



St. John's Wednesday Weekly News

9th December 2020

The Church is now open for Private Prayer Sunday to Friday between 9.00am and 12 noon.

There will be a said Communion service this Sunday, 13th December.

Can you please let the office know as soon as possible, which services you will be attending. We will also be taking bookings for the outside Carol Service on Christmas day.

Christmas 2020

Although Christmas will be a little different this year, we hope you will still be able to come along to one of the events or services. Please be aware that things may change, subject to government and local guidance as well as the weather – we will post any changes here. For the services in the church please book in advance on admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com. The **Follow the Star** activity can be booked online on the Website. Please remember to follow social distancing and always wear a mask!

December 20th

10.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion
Virtual Service
Afternoon Family Service

St. John's Church
Website
St. John's Church

21st to 23rd December

Follow the Star

St. John's Grounds

24th December

Christmas Eve

Afternoon Service – Thorney Island
Virtual Carol Service
11.30pm Christmas Communion

Outside St. Nicholas
Website
St. John's Church

25th December

Christmas Day

9.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Carol Service

St. John's Church

St. John's outside

27th December

10.00 Holy Communion

St. John's Church

Christmas Card deliveries and the St. John's Christmas Card

Sue McNeil will be in the Centre on Friday morning between 9.00am and 12 noon to give out the cards to be delivered around the roads in Southbourne. If you have not signed up but would like to help deliver, please just turn up. There are plenty of Christmas Cards that need distributing!!!

As usual the St John's Christmas card will be at the back of church on the Sundays coming up to Christmas. If you wish you may sign the card instead of sending to your church friends and put the money saved in the adjoining silver box marked Stonepillow Night Shelter. Don't forget to bring money to church with you! Or you could sign the Card and donate on Friday morning when the Sue McNeil will be in the Centre.

News from Richard and Kim

This week 7 families on zooms and 8 families in the church marvelled with the shepherds of the wonderful news of the birth of Jesus. With angels filling the sky and glory of the Lord shining all around it must have been a wondrous sight. The shepherds told everyone they met of all they had seen and heard and our challenge in 2020 is the same - to tell the Christmas Story with all its marvel, even if that means making lollipop stick shepherds.



**FOLLOW
THE STAR**
NATIVITY TRAIL

21ST 22ND 23RD DEC

**Dress up as your favourite Nativity Character and Follow the Star
around Southbourne all the way to the Stable Photo Booth to
receive a Christmas Gift for every child who takes part.**

CHRISTMAS PHONE CALLS TO PEOPLE IN SOUTHBOURNE



Would you be willing to phone a few local people with a friendly greeting from the Church at Christmas? We have invited those who receive our Christmas parcels to request a phone call at Christmas if they expect to be on their own. This Christmas is likely to be a very lonely time for some people and this is a way that we can show them we care.

If you would like to help in this way please contact either Eileen Henrick on 01243 379722 or Rosemary Pearson on 01243 371591

rosemary.pearson2@btinternet.com and nearer the time you will be given names and telephone numbers who to contact.

Street Prayers

Tuesday 15th December (9.30 to 10.15 am) By Zoom – contact Anne Marsden for full details.

We will be praying for the following streets and our local schools: -

Today our prayers will centre around The Bourne, Bourne View Close, Haslemere Road, Clovelly Road, Smallcuts Avenue & Park Road.

If you are aware of any item for prayer in any of the roads or at one of the schools please us know – peter.p.b.pearson@btinternet.com or 371591

There is going to be a special Christmas Day Quiz for you to do:





Books needed!

The little library outside the church Centre is being well used and is in need of some more paperback fiction for adults. If you have any you would like to donate, please put them in a bag under the table. Thank you.

To a grateful parishioner, thank you and it's our pleasure. Psalm 9 v 1 I will give thanks to you Lord with all my heart. I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you.



#Giving to St Johns this Christmas

2 Corinthians 9:11, NIV: "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

We have introduced several new ways to give to St Johns to make it easier for you to support us. Your regular, monthly support is vital to the church's mission to the local community.



NEW Parish Giving Scheme

The PCC is encouraging all our members to give to St Johns regularly ever month using the Parish Giving Scheme. Please complete a

form available from your treasurer Alan, treasurer@stjohnssouthbourne or go to the parishgiving.org.uk to register on line. More information and a short video explaining PGS can also be found on the parishgiving.org.uk website.

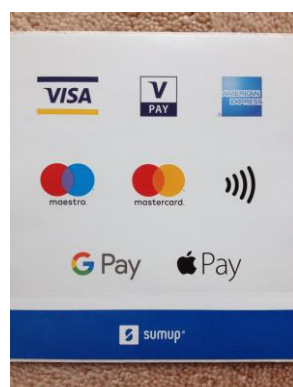
NEW Giving on our church website

If you look on the right side of the church website pages you will now see a link to our giving page. Click on the link [here](#) to give a single or regular donation to St Johns. Giving is quick and easy, all you need is your card handy.

Giving to St. John's

To make a donation or to find out more about giving, click [here](#).

NEW Giving by card at church services or events



When we can worship in church, you can now give by card. Giving is quick and easy. Just enter how much you want to give and touch or swipe or insert your card in the card machine. It is the same as the card reader you use when you pay for your purchases in shops. All major credit cards are accepted.

Thank you for supporting St Johns

Happy Christmas!

Alan, Treasurer