

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY UPDATE

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Hello and Welcome,

This week marks the beginning of Advent - the reminder of Jesus' first arrival into the world, and the promise he will return again one day. At the Sunday 10am service, we welcome Anna and Alexander to be Christened along with their family and friends. Then at 4pm, we have our 'Lighting the Tree' event, with lots of all-age Advent activities, inside and outside the Church.



If you are visiting us on 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 am usually around Tuesdays and Thursdays (term-times) from 10am-12pm in the Church Centre.

God bless, Tom

This Sunday (3rd December):

10am Morning Worship // 4pm Light the Tree // (No Evening Service)

Next Sunday (10th December):

10am Communion Service // 4pm with Nativity // 6.30pm Online prayer

St John's Usual Sunday Services Pattern	10AM	4PM (TERM-TIME)	6.30PM
1st Sunday	Morning Worship	All-age Service	Quiet Communion
2nd Sunday	Communion	All-age Service	Online Prayer
3rd Sunday	Morning Worship	All-age Communion	
4th Sunday	Communion	All-age Service	In-Church Prayer
(5th Sunday)	(Communion)	(All-age Service)	

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

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

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

Celebrate Christmas at St John's, Southbourne

All the Christmas events are on our website with more details at www.stjohnssouthbourne.com/Christmas or [click here](#).

For the latest PCC Newsletter, please [click here](#)



We would love donations of any of the following items to support various events over Christmas:

- Battery lights (please name if you'd like back!) for the Christmas Trailer
- Christmas greenery, e.g. ivy, holly, berries etc

Both for Saturday, 16th December

Please drop to the office or the back of church, thank you!
Speak with Susie for more info.



Mince pies, biscuits, etc are needed for the refreshments for the Christmas Services and also for the Christmas Trailer event. If you could donate, please leave them on the trolley in the Foyer. **Thank you!**



Christmas Cards by Rachel Mande

Homemade cards for sale to raise money in support of their ministry in Uganda. Will be on Sale on Sunday in the Centre. 5 for £10.00



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.



Come and share some Christmas joy. We're singing carols together with the Free church at:

Prinstead Care Home - Friday 8th December 5.30pm
Glebe House - Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm

Just meet there shortly beforehand.



Tom will be leading an Advent Course in the Centre on 3 Monday evenings in December, 4th, 11th, 18th from 7.30-8.30pm. We'll be discussing the daily reading passages given out on the bookmarks and Advent Course booklets.

Tom had added a list of suggested resources for personal Bible study and prayer - including the Advent Course - to the website: stjohnssouthbourne.com/study.



Families In Need Christmas Appeal 🎄

We are hoping to support families who are struggling to provide presents for their children and buy the extra Christmas goodies others might take for granted.

We are also holding a Christmas hot turkey and ham baguette afternoon tea **SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 11AM-2PM CHURCH LOUNGE**

Please [sign up here](#) or the sheet at the back of church. Speak to Julie Fair for more information.



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



Beautiful baubles for sale in the Church Centre. All money will go the The Families in Need Appeal.



Come along and listen to the Upbeat Southbourne choir singing at Coffee Connect on the 12th December from 10.30 to 12 noon. Invite your friends and neighbours to come and listen to some festive cheer. There will be collecting for a charity, yet to be named!



Street Prayer 9.30am on Tuesday.

This week we will be praying for:

Priors Orchard, Belmont Place, Harcourt Crescent, Worcester Drive,

Meadow View, Jeppson Walk, Brooks Close, Malling Way, Windsor Close, & Blenheim Gardens.

We will also be praying for the schools in the Parish asking for a special blessing during the Christmas preparations.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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

Monday, 4 December

8:30am **Online Prayer**

10:00am **Homegroup** at Lounge

12:00pm **Lunch Club** Lounge

2:00pm **Japan Prayer Group** at Prayer Rm

7:30pm **Advent Discussion Group** Centre

Tuesday, 5 December

9:00am **Coffee Connect** at Foyer

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

12:00pm **Deanery Prayer group** at Church

Wednesday, 6 December

9:00am **Coffee Connect** at Foyer

10:15am **Bible Study** at Lounge

10:30am **Nurture Group** at Prayer Room

7:30pm **Singing Practise** at Lounge

7:50pm **Men's Football** at The Bourne

Leisure Centre

Thursday, 7 December

8:30am **Online Prayer**

9:00am **Coffee Connect**

10:00am **St John's Tots** at Upstairs

Friday, 8 December

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

3:00pm **Friday Fellowship** at St John's Church

6:30pm **High Tide at** The Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn

Saturday, 9 December

11:00am **Christmas Fundraiser**

sandwich lunch at Lounge + Foyer

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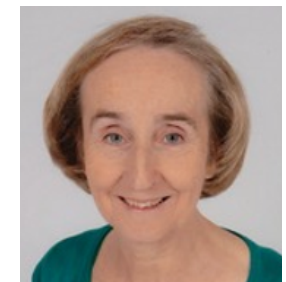
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