

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
6TH
MARCH**



LENT TALKS

Lent talks will start next Thursday, 10th March with a talk about Creation with Sarah Adams. This will start at 7.30pm in the Lounge.

Creation - March 10th Sarah Adams

Fall - March 17th Matt Luff

Covenant - March 24th Martin Fair

Jesus Christ - March 31st Ian MacLennan

Restoration - April 7th Mike Wilson

If you would like any further information the Lent talks, please speak with Matt.

**DONATE TO
UKRAINE**

If you would like to help support the Ukrainian people in this time of crisis, one way is to donate via the disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

The Government will match what is given up to £20 million. [Click here](#) to donate to DEC.

Please do not try to donate items which are difficult to get to the right people and can even hamper rescue work (See British Red Cross Advice).

4 O'clock Church

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 aim to have communion every week except for the first in the 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 have a time of sharing and delighting in each other's news and achievements at the beginning of the service.

Testimonies welcome.

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved in 4 o'clock church, we're looking for welcomers or stewards, and volunteers to organise tea coffee before the service. See Kim





COFFEE CONNECT

Coffee Connect is open again on Tuesday, 1st March and will be open Tuesday - Thursdays between 9.00-12.00pm. Why not come with some friends and have a cup of coffee together!

a passion for life 2022

It's time to get ready!

PASSION FOR LIFE

Passion for Life will be on in the Lounge after the Sunday Service, if you would like to watch the video, [click here](#)



EASTER

Around Easter we are planning a small number of events to help people think more about the Christian faith. Easter is the perfect time to do this, because Jesus' resurrection is central to what we believe.

At one or maybe two of these events, we would like to try to answer some of the BIG questions you might have. I am sure you have loads of questions, and I promise you there is no such thing as a silly question.

If you've got a question and you would like to hear how we might answer it, do please email it to: minister@stjohnssouthbourne.com or families@stjohnssouthbourne.com and we'll do our best! Grace and peace. Matt



ROTAS ON LINE

All Rotas are now going on line through ChurchSuite. It also provides a directory of church members. To get connected, download the churchsuite app to your device, and also [click here](#) If you are having difficulties please contact Kim or Susie.



STREET PRAYERS [CLICK HERE](#)

This morning 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 also be praying for Church Members in the Hayling Island, Havant & Waterloo region.



ECO NEWS

Why give up chocolate when you can.....

Join Climate Stewards' Carbon Fast for Lent

In the Bible, caring for creation is God's first instruction to humans. This Lent, a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God, we encourage you to take up the Lent Challenge – finding new ways to reduce our impact on the natural world and our global neighbours.

How the Carbon Fast works:

On Shrove Tuesday (1st March), and subsequent Sundays, you will receive a weekly email suggesting easy, medium and harder challenges to try. We'll include links to resources and a prayer to extend your knowledge and help you reflect on the weekly theme.

Challenge themes:

- Week 1: Fast from Social Media – Enjoy books and games
- Week 2: Fast from Unawareness – Expand your knowledge
- Week 3: Fast from Silence – Speak up
- Week 4: Fast from Electricity – Live more simply
- Week 5: Fast from Driving – Slow down
- Week 6: Fast from Meat and Dairy – Get creative with food
- Week 7: Fast from Food Waste – Be thoughtful and plan ahead

Click **here** to sign up:

<https://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-fast/>

Friday Fellowship

Jan 21st

Feb 4th

Feb 18th

Mar 4th

Mar 18th

Apr 1st

Apr 29th

May 13th

May 27th

Jun 24th

Jul 8th

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Friday Fellowship is after school for families to come and have some time together and enjoy fellowship. Children have time to play, and parents have time to chat. Then children spend half an hour in age groups exploring faith together and parents will have the opportunity to take part in the Alpha Series. Then joining together for a meal.

We're serving a simple but tasty child friendly menu to suit all dietary needs. with puddings and drinks.



PCC UPDATE

February 2022

Please continue to pray for the PCC and all the church's activities. Here are highlights from the February PCC meeting. The full minutes are always available via the Church Office.

The Faculties (Diocese permission) for the church renovations have been granted, thanks to the hard work of those who submitted all the paperwork. Everyone was very excited to see the AV screen back in church on Sunday, and we are discussing how to upgrade this. There should be information about the options appearing in the Weekly News.

Julie Fair submitted an ambitious list of events for Christian Aid week, May 15-22, please get in touch with her if you can volunteer in any way.

Richard would like to take the Youth Group to Diocesan May Camp.

We fund a significant mission effort locally, including through our Families work, Love Southbourne and via our Parish Share to the Diocese, but we are so grateful to God and the congregation for their financial generosity, which means we have been able to increase our Mission Giving to charities with strong links to St John's, and offer our staff a pay rise this year.

Preparation for A Passion for Life continues, with very useful videos on a Sunday morning. Matt said we hoped to invite Gavin Calver to engage in a Question and Answer session at Easter. Matt has plans for a Lent Course and a marriage course.

There has been a request to use the Centre for a new singing group for people with dementia. This was agreed in principle. We discussed how Golly's work leading "Singing for Fun" could be more formally recognised.

The Eco group are planning a Work Party in the church grounds on Saturday March 19th at 9.30 to make progress on a wildflower garden. Please come and bring garden tools.

Tim has been liaising with the Parish Council about the War Memorial: it is now with them as they have access to funding.

Matt commented that the Vicarage needs some TLC, this may be the responsibility of the Diocese.

We do not currently have a representative from St Nicholas on the PCC.

Sarah MacLennan
3rd March 2022



A 23 JULY -
28 JULY
2022

B 29 JULY -
3 AUGUST
2022

at the EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND,
PETERBOROUGH

**BOOK FOR
SUMMER 2022**

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