

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
22ND
JANUARY**

ENERGY BILLS HELP



We have been accepted by the Cooperative Bank to receive match funding for our warm spaces campaign.

This means we are asking you to give to help meet our increased energy bills via this Crowdfunding page so we can release the extra funds from the Co op.

To receive match funding, the following conditions must all be met:

- For every donation made towards our project the Co op will match it up to £250, so if our project receives a donation of £20 the Co op will add another £20, Up to £250 being matched
- Only one donation per supporter will be matched (we will not provide match funding where a supporter is deemed to have made multiple donations).
- You can receive a maximum of £3,000 of match funding per organisation.

You can donate by following this link

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/warm-space-at-st-johns-church-southbourne> or [Click here](#)

Any questions please ask Sue McNeill, 07759 049691

Thank you for your help

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.



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 TO ROSEMARY PEARSON



A very big thank you to Rosemary Pearson, who is stepping down as Pastoral Co-ordinator, after 10 years.

Susie Bartlett is taking over this role and if you wish to contact her about any pastoral matters email her on pastoralcare@stjohnssouthbourne.com

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 funeral.

PRAYER MEETINGS



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

SUE'S TANZANIA TRIP



Come hear Sue Fallon's report on her trip to Tanzania!

16 February 2023

7:30 pm

Church Centre

There will be dessert and tea/coffee!

Please let us know if you are coming. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church or talk to Sue or Barbara.



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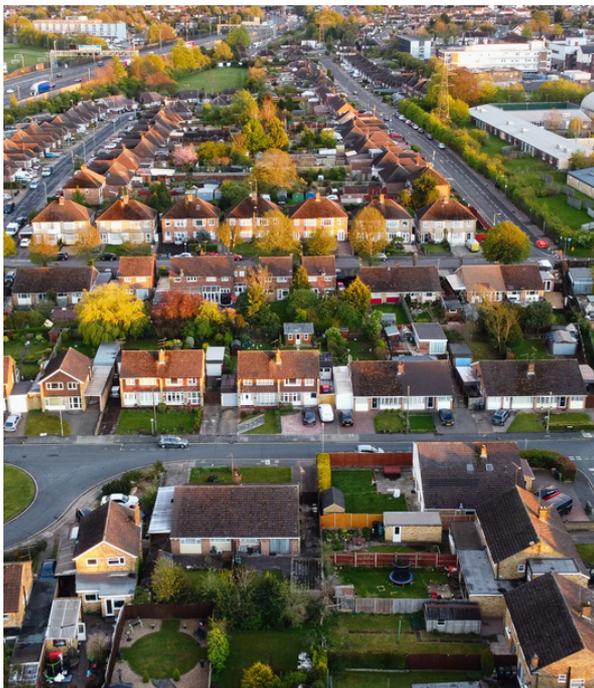
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COMMUNION DATES

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

STREET PRAYERS



This week we will be praying for the residents in: Stein Road south of the Railway Crossing, Stein Close, Lodgebury Close, Northcote Gardens, The Retreat, The Drive & Eden Place.

We will also be praying for members and friends who live in the Westbourne & Woodmancote area.

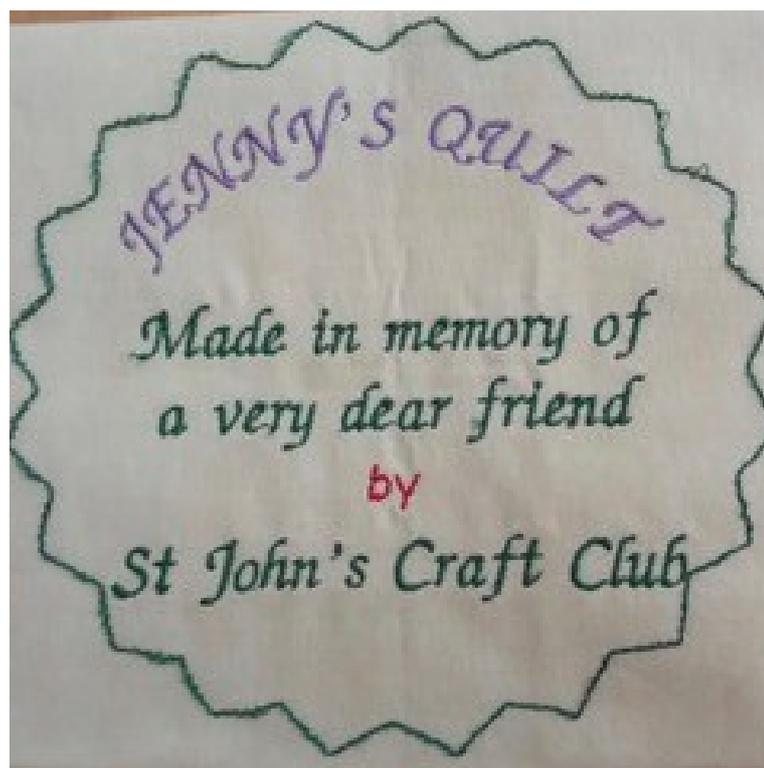
[Click here to join the zoom](#)

Tuesday 9:30am - 10:15am

Please feel free to join us especially if we are praying for your area.

JENNY'S QUILT

Just before her final illness Jenny Bloxham led a Craft Club project to knit an Intarsia Quilt. (Intarsia is a technique used when working with blocks of colour, so that you don't have to carry the yarn across the back of the work.) Jenny's death was followed by the Covid shutdown so the 31 hexagons and 20 half-hexagons were put away in the cupboard. Now that we are back in action the individual pieces have been sewn together and the whole thing backed with a cosy purple fleece with a label. We will be giving the quilt to a local Women's Refuge as Jenny wished so if you would like to see the quilt please ask within the next few days.



Summer

Let's Go

CAMPING

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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

Early Bird Rates are

open until 31st January

Lots of St John's already booked.

NEW WINE - EXCITING, EXPERIENCE, EXTRAORDINARY

OAK HALL - RETREAT, RELAX AND RECONNECT.



The
Parenting
Teenagers
Course

Parenting Teens (11-18s) Course.

Wed 1st Feb

Wed 8th Feb

Wed 22nd Feb

Wed 1st March

Wed 8th March



[sign up here!](#)

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](#)





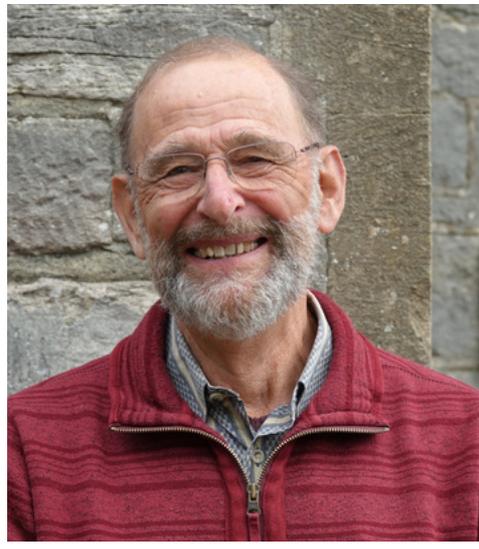
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