

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY  
20TH  
FEBRUARY**

## MESSAGES FROM MATT



### PASSION FOR LIFE UPDATE

Thank you to all those who contributed to Passion for Life in our planning and prayer session.

I have listed some key ideas that we called level 1 because they were about making contacts and building relationships.

Most of these are very simple to coordinate and have potential for ongoing witness so it would be good to discuss how perhaps you, a couple of friends or your Home Group could develop one of these ideas.

#### Level 1 Ideas

Walks

Ladies Lunch

Men's Pubs

Coffee Connect

Film Night

Garden Work  
Party

Church Quiz night

HGs 'other halves'

Meals

A few of us are also working on at least one Level 2 Event. That would present the gospel and offer to tackle a few tricky questions. Our Lent course will also touch on some of these key themes over five weeks.

I hope that helps keep you in the Pfl loop, Keep praying for Godly opportunities this week.

Love  
Matt

## CHURCH AT 4.00PM

There will be no Church at 4.00pm on Sunday, 27th February.

# 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







## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is March 2nd.

There will be a short service of HC with ashing at 1130 in St John's"



## 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](mailto:minister@stjohnssouthbourne.com) or [families@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:families@stjohnssouthbourne.com) and we'll do our best!

Grace and peace. Matt

## LIFEWORDS

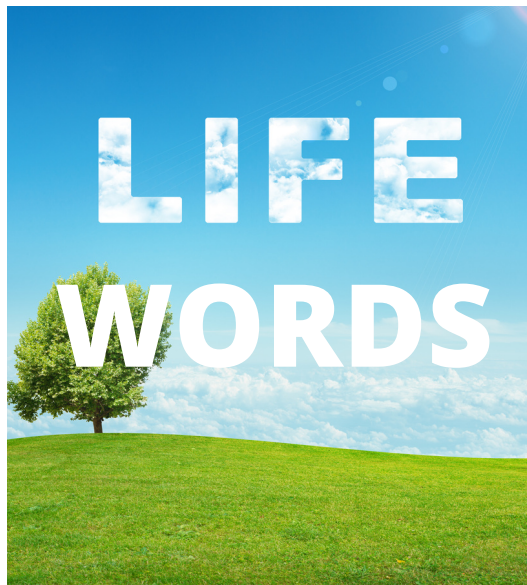
The pandemic has been long and far reaching, and many of us have engaged with services online. Lifewords has online resources that can help us all experience and share the Lent and Easter story. On their website you will find twelve animations taking you through from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. You can download as PDF's or watch on YouTube. The animations are titled,

Lent journey through the sweeping story of salvation.

<https://www.lifewords.global/shop/occasion-lent/>

New titles for our Life word book shelf in the porch have also been ordered, please look out for them nearer Easter.

Love and blessings Elaine and Barry.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is on Friday, 4th March. This year we will be praying for The United Kingdom. The service will be at 10.00am in the lounge. If you would like more information, please contact Julie Collins..



## EMMANUEL AGM & CONFERENCE

Emmanuel is holding its Conference & AGM on on 5 March 2022. It will be held at St John's . It will start 10am and will finish at 4pm.

The fee of £15 includes tea/coffee and a light lunch. If you would like to attend, please let Sue Fallon know.



## COFFEE CONNECT

Coffee Connect will start again on Tuesday, 1st March and will be open Tuesday - Thursdays between 9.00-12.00pm.



## TEAM REPORTS

Could Susie please have all the Team Leader's reports by end of March, so I can compile them for the APCM in April, Thank you!



## MEN'S BREAKFASTS 26TH FEB

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 to sign up](#) or for more information.



## 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.



## APCM

We have a date for the APCM! It will be on Wednesday, 27th April at 7.30pm in the church. The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is an opportunity for anyone on the electoral roll to hear about the various works of the church and to voice support, concern or views. If you would like to take part but are unsure if you're on the electoral roll, [contact Anne Marsden](#)



## 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.



## CONFIRMATIONS 5TH MAY

Thinking about taking the next step in your faith journey? Speak to Matt if you're considering confirmation or baptism on 01243 379934



## STREET PRAYERS CLICK HERE

Today we will be praying for Main Road Area from Stein Road to Pottery Lane. The Crescent, Church Road, Farm Lane, Inlands Road & School Lane etc..

We will also be praying for local schools and whole Church Fellowship and the area's being planned for the days ahead.





**A** 23 JULY -  
28 JULY  
2022

**B** 29 JULY -  
3 AUGUST  
2022

at the EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND,  
PETERBOROUGH

**BOOK FOR  
SUMMER 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#)

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## **PCC UPDATE JANUARY 2022**

Please continue to pray for the PCC and all the church's activities. Here is a brief summary from the January PCC meeting. The full minutes are always available via the Church Office.

The church renovations are almost complete, with electrical and woodwork nearly finished. There was discussion about audio-visual equipment, including the positioning of screens. The cost so far has been about £50,000. Despite this the church finances are fairly healthy, many thanks for everyone's regular and sacrificial giving to the work of the church.

The Centre lift needs replacing. We are applying for a grant from Chichester District Council to help with the cost, which will be about £20,000 in all. CDC make their funding decisions in April. In the meantime we will try to hold meetings downstairs so they are accessible.

The Youth Work budget was increased from £1800 to £4000 for this year. This reflects the huge increase in the families attending St John's, especially the Family Service, but also Tots, Friday Fellowship, SYG (Youth) etc.

The PCC also agreed that Richard should apply to the Diocese for permission to preach.

Coffee Connect plans to reopen 1st March.

The Eco group has been focussing on making the church grounds more wildlife friendly, with a work party planned once the weather improves to increase the wild flower area, plant bee-friendly flowers, and build new compost bins.

There have been discussions with the Parish Council about redesigning the War Memorial site. For details of the plans please talk to Tim Marsden.

Unfortunately, Rupert Lucas has had to step down as our St Nicholas representative. We thank him for all his hard work.

A Passion for Life training is continuing on Sunday mornings, with a really helpful series of videos. We hope these will lead to some events being held around Easter.

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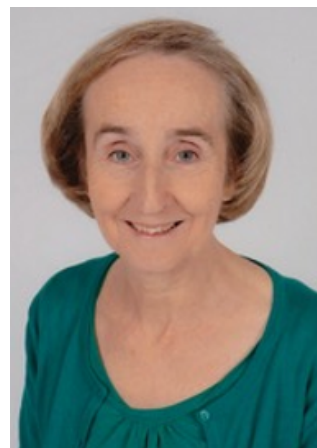
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