

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
12TH DECEMBER**

Christmas Services at St John's

Sunday 19th December

10.00am

3.00pm

4.00pm

Communion Service
Family Activities
Carols, mince pies
& lighting of the Tree

Christmas Eve

Friday 24th December

11.15pm @ St. Nicholas

1st Communion of
Christmas

Christmas Day

Saturday 25th December

9.30am

10.00am outside

Said Communion
All Age Celebration

Sunday, 26th December

10.00am

Communion Service



DELIVERY OF ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CARD

Are you able to help deliver Christmas Cards around the village? They should be ready towards the end of next week. Please call or email Susie if you can help.



DONATIONS OF MINCE PIES NEEDED!

Next Sunday is a Christmas family activity followed by mince pies, Carols and lightening of the tree. If you are able to donate some mince pies the Centre will be open, Wednesday - Friday mornings. Thank you!



ST. JOHN'S ECO INITIATIVE

Some Eco friendly tips for Christmas.

1. Use recycled wrapping paper that can, in turn, be recycled and wrap presents with garden twine or raffia and reuse in the garden. Avoid glitter and plastic decoration.
2. Use last year's Christmas cards to make gift tags.
3. Have a real Christmas tree and recycle it after Christmas.
4. Consider buying Christmas jumpers and recycled decorations from charity shops. You may find brand new items.

Everyone will be able to make even a small difference using eco friendly ideas for Christmas.

FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS AT ST. NICHOLAS

If you would like to go to the 11.15pm Communion Service at St. Nicholas, please let Susie know and she will forward your details of Andy Walkley.



FAMILY CHURCH



General Info for family church.

Ventilation We open all the windows and doors so please bring a warm coat. Distanced seating available.

Masks are encouraged.

Open to all ages - please sign up below.

The address is

Chidham Parochial Primary School, Chidham Lane, PO18 8TH

Park in the playground - the gates will be open and any help to tidy up at the end is gratefully received.

[To come along, click here and sign up.](#)



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.



EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL

Emmanuel International has a catalogue out with some different Christmas gifts ideas. Do have a look at this by clicking [here](#). There are also selling Christmas Card - more details for this will be in next week's edition.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for PCC of Southbourne with West Thorney with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 6,100 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up [here](#) & share today



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](#)

Today we will pray especially for Cooks Lane, Furstone Grove, Priors Close, Hurstwood Avenue, Guildford Close, Bulbeck Court and Priors Leaze Lane.

We will also include our schools and "Love Southbourne" Activities for the Christmas period.





WE'RE OPEN!

Thursday Mornings in term time 10-11:45am. Toys, role play, baby zone, stories, singing and a take away craft bag. £2 per family. Please book in for each session you'd like to attend. [Click here to book.](#)



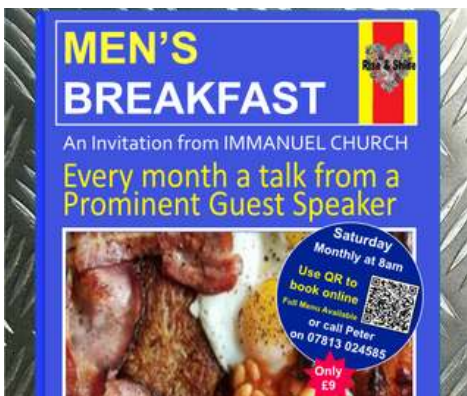
LOST PROPERTY 3/4

An engagement ring was found quite a while ago and has been stored in the safe. Let's try and reconnect it with it's owner.



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.



MEN'S BREAKFASTS

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.



PCC UPDATE NOVEMBER 2021

Each month there is going to an update from the PCC, so you are aware of what is going on.

The PCC is working very hard on your behalf, please continue to pray for them and all the activities. Here is a brief summary of the more interesting items from the last PCC meeting, held 24th November. The full minutes are always available via the Church Office.

1. Church refurbishment. This is continuing well, and we hope the major works should be complete by about Christmas. There will then be quite a bit of minor works, clearing up etc, before we can re-open the church.

2. Children's and families work. Richard and Kim continue to be very active, despite Covid. The Sunday family service, being held at Chidham School, is well attended, with new families coming.

Friday Fellowship is popular with 25-30 people attending, a relaxing end to the week for children and parents.

SYG is starting at St John's centre for our Youth Group.

Plans are well underway for a Christmas trail.

3. There is a lot of work on safeguarding and in particular recruiting volunteers. This will affect everyone who volunteers for the church, we are working on the details.

4. A passion for life. This is an exciting opportunity to join the national evangelism campaign, which will culminate at Easter 2022. There will be training events in the New Year.

5. Climate Sunday Following our focus on this, a group is getting together to help the church, and all of us, reduce our environmental impact and live more sustainably.

6. St Nicholas, Thorney have had their regular building inspection (Quinquennial inspection) which flags up repair work needed etc.

7. Finance The PCC has agreed to the Diocese's parish share request for 2022, a 3% increase on last year.

8. Health and safety. There is a new risk assessment for working at height: please do not climb on anything, ask if you can't reach something.

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