

Good Morning Everyone,

Here is your Reflection for today, provided by Matt along with our new Wednesday Weekly News section of what is going on at St. John's and the Village of Southbourne.

### **October 14th**

Let's continue to spend time reflecting on God's word in prayerful quiet today, remembering God's faithfulness to us in his word and in his Spirit.

#### **Pause**

As I enter prayer now,  
I pause to be still;  
to breathe slowly;  
to re-centre my scattered senses  
upon the presence of God.

#### **Rejoice**

I rejoice in God's voice today, reminding myself of all that he calls me to be with the ancient words of all God's people in Psalm 1

Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither –  
whatever they do prospers.

#### **Luke 11:42-46**

It is good to be honoured and respected by our friends and peers. To be seen as right, to be in control and even successful as a Christian. The pharisees set themselves as experts in even such little things as tithing herbs. They extended their delight in the law of the Lord, (Ps 1) to a system of righteousness of their own making, (Romans 10: 3) in which they would feel right.

We may laugh, but sometimes we set similar standards for ourselves, as though there is a pecking order to which we must strive for position. We can create a standard based on what God has done this with us, (often long ago), or we have 'achieved' this deed for God, but in these few words, Jesus warns of the cost. Then we lose touch with God's love and with the way we act towards others. Jesus warns that if our motives are self promoting, they will neither glorify God

for his grace, or grow us in righteousness by his Spirit..

To underline the point he also told a story about two men at the temple, a Pharisee and a Tax Collector. What was in their hearts was quickly exposed.

### **Yielding prayer**

Today, why not spend some time examining your heart with God. Read through Psalm 1 slowly and let God's words penetrate past the veneer we present and warm your heart.

*Grant, O Lord, that I may be free from greed and  
Selfish concern and open to your word and Spirit.*

*Open my eyes and heart to see you afresh today.*

*Remind me that the best things in life are freely given in  
Jesus and to learn to receive all good things as daily provision from  
you.*

Closing Prayer

**Father help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way.**

**Jesus help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet**

**Spirit, help me to seek the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.**

**Amen**

## **Wednesday Weekly News**

### **Centre Opening**

We are pleased to say we are ready to accept small group and home group bookings, of groups no more than six at time, in the centre for study and prayer. You may book either the lounge downstairs, or part of the space upstairs, between 1:30 and 3:30. We cannot have more than one group at a time.

Booking forms are available from Susie.

To book, you need:

Read and confirm you understand our booking form. It is better to email a reply that you agree.

Wait for confirmation from Susie

Arrange a time with a keyholder (myself or Sue McNeill)

Bring the paper copy with you.

At this point, because this is new to everyone, we prefer not to have block bookings, because several of our church prayer groups meet only once a month and might not get an opportunity otherwise.

I hope this helps us build our fellowship together

**Matt would like to say a big thank you to everyone for remembering to ask to use St John's Zoom account if they have the login and if groups who would like to use Zoom (e.g. Street prayers, Homegroups, etc.) could let us know in advance in order to avoid clashes.**

## APCM

The St. John's APCM will take place via Zoom on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.  
If you are considering standing for the PCC and would like more information, contact Gill Prosser at [gill.prosser6@gmail.com](mailto:gill.prosser6@gmail.com).

The forms, financial accounts, minutes, agenda, reports have been sent out if you did not receive one or if you know anyone who would like a paper copy, please let me know at [admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com).

The link for the meeting is below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81476595373?  
pwd=NTVzMkI3Y1B6bXVqdzVoNWILZnhnQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81476595373?pwd=NTVzMkI3Y1B6bXVqdzVoNWILZnhnQT09)

Meeting ID: 814 7659 5373  
Passcode: 336245



## **APPEAL: CAN YOU HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW BOOKS?**

The school has a large library that is used by the children for lessons, study time and reflection. Although the school gain government funding for some books, this is very limited and they desperately require new books.

The Friends of Bourne are raising funds for new books to be used in the school library. The new reading material and a suitable book stand will cost £500.

The school library operate a new online book reservation service which has proved very popular with the children.

**With support from our local community, we hope to raise £500 to support the school.**

**Can you help us reach this target?** Donate now via our website: [www.fob.charity](http://www.fob.charity) or if you would like to donate funds offline, we accept cheques. Please make it payable to "The Friends of Bourne" and post your cheque to: The Friends of Bourne, Bourne Community College, Park Road, Southbourne, West Sussex, PO10 8PJ or drop it through our letter box

## **Sunday Services**

Please email me at [admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com) if you would like to come to any Church services.

**The cut-off date for booking for each week's service is the Thursday before.**

**If you are unable to attend a Sunday service that you have booked, email the admin address of phone 01243 375576.**

**Have you got flu-like symptoms? Please don't attend Church.**



**Last year, Tearfund raised an incredible £250,000 with 562 church and more than 26,000 people taking part. This year, the Big Quiz will take place on Saturday 14 November and this time it will be going online.**

**Put the date in your diary - and further information will follow!**



**Julie Collins sent this lovely picture in of everyone enjoying a walk on the Downs  
Taken before the "Rule of Six"!**



## **Christmas Boxes – Southbourne Love your Neighbour**

**This year we are planning to distribute Christmas boxes to 60 families who we delivered to during lockdown. Below is a list of items we need. If you feel you**

**would like to contribute, (it doesn't matter how big or small) could you please contact Jane Inglis at [Jane@inglis3.org](mailto:Jane@inglis3.org).**

Bisto  
Cellotape  
Christmas pudding  
Christmas cake  
Christmas cards  
Christmas crackers  
Christmas decorations  
Christmas lights  
Christmas hats/antlers  
Chocolate  
Cranberry sauce  
Custard powder  
Fizz drinks no alcohol  
Biscuits  
Stuffing  
Tinsel  
Wrapping paper.

## **Street Prayers**

**Street Prayer topics for Tuesday 20th October 2020. (9.30 to 10.15 am)**

Woodfield Park Road, Ward court, Thistledown Gardens, Orchard Lane, Mill End, Sadlers Walk, Nelson Close, Pagham Close Lumley road and The Rookery. We will also remember the work of Parish, district & county Councils, Police, Fire, Ambulance Services and the Water Authority

**(If you would like to join us on Zoom please contact Anne Marsden for the details. If you are aware of any prayer items in the area please contact—[peter.p.b.pearson@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.p.b.pearson@btinternet.com) or phone – 371591.)**

**There will be a Deanery Prayer Gathering on Saturday at Racton Church at 12 noon.**

**If you have any news, photos, stories you would like to share with the church, please send them into [admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com) or call me on 01243 375576.**