

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
4TH
DECEMBER**

LIGHT THE TREE AT 3PM SUNDAY

Light the St. John's Christmas Tree

Join in the festivities at the start of the month as we turn on our Christmas Tree Lights and think about the Christmas story as well as the sharing some Christmas cheer.

3pm...

Meet Ollie the Donkey
Wrap a gift for the foodbank
Candle Prayer Station
Decorate our Community Tree
Stable Scene Photo Booth
Festive Refreshments
Christmas Craft Kids Activities
Christmas Story Trail

AWW CUTE DONKEY



4pm...

Turn on the Lights with Carols round the Tree.

PRAYER MEETINGS

There will be morning prayers on Monday and Thursday between 8.30-9.00am next week and evening prayers next Sunday evening, 11th December between 6.30 and 7.30pm. Please [click here](#) to join any of these meetings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

To find out what is going on this week in the life of St. John's, please [click here](#) and it will take you through to the calendar on St. John's Website.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PAT POIL



There will be a Memorial Service for Pat Poil on Monday 12th December at 1.30pm at St. John's followed by refreshments in the Centre.

If you could bake a cake for this, please get in touch with Susie.

FUNERAL FOR MOYA JOYCE



A funeral for Moya Joyce will take place Tuesday 20th December at 13.45 at The Oaks Crematorium. Everyone is welcome, family flowers only, donations for Cancer Research UK c/o Southern Cooperative Funeralcare, 31 North Street, Emsworth, PO10 7DA

LICENSING OF REV TOM ROBSON



The Licensing of Tom Robson will take place on Monday 20th February during a service at St. John's at 7.00pm. Everyone is invited.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Do your Christmas Shopping and raise money for St. John's by signing up with Easy Fundraising. If you haven't not signed up before, it's easy and completely free. 6,100 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your shopping online at no extra cost to you! To sign up click [here](#)



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARD

The St John's Christmas card is back. from Sunday 4th December. It will be at the back of church. If you wish you can sign it instead of sending cards to your church friends and put the money saved in the adjoining box marked Stone Pillow Night Shelter for the Homeless.



Christmas at St John's Southbourne

Sun 4th Dec	10am	Morning Worship 
	3pm	Light the Tree
Sun 11th Dec	10am	Morning Worship
	4pm	Nativity 
Sun 18th Dec	10am	Morning Worship 
	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve	4pm	Christingle Service
	11pm	Communion Service 
Christmas Day	10am	Celebration 
Sun 1st Jan	10am	Morning Worship
Sun 8th Jan	10am & 4pm services resume	

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The Parish Office is open Tuesday to Thursday between 9.00am and 12.00pm. If you need to contact the office at other times, please ring 01243 375576 email: admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com or see the website www.stjohnssouthbourne.com



ALTERNATIVE PRESENTS

For an alternative Christmas present and to make a difference to someone's life [click here](#). To read about Sue Fallons's trip to Tanzania please [click here](#). Sue hopes to do a more detailed presentation at a later date.



FILM CLUB

Film Club has started up again and will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Lounge. A variety of films will be shown and if you would like to find out what is showing next month, please speak with Jenny Bond or Susie Bartlett.

COMMUNION DATES

	St. John's 10.00am	4.00pm	St. Nicholas
4th December	Bill Meyer		Barbara Stanton
11th December		Max Cross	
18th December	Bill Meyer		



STREET PRAYERS

This week we will be praying for: -
The Hermitage West, Woodfield, Park Road, Ward Court, Thisledown Gardens, Orchard Lane, Mill End, Sadlers Walk, Nelson Close, Pagham Close, Lumley Road, & The Rookery.

We will also be remembering the Local Business and Caravan Sites In the Parish

[Click here to join the zoom](#)

Tuesday 9:30am - 10:15am

Please feel free to join us especially if we are praying for your area.



St. John's Church Southbourne

Together to make Christ known

You may be used to seeing a collection plate being passed around in church. We no longer use a collection plate, but we can make an offering in other ways. The easiest to give to the work of the church is online. Head over to the INFORMATION tab on our church website or scan here.

GIVE ONLINE SECURE

£ 0.00

Fund Giving

Frequency One-off

Method Card

I am a UK tax payer and wish Gift Aid to be claimed.

Email
We'll send you a security code to confirm this email address.
you@example.com

Proceed



Scan this blue code to view other ways to give and the church's bank details

Thank you.



4YG

4YG is a youth group for those in Y6, Y7 and Y8 to explore faith with their peers. It meets as part of the 4 O'clock Service and there are up to 18 young people in it. It is led by Rachel and Dylan and supported by a team of volunteers. There's Bible study, a café and a challenge or game.
For more info contact Richard - families@stjohnssouthbourne.com



ST JOHN'S TOTS



Thursday Mornings in term time.
St John's Church Centre, Southbourne
10-11:45am **£2 per family**

Lots of toys, activities, crafts, singing and a Bible story. All parents, grandparents, carers etc are welcome. Snacks for everyone included.
We look forward to welcoming you.
families@stjohnssouthbourne.com



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

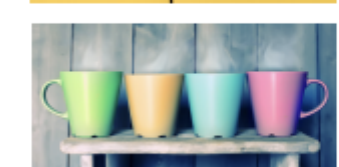
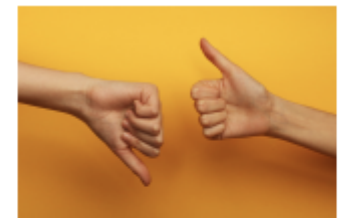
We use creative ways to engage with God in prayer, sometimes moving around the room or using objects to guide us.

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](#)





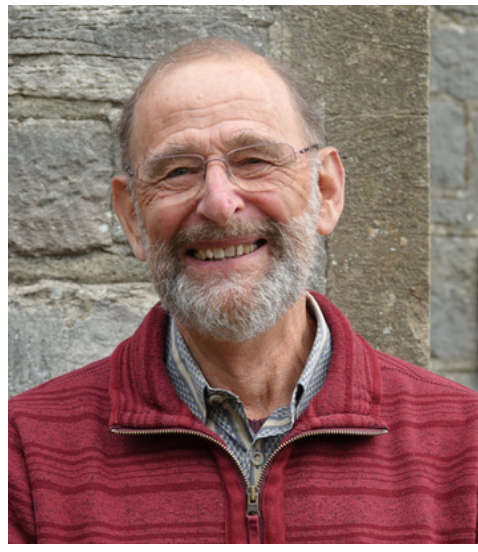
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