEVE

Saturday
21st
January
7.00-9.00pm

St. John's Games Night



**Jane & others
will bring a
selection of
games to the
Church Centre, so
do come and join
in.**

Please bring your
own drinks, snacks,
glasses, plates, etc
with you.

If you want more information contact Jane
0799 0975 610/jane@inglis3.org

COMMUNION DATES

Communion	St. John's 10.00am	St. John's 4.00pm	St. Nicholas
8th January	Bill Meyer		
15th January		Bill Meyer	Nick Todd
22nd January	Barbara Stanton		
29th January		Chris Gerke	Nick Todd
5th February		Max Cross	
12th February	Bill Meyer		Nick Todd
19th February	Barbara Stanton	NO SERVICE	
26th February	Tom Robson		Nick Todd

STREET PRAYERS



This week we will be praying for the residents in: -

Steine Road below Breach Avenue to the Railway Crossing, Mountwood Road, Merrivale Court & Hartland Court.

As we move into this New Year we will pray for members and friends living in the Emsworth area.

[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.

Parenting Course

For 11+



COMING SOON

There are plans to run a parenting course on Wednesday evenings over zoom at 8pm. It's a 5 week course to equip you for the high school years and beyond.

Be connected via the [Church Connect Whatsapp Group](#). [Click here](#) to message Kim



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

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.

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

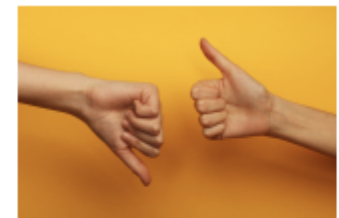
We use creative ways to engage with God in prayer, sometimes moving around the room or using objects to guide us.

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](#)





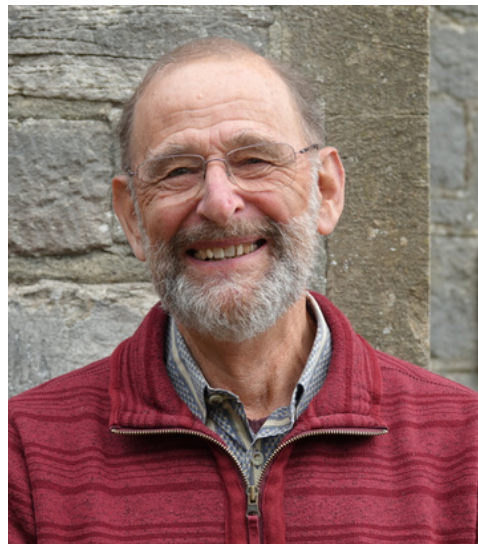
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