

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS UPDATE

17 DECEMBER - 7 JANUARY

Hello and Happy Christmas,

This update covers from 17th December until the New Year. So, in case I don't get the chance to say it in person, I pray that you have a blessed Christmas and New Year. There's still plenty of opportunities to come and share in the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, so I hope you can find a renewed sense of Christ's hope, joy and peace, however your Christmas is shaping up.



If you are visiting us on a Sunday, please ask the welcome team for a welcome pack and prayer is usually available after our services. Our aim is: *'Together, to make Jesus known.'* We would love the chance to get to know you and share more of the life and faith of our church. I won't be in the Church Centre over the next few weeks, but I'll be back there from Tuesday 9th January.

God bless. Tom

This Sunday (17th December):

10am Communion Service // 4pm All-age Carols // 6.30pm Lessons & Carols

Next Sunday (24th December):

10am Communion Service // 4pm Christingle // 11pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Morning Celebration // 11am Short Christmas Communion

Sunday 31st December

10am Morning Worship // (No 4pm service)

Sunday 7th January - New Series in Matthew's Gospel at 10am and 4pm

10am Morning Worship // 4pm All-age Service // 6.30pm Quiet Communion

Wednesday 9.30am Communion Services

20th December // *BREAK* // restarts 10th January 2024

Our latest news, diary and information is available at: stjohnssouthbourne.com

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(01243) 375576 or email: admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com

For St Nicholas, Thorney Island, please go to stnicholastimeline.org.uk

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

Celebrate Christmas at St John's, Southbourne

Congratuitions to Rachel and Dylan Dalli on the birth of their daughter, Sophia

The Centre will be closed from Monday 18th December until Monday January 8th but the office phone 01243 375576 will be covered.

Please [click here](#) for the November PCC update.



Coffee Connect will be closed from Tuesday, 19th December and will re-open on Tuesday, 9th January.



Mince pies, Christmas biscuits are needed for the local mission outreach - The Christmas Trailer this Saturday, 16th & the Carol Services. If you can donate, leave them on the trolley in the Foyer. THANK YOU!



St John's Christmas Card..

This is now at the back of church. If you wish you can sign the card instead of sending cards to your St John's friends and put the money saved in the silver box marked Stonepillow Night Shelter for the Homeless and there is a **New Year card in the Centre for Stonepillow**, which will be sent with the donations. Do please sign this.



Please scan the code opposite to donate to the [Families in Need Appeal](#) or [click here](#). Thank you!



The Upbeat Community visited Coffee Connect last Tuesday and we all had a brilliant time listening to them.

We raised £140.58 for Crisis at Christmas, which included nearly £50 from Coffee Connect donations.

Photos of Christmas events at St John's

Light the Tree, Nativity and the Turkey Lunch.
More to come in the New Year...!



Street Prayer 9.30am on Tuesday.

This week we will be praying for:

**Southbourne Fields, Alfrey Close, Woodhouse Way,
Lawley Avenue, Lawley Way, Lawley View, Collett
Crescent, Burdett Gardens, Brewery Close & Whitchers
Way. We will be remembering our friends in the
Westbourne & Woodmancote area.**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Online Prayer is on Zoom. [Click here to join.](#) Meeting ID: 832 7893 7113. Passcode: 141540

Monday, 18 December

8:30am **Online Prayer at Online**
10:00am **Homegroup at Lounge**
7:30pm **Advent Discussion Group at Church Centre Lounge**

Tuesday, 19 December

9:30am **Street Prayers on Zoom**

Wednesday, 20 December

9:30am **Communion at Church**
10:00am **Craft Club at Upstairs**
10:15am **Bible Study at Lounge**
10:30am **Nurture Group at Prayer Room**
7:30pm **Singing Practise at Lounge**

Thursday, 21 December

3:00pm **Book Club at Lounge**
7:30pm **Book Club at Lounge**

Friday, 22 December

9:30am **Praise & Prayer at Church**

This will be last What's On until 7th January.

The Calendar is available on Churchsuite and the website.

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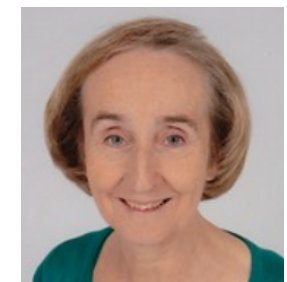
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