

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
8TH
JANUARY**

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and thank you to everyone who made all the Christmas services run so smoothly.



COFFEE CONNECT & WARM SPACE



Coffee Connect and Warm Space are now both back and up and running, so do spread the word and invite people to come along, have a drink/soup in the warmth.

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.



PRAYER MEETINGS



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

COMMUNION DATES

Communion	St. John's 10.00am	St. John's 4.00pm	St. Nicholas
8th January	Bill Meyer		TBC
15th January		Bill Meyer	TBC
22nd January	Barbara Stanton		TBC
29th January		Chris Gerke	TBC
5th February		Max Cross	

FILM CLUB



St. John's Film Club takes place on the 2nd Tuesday in the month at 2.00pm in the Church Centre. Next month's film is a heartwarming film set in Cornwall. Please speak with Susie, Jenny Bond or The Salmons for more information.

THANK YOU



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated to support the Families in Need of your help this Christmas

Several families were blessed with gifts for their children and a very much appreciated shopping voucher to help them buy food over the festive season . They all sent their heartfelt thanks to the congregation of St John's and were amazed at your generosity and kindness One Mum said you had made it the best Christmas ever for them

Abundant blessings to you all in 2023
Julie Fair and Kim Carter

STREET PRAYERS



This week we will be praying for:
Cooks Lane, Furstone Grove, Priors Close,
Hurstwood Avenue, Guildford Close,
Bulbeck Court, and Priors Leaze Road.

[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.

WANTED!



Have you got any old ice cream or food containers that you do not need any more. If so could you please bring them into the centre for storing the soup in. Thank you!

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.

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.

What Sort of Pond are you?

As I was praying on the morning of the 8-8 day of prayer, I had this picture which I believe is from God:

I saw a healthy pond with lifegiving water flowing into and out of it, it was vibrant and full of life and growth, as the water flowed out of it, it carried some of that life with it.

I then saw a pond with no water flowing in or out of it, it was stagnant and dead, there was no life in it.

The next pond had life giving water flowing into it but not out of it, it had nowhere to go, so it just evaporated, the life was restricted and could not be passed on.

The next pond had water flowing into it and out of it but the water flowing out of it had a narrow outlet which restricted the amount of lifegiving water that flowed out of it.

Again, I saw the healthy pond with a similar amount of water flowing out of it as into it. I was reminded of the abundance of life in it and how that life and water flowed out of it and onwards, watering the land and bringing life to other places.

I believe God is saying that we are like those ponds, we need the Holy Spirit flowing into and out of us, without it our faith can be stagnant or lifeless.

So, the question for each of us is which type of pond are you and which one do you want to be?

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](#)





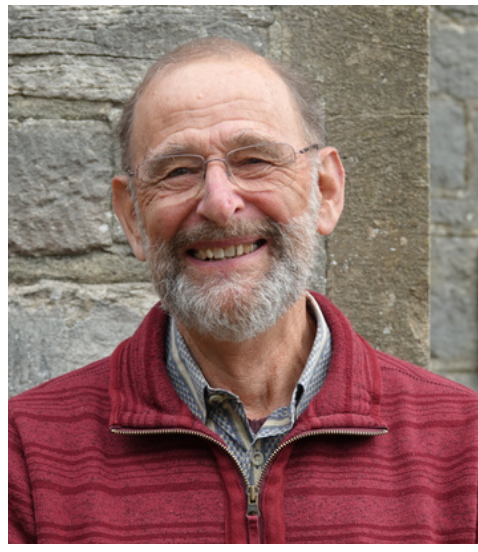
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