

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

HELLO FROM THE VICARAGE!

Welcome to you if you're reading this on Sunday, or any other time throughout the week.

Thank you to those who prayed for our PCC away day last Saturday. We had a good time seeking God's wisdom particularly for how best to organise our PCC and the church in general. The hope is that we can draw on different people's gifts, don't put too much on too few, and create the right structure so that the ministries we're all involved in can flourish. There's still some more work to do on it, but I will let you know once the outcomes are written up.



This Sunday at the 10am we're looking at the freedom and fruits we have from God's Holy Spirit in Paul's letter to the Galatians.

The 4pm service is continuing through a mini series in the Psalms.

There's midweek communion at 9.30am on Wednesday in the Church and I'll be around Tuesday and Thursday 10am-midday in Coffee Connect so do come and chat or pray if you'd like to.

Bill Knight's funeral is in Church at Midday on Thursday 22nd June. Please remember his family in your prayers, and also please pray for Nick Combellack and Gerry Isted who are getting confirmed this week at Chichester Cathedral.

God bless, and see you soon.

Tom

MensNet

Social events for Men

Thursday

29th June

7:00pm - 9:30pm



At Martin & Julie Fair's House



If you would like to attend please contact
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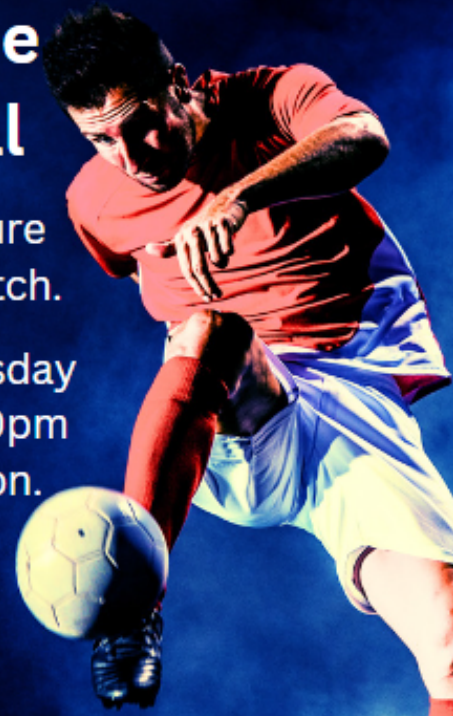
families@stjohnssouthbourne.com

or scan the code to sign up & for further info.

5- A- side Football

Bourne Leisure
Centre 3G Pitch.

Every Wednesday
7:50pm - 8:50pm
£5 per person.



If you're interested in playing or for
further details please contact
Richard Carter on
families@stjohnssouthbourne.com
St. John's Church, Southbourne



Ladies evening with +Ruth

Tuesday 4th July
7pm



St John's Southbourne



Adult Tickets £7
Youth Ticket £3
Saver Ticket Free

Come and enjoy a summer's
evening of good food, drinks and
puddings and hear an inspiring
message from Bishop Ruth.

URGENT HELP IS NEEDED



We are very short of volunteers to train to serve on the sound desk. There is a real possibility that some services will be without sound as the current team are also preachers, singers and lead the service. Come on tech savvy people ST JOHN'S NEEDS YOU. Contact Martin Fair at: martinfair@btinternet.com



SOUTHBOURNE SUSSEX DAY FETE

Thank you to everyone who helped at the fete or came to say hi!



We are making good progress in clearing the old wooden compost bins so if you need compost start shovelling before it's too late!

A reminder for anyone who helps in the church garden - we now only compost soft, quick-composting material, anything else (eg leaves, tree branches, hedge clippings) please take to the tip. Any problems speak to Janice Collett.



In case anyone missed it our Christian Aid total was a massive £2,374.13 Thank you and well done everyone.

As many of you may realise it involved a lot of work mostly coordinated by Julie Fair. We are looking at the way forward to relieve the load on Julie and are seeking 2 or 3 people to be in charge of the envelopes next year. Julie is happy to guide you through. If we don't get a positive response then we may consider another way forward, maybe just having envelopes in church and the centre.

Please contact Julie 07899077035 or the church office



COMMUNION

See below for the pattern of Sunday Communion.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
St Nicholas 10:30	St John's 10am	St John's 4pm	St John's 10am

5th
Special Services
See Calendar

Wednesday @9.30am in the Church



PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday Morning 8:30am Zoom

Thursday Morning 8:30am Zoom

2nd & 4th Sundays 6:30pm Zoom

[Click Here to join the zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 832 7893 7113

Passcode: 141540

Friday Morning Prayers 9.45am in the Lounge

Prayer for Persecuted Church 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 11.30am in the Centre.

STREET PRAYERS

Our prayers will focus on: -

Tuesday 20th 9:30

Stein Road south of the Railway Crossing,
Stein Close, Lodgebury Close,
Northcote Gardens, The Retreat, The Drive &
Eden Place.

Our extra Topics this week will be the NHS,
Doctors Surgery, Chemist & Nursing
Homes in the Parish.



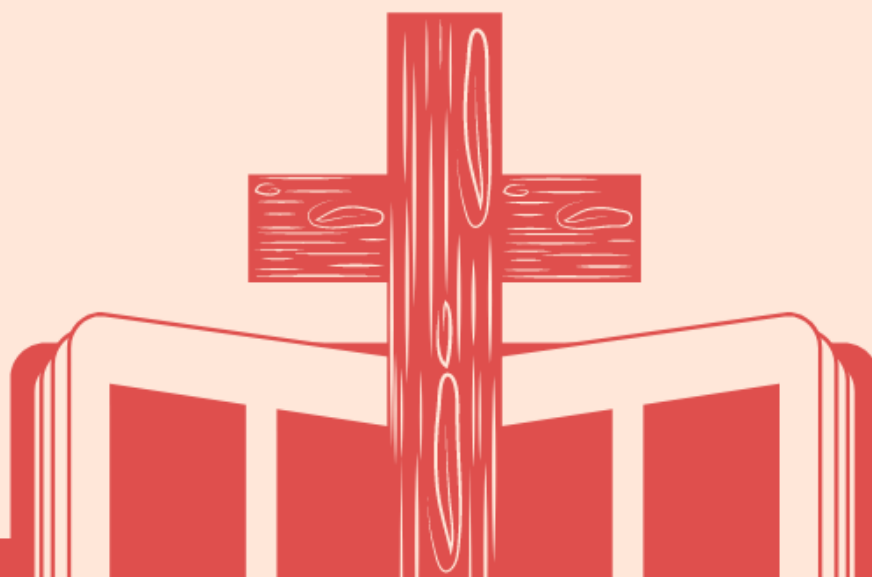
St John's Homegroups

Share - Study - Pray - Encourage - Grow

Meet new people and gain a deeper understanding of God's word to help apply the Bible to your everyday life!
A great way to get to know others and encourage one another in your faith.

GROUPS MEET THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

To find out more please speak to Carol Jones:
Phone: 01243 373 197 / Email: carol@carolandgraham.net



Summer

Let's Go

CAMPING

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NEW WINE

Wed 26 July – Sun 30 July 2023

Kent Event Centre,
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ME14 3JF

OAK HALL

Family and Friends Week
19 - 25 August & 25 - 28 August
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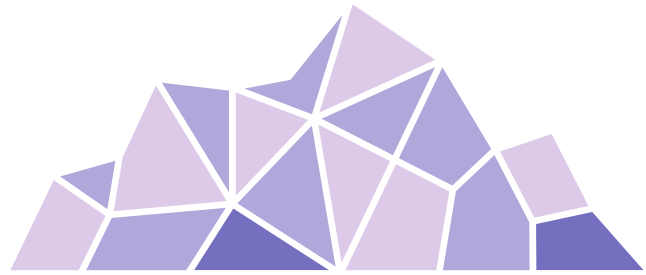
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Children and Families



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

Friday Fellowship

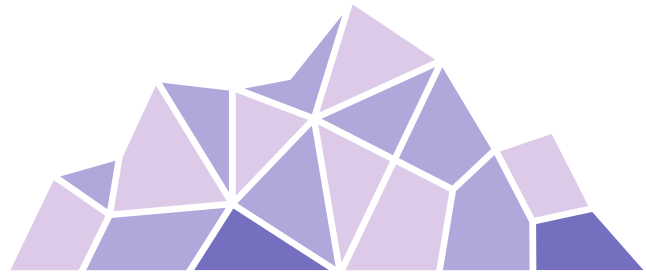
Jan 13th
Jan 27th
Feb 10th
Feb 24th
Mar 10th
Mar 24th
Apr 28th
May 12th
May 26th
Jun 9th
Jun 23rd
Jul 14th

3-5:30pm

Parents and children stay for games, crafts, to explore faith and enjoy a meal together.



Children and Families



For this weeks edition of Families & Youth news I wanted to focus on our young peoples experience of MayCamp 23 - UNITED.

If you are unsure of what MayCamp is, it is the diocesan youth event which brings young people from all over the Chichester Diocese together to focus on Jesus.

This was St. John's first venture to MayCamp in a long time and so we partnered with St Mary's & St. Nicholas Church in Lavant, Immanuel Church in Chichester & St Paul's church in chichester to create a MayCamp collaboration. This was hugely successful and meant that together we had seven leaders, 14 young people & three leaders children. The four young people from St John's who went to MayCamp have kindly written their experiences of the camp on the next page. Thank you.

Maycamp

I really enjoyed my time at MayCamp with all the activities: inflatables, archery, football, the walk and my favourite activity the slip and slide. The cafe was incredible. It had the best sweets and drinks and in the first two days it had a bouncy castle and sumo mat with two sumo suits so you could do some sumo wrestling.

On the third day there was a disco with music, lights and the cafe still open so you could still get some drinks or sweets and I saw lots of familiar faces and made some new friends. I can't thank the leaders enough for their kindness and helpfulness and their efforts.

Alex aged 11.

When we went to MayCamp I really enjoyed the worship every day, the sermons/workshops and the food. Going with other churches nearby was also great as I got to meet new people. The weekend flew by and every day I was reminded that God loves me and has a plan for me.

Martha aged 12.

MayCamp was an incredible experience with loads of different fun activities including workshops, seminars, worship and so much more! I can't wait to go next year! :-)

Lilly aged 12.

Maycamp

My experience of MayCamp is pretty wild. I had lots of fun and I made new friends and have met old friends I've never known about! There are loads of activities and I liked the late worship group. My favourite memory was when Jonny Fossey did the spiderman talk in the 'Lightsaber and a tasty snack' bible seminar. It really took me into the whole follow God business. But it was all very good. I enjoyed all of it.

Thank you to those who put the trip together.

Autumn-Rae aged 11.



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

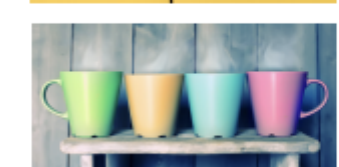
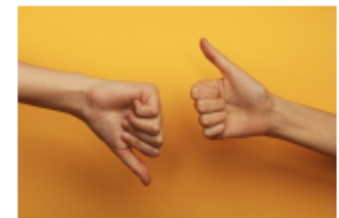
We use creative ways to engage with God in prayer, sometimes moving around the room or using objects to guide us.

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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