

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

# SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

## DISTRIBUTION OF ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS



### 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 St John's Christmas Cards are now ready for distribution around the parish. It would be really great if you all could help with this big task. Maybe distribute them down the street you live. On Sunday morning, they will be on the Coffee Connect counter and at the back of church during the 4.00pm service. After that they will be on a table in the Centre. And a big thank you to the team who bundled the cards into street packs.

**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](mailto:admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com) or see the website [www.stjohnssouthbourne.com](http://www.stjohnssouthbourne.com)**

## WHAT'S ON 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.





## FAREWELL TO THE PADRE

This Sunday, St Nicholas bids farewell to Padre Catherine as she is posted on from Thorney Island. Our HC service on Sunday 20th November at 1030am being her last service for us. We are marking her departure with a 'Bring & Share' lunch in the Rectory Rooms after the service.

Please contact Andy Walkley through [curator@stnicholastimeline.org.uk](mailto:curator@stnicholastimeline.org.uk) by Friday evening if you would like to come.



## CAROL SINGERS FOR GLEBE HOUSE

Carol singers are needed to join with the Southbourne Free Church to go and sing at Glebe House at 10.00am 7th December. Please let Susie know if you can join them.



## 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](#)



## 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.



## RIDE & STRIDE

The Sussex Historic Churches Trust are looking for an organiser for the Westbourne area to liaise with the County Organiser in making the arrangement for the annual 'Ride & Stride' which takes place in September. This is a fund raising event both for the National Historic Churches Trust and for the local churches of the participants. The work is not too onerous and if anyone feels that they can help in this role, please contact Canon David Nason, [d.nason1@btinternet.com](mailto:d.nason1@btinternet.com) for further details.

## COMMUNION DATES

	St. John's 10.00am	4.00pm	St. Nicholas
20th November	Barbara Stanton		
27th November		Chris Gerke	TBC
4th December	Bill Meyer		
11th December		Max Cross	
18th December	Bill Meyer		



## WARM SPACE

It is a slow start for Warm Space but that is mainly due to the weather being so mild! Once it gets colder, it will be hopefully become more used. Continue to pray for those involved and those who are in need of our help.



# SOUND & PROJECTOR

## ROTA

We are looking for new volunteers for the sound desk and projector/ laptop rotas for Sunday mornings and the 4pm Family Service. If you are interested in a taster session please contact me. You can commit to only whatever your busy schedule allows, so you can choose how often you do it, even once a term if that's what you can offer. Many thanks

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## STREET PRAYERS

This week 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.

Our extra prayer area this week will be Richard & Kim and the Church Outreach.

**[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 new 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 in. It is led by Rachel and Dylan and supported by a team of volunteers. There's Bible study, a café and usually a challenge or game. For more info contact Richard - [families@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

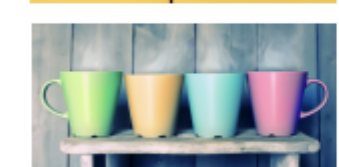
We use creative ways to engage with God in prayer, sometimes moving around the room or using objects to guide us.

## 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](#)





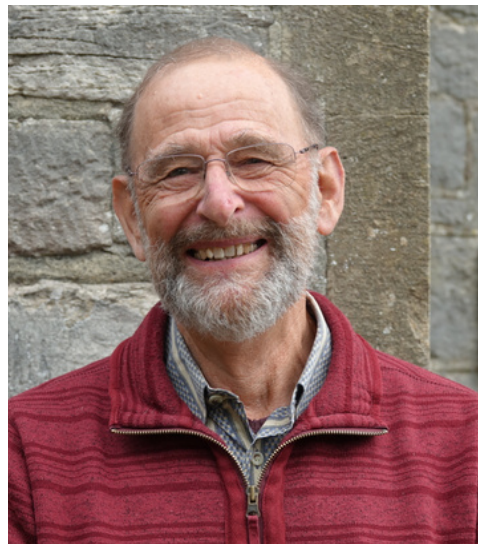
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