

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 17TH JULY

FAREWELL FOR MATT AND FAMILY



There will be a farewell meal for Matt after the morning service on Sunday, 31st July at 12.15pm. There are sign up lists at the back of church, at Coffee Connect, in the office and through ChurchSuite. Please can you state if you have any allergies. The last date for signing up is Sunday 24th July.



Coffee Connect will be closed from Thursday, 28th July and reopen on Tuesday, 30th August.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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

HOMEGROUPS



We have a number of Homegroups at St Johns and are looking to increase these in the coming months. These will include zoom meetings for those who are unable to get to a group for whatever reason.

Are you in a Homegroup?

Would you like to be?

Do you have questions about them?

If you would like further information contact:
Carol Jones (Homegroup Co-ordinator) in church or telephone 01243 373197

STREET PRAYERS



Tuesday 19th July (9.30 to 10.15 am) If you are able to join us 'Click this link'. We look forward to you joining us.

This morning we will be praying for: -

Southbourne Fields, Alfrey Close, Woodhouse Way, Lawley Ave, Lawley Way, Lawley View, Collett Crescent, Burndett Gardens, Brewery Close & Whitchers Way.

In addition we will be praying for the Parish, District & County Councils & our Water Authorities.

PHOTOS OF WINTERSHALL - THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Thank you Julie Collins for sending these amazing pictures of The Life of Christ.



FAMILIES & YOUTH SPECIAL

The Families & Youth Ministries have had a busy and exciting few weeks as we have been committed to finishing this Summer term well. We had the following events:



ST JOHN'S TOTS



SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

This was the last St. John's Tots session for this Summer. However, St. John's Tots will be back on, weekly every Thursday morning in September.



FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP



End of term session.

Friday Fellowship takes a break for the Summer but will be back again in September. Thank you so much to the whole team for making Friday Fellowship so high quality, fun, relaxed, welcoming & friendly. It was just fantastic that in the last 4 O'clock service the young people who attend Friday Fellowship had the confidence to lead the congregation in a worship song with motions.





4YG (4 O'clock Youth Group):

4YG is a new addition within the 4 O'clock service. The group is for young people in school year 6, 7 & 8. Over the last two weeks we have run this group & already we can see the positive impact it is having on the young people involved. We have nineteen young people in this age category with on average between 11 to twelve young people coming each week. Kim & I wanted to say a huge thank you to the Team for agreeing to support the young people in this way & for making the group so positive from the start. The 4 O'clock service & 4YG will recommence on Sunday 4th September.



SYG (Sunday Youth Group; 18:30 - 20:00):

SYG is a youth provision primarily, for young people in school year 9, 10 & 11. For our last session before the summer holidays (10th July) we had a fantastic, relaxed evening in the church centre eating Domino's pizza, playing games and chatting. As a part of the evening Richard invited parents & carers to come and have a discussion about the sustainability of the group and ideas for the future. The discussion was really helpful and informative and over the summer holidays Richard will digest those comments and implement a plan which will serve those young people more sustainably. Watch this space. A provision for these young people will recommence on Sunday 11th September.

4.00PM SUNDAY SERVICE

The 4 O'clock Sunday Service has now stopped until Sunday 4th September. The farewell service & party for Matt & Kathryn was just lovely. The whole congregation were involved in its organisation & delivery & there was a lovely atmosphere of fellowship, friendship, community & appreciation for everything that Matt has done for St. John's. A huge thank you to everyone involved for such a fantastic afternoon/evening. Thank you.



Thank you everyone

Kim & I want to express our deep gratitude and thanks to everyone who has been involved with the Families & Youth Ministries this academic year. As it says in Philippians 2:15 & 16, '...you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life...' to the children, young people & families of St. John's Church & the wider community of Southbourne.

Thank you to everyone who leads with us on all the teams, supports us physically, emotionally, financially and prayerfully. God bless you & we look forward to continuing to minister alongside you in the years ahead. God bless you, may His face shine upon you and may He give you rest this summer.

In Christ,
Richard & Kim Carter
Families & Youth Workers.



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Friday Fellowship has been a huge success with an average of about 30 people a week attending. This Friday (8th July) is the last Friday Fellowship session until the Autumn. This week's session is going to include:

- Table top games
- Family Gathering (Worship) in the church
- Outdoor activities including building bug hotels.
- Outdoor games
- Family Meal together.



If you have any news or photographs you would like included in the weekly news, please send them to Susie
admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com

HOLY COMMUNION DATES

	St Johns	St. Nicholas	Family Service
Jul 3rd	Holy Communion	Fellowship	
Jul 10th	Morning Prayer	Fellowship	Holy Communion
Jul 17th	Holy Communion	Padre	
Jul 24th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
Jul 31st	Holy Communion	Padre	
Aug 7th	TBC	Holy Communion	
Aug 14th	Holy Communion	Fellowship	

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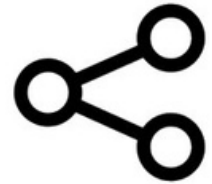
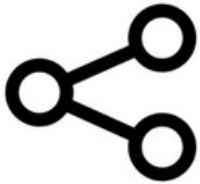
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Fraud and Scam Prevention Talk

by PCSO Jason Lemm

all are welcome

**Monday 25th July
at 10:30am**



Doors open at 10:00am
Coffee and Biscuits on Sale
Southbourne Age Concern
New Road PO10 8JX

Entry FREE
Donations appreciated to

AGE concern
Southbourne & District CIO

Our weekly lunch club is held on Wednesdays
Coffee from 10:30 Lunch 12:00
Contact: Robert Hayes 07717811345

Event Contact: Ruth 01243 371156 email: ruth.heelan@talktalk.net

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](#)





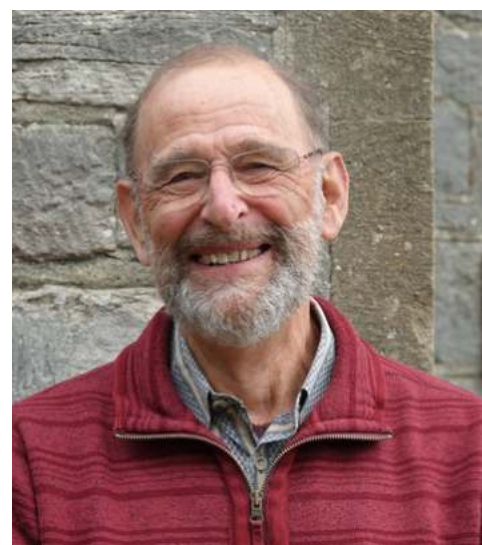
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