

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY

PASSION FOR LIFE



a passion for life 2022

It's time to get ready!

There will be an introductory video explaining what Passion for Life is about after Church this morning. Grab a coffee and come and watch it.

LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

The Living in Love & Faith course session 1 will start on Wednesday 19th January at 7.30pm in the Lounge. [Click here](#) if you would like to find out more about this course



Friday Fellowship

Jan 21st
Feb 4th
Feb 18th
Mar 4th
Mar 18th
Apr 1st
Apr 29th
May 13th
May 27th
Jun 10th
Jun 24th
Jul 8th

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.

[Click Here to Book](#)

MESSAGES FROM MATT

The Centre Lift.

Many of you are aware that the centre lift is broken. We are relieved this has happened after we were able to return to the church building, but we know the lift is important to lots of groups using the centre and is also used to make moving tables and chairs easier. However, it will not be a simple fix. The lift is over twenty years old and at the end of its useful life. After a number of assessments, it unfortunately needs replacing. The estimated cost of a replacement is £20,000 and we have just spent £40,000 plus replacing the electrics, heaters and lighting, which were highlighted as urgent in the last building inspection. We will explore various grant funding bodies and seek a way forward, but we will need to replenish our general fund before we can afford to spend any more on buildings.

Office Computers

We had budgeted to upgrade the PC and Laptops used by Susie, Kim and Richard. The office PC is particularly slow. Unfortunately, a microchip shortage means we cannot find something suitable at the moment. If you have recently upgraded your own PC or laptop and could donate your old one, that would be really helpful. Please speak to Jon if you have questions about spec etc.

Passion for Life

Just a reminder that there's three A Passion for Life evenings coming up. They are all aimed to equip us for a month of mission for a lifetime of evangelism.

Why the journey is needed

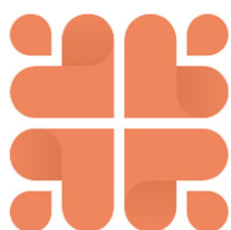
16th January 2022 at 6:30pm at All Saints Church, Wick

God's Word in evangelism

23rd January 2022 at 6:30pm at Arundel Baptist

Helping new Christians grow

30th January 2022 at 6:30pm at Angmering Baptist



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FAMILY CHURCH

Sundays
4pm
St John's



WE'RE BACK IN THE BUILDING!

Now we're back in St John's, we can use our **toddler zone** again. We have an area designed for pre schoolers to enjoy being in the service, with colourful toys that are easy to clean.

The activities in the toddler zone are designed to be quiet (but super fun) toys so that parents can relax and be free to engage with the service.

This week we're looking at Jesus' identity as seen as his baptism. The Christianity Explored course, also follows the book of Mark so we may well send out the videos for a mid week ponder.

For now everyone over 11yrs is still required to wear a **face mask** if you can and if possible, take a LFT before attending. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Church Connect WhatsApp groups

It is the main way we communicate all things Family Church so if you would like to connect with others, contact Kim or Richard by [clicking here](#).

All are welcome to attend Family Church. You can expect contemporary worship, a creative Bible reading, a shorter sermon, children's crafts and activities and a relaxed atmosphere.

[Click Here to Book](#)

SYG Sunday Youth Group meets at 6:30-8pm in the church centre in our series on Science and God. SYG is for those in Secondary School. Interested? Contact Richard on the same click above.



HOMEGROUP VACANCIES

Hither Green Bible study group

If you fancy giving a Bible study a try why not join us on Tuesday evenings either in person or via zoom?

We are a fun, friendly group and you will be made very welcome.

Contact Martin or Julie Fair 01243 372070



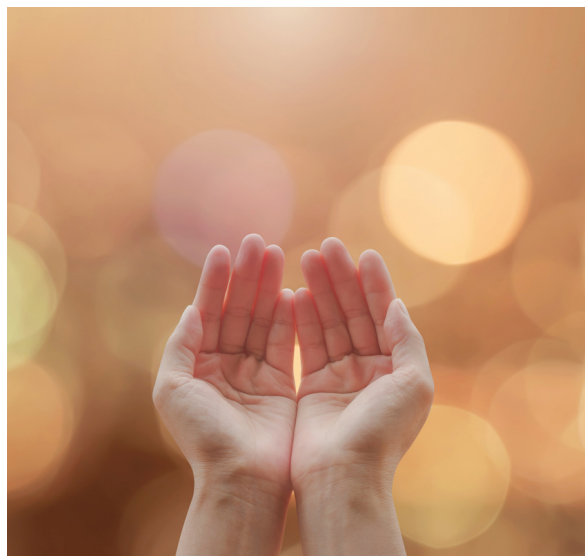
CONFIRMATIONS 5TH MAY

Thinking about taking the next step in your faith journey? Speak to Matt if you're considering confirmation or baptism.



BOOKING ROOMS IN THE CENTRE

To book a room, please contact Susie at admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com or phone her on 01243 375576. You can look at the calendar on the website to see what is happening in the Centre..



ACORN CHRISTIAN HEALING

On the second Saturday of each month at Surrey Healing Hub, St Alban's church, Hindhead, you can receive prayer either for yourself or for someone else. If you would like to know more [click here](#). Please contact Elaine Ware 01243 379518 for more information or if you would like a lift there.



MEN'S BREAKFASTS 22ND JAN

If you'd like to join some guys from St John's and head over for a breakfast in Chichester to hear an inspirational speaker, [click here to join the Men's events whatsapp group.](#) or [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



GET CONNECTED

There's an app that links with our church calendar and website. It also provides a directory of church members. To get connected, download the churchsuite app to your device, and also [click here](#)



COFFEE CONNECT

Coffee Connect remains closed until further notice. For more information contact Barbara Wilson.



PCC Parochial Church Council

Why you should consider becoming a PCC member at St John's.

The most important role of PCC members is to support and encourage the spiritual life of the church, by prayer and by getting involved in church life.

The PCC is the main decision making body of the Church, and supports Matt and the other staff.

The members therefore decide on the type of services, how we reach out to our community, what we prioritise eg our Children's and family work, how we spend the Church's money.

So if you have ever wanted to see the church change and become more vibrant, join the PCC. Members are voted in at the Annual Meeting in April.

PCC members are trustees of the charity so they have some legal responsibilities. The PCC also sends representatives to the Deanery Synod, ie meeting of local Church of England parishes.

PCC meetings are held monthly, with some paperwork sent out before hand, so the time commitment for that is not onerous, 3-4 hours per month. PCC members are encouraged to get involved with one particular aspect of the church, eg children, tech, music, fabric.

If you would like an informal chat about maybe joining the PCC, [click here](#).



SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Tina Lamplough is collecting stamps for the Leprosy Mission. There will be a box in the Centre to put them in. Perhaps, you could save your stamps from over the Christmas period and put them all in after New Year.

MORNING PRAYERS

There are Morning Prayer Meetings on Mondays and Thursdays at 8.30-9am on Zoom. If you would like to come to this, [Click here](#). We pray for a variety of topics and needs.

All welcome.

STREET PRAYERS [CLICK HERE](#)

Our prayers will focus on Stein Road South of the Railway Crossing including Stein Close Lodgebury Close, Northcote Gardens, The Retreat, The Drive and Eden Place. We will also be remembering Members and friends in the Emsworth area.

COVID SAFETY

Given the increase in cases, please wear masks throughout services. If you have any symptoms, please stay at home and arrange a PCR test and wait for a negative PCR result before attending.

We thank you for your cooperation at this challenging time, particularly to those for whom isolation is especially a struggle.

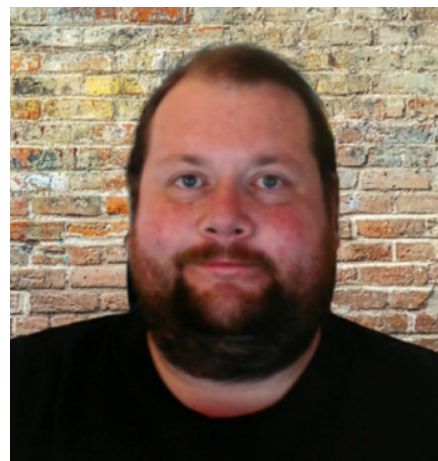




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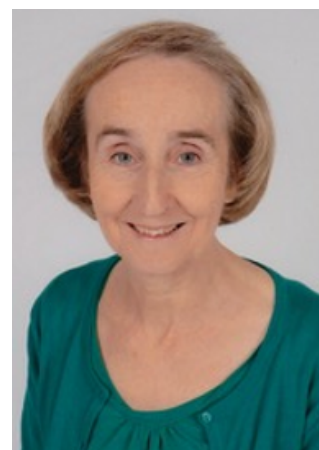
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