

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY  
3RD  
APRIL**

## COME AND GET TO GRIPS WITH CHURCH SUITE AFTER CHURCH!

After the morning service, Kim and Susie will be in the lounge and will be going through various aspects of Churchsuite to help you use and understand it more. Please bring your laptop, mobile phones whatever you use to access Churchsuite. [Click here to sign up](#)



## EASTER SERVICES



**Thursday, 14th April**

7.30pm Taize Service

**Good Friday,**

Friday, 15th April

10.00am Good Friday Service

12.00noon -3.00pm Guided Reflections at the Cross

**Easter Day**

Sunday, 17th April

10.00am Easter Celebrations with children's activities



# Easter

## Reflections at St John's

Maundy Thursday

**Taize 7:30pm**

Good Friday

**Service 10am**

**12noon - 3pm**

A time to pause and ponder the events of Good Friday. Stay for as long or short a time as you like.



Sunday  
17th April

Easter

CELEBRATION  
10am

An all age, altogether service to celebrate the resurrection, and the hope that Christ has made known for us.

Traditional and contemporary worship, Holy Communion and please stay afterwards for fellowship, refreshments and fun activities for children including an Easter Egg Hunt!

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# 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





## DEMENTIA & CARERS DROP IN WITH SINGING

Starting on Monday, 4th April there will be Dementia Drop with some singing or exercises held in the Lounge at St. John's. Between 1.30 and 3.00pm. There will also be refreshments served during this time. This is a community project run by Sage House in Tangmere. There will be more information on a poster in the Centre.



## LENT TALKS

This Thursday's talk will be on Restoration and will be led by Mike Wilson. It will take place in Lounge.

## CHRISTIAN AID

**Christian Aid Deliver only envelopes 16th-22nd May**

If you would like to volunteer to post 'deliver only envelopes' to the parish this year, please contact Julie Fair as soon as possible before Sunday 17th April, so she can order the resources in time.

**Please sign up for:-**

**Christian Aid Big Breakfast Sunday 8th May 9am**  
(before Sunday 1st May)

**Christian Aid Quiz Bring your own drinks and Nibbles Friday 13th May** (before Friday 6th May)

**Christian Aid Video and Talk followed by the Hunger Lunch Sunday 15th May after church**  
(before Sunday 8th May)

**Christian Aid Garden Party Sunday 22nd May 11.15-2pm.** Volunteers needed to help set up and help on stalls-cakes, books, plants and toys. All donations welcome.

CONTACT JULIE FAIR 01243 372070 or 07899077035  
or [julie58fair@btinternet.com](mailto:julie58fair@btinternet.com)





## EASTER LIFE WORDS

There are new Easter booklets in the Life words shelf, along with Easter Takeaway bags. Please feel free to take what you need to “plant a seed” Share with friends, give to the family, or leave at a suitable location for someone to find. Perhaps you might like to add a hot X bun, or chocolate to the bags. Happy Easter

Barry and Elaine Heron



## ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS

These will be available at the back of Church. Please give them to Anne Marsden or drop them in the office when you have filled them in.



## HELP NEEDED

If anyone can help with the Christian Aid Garden Party on Sunday 22nd May 11.15-2pm please get in touch with Julie Fair by Friday 1st April as without a team this event can't run. Thank you.  
07899077035 or 01243 372070 or [julie58fair@btinternet.com](mailto:julie58fair@btinternet.com)



## STREET PRAYERS [CLICK HERE](#)

Our prayers this week will be focused on: -

Main Road South including Slipper Road, Thorney Road, Thornham Lane, Gordon Road, Mill Quay and Osprey Quay.

We will also be thinking of our friends in the Bosham, Fishbourne, Funtington, Chichester & surrounding villages.





## PLANTS NEEDED

We are in the process of preparing for the time of reflection on Good Friday and as in previous years we would like to borrow pot plants (large and small) for our display. If you have any that you would be willing to lend (can be either indoor plants or outdoor ones) please would you have a word with one of us. We need quite a lot, so any offerings would be gratefully received!

Sarah Adams and Rosemary Pearson



## KIM WOULD LIKE YOUR NEWSPAPERS

Please drop them off to the office whenever you're in. Thank you.

## Friday Fellowship

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

## 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.



## **PCC UPDATE MARCH 2022**

**Here are the highlights from the March PCC meeting. The full minutes are available via the Church Office.**

**Please put the APCM date in your diary: 27th April at 7.30 and come to support St John's in our mission of making Christ known. Think and pray about who should be representing us as PCC members and churchwardens. If you are unsure as to whether you are on the electoral roll, talk to Anne Marsden, any of the team can point you in the right direction!**

**We were joined by Padre Catherine from Thorney, as we have lost our St Nicholas' representative due to family commitments.**

**Matt talked about the pattern of Services, and making more time for reflection in the 10am service by alternating Communion between the 10am and 4pm services, or between St John's and St Nicholas'. He believes both services will remain, as they serve different needs, but the 10am congregation should be encouraged to attend at 4pm and engage with the young families. Pete and Sue Hall gave a moving testimony at the Family Service recently.**

**There is a joint Easter celebration at 10am on Easter Sunday.**

**There was quite a lot of planning of Christian Aid week, headed by Julie Fair. She will be looking for volunteers! There are plans for families and youth events leading up to and over Easter and the May bank Holiday.**

**We discussed how the church can support Ukrainian refugees and whether we are in a position to host refugee families. Some members had attended a webinar from Sanctuary Foundation but details are still sketchy: watch this space!**

**Barbara submitted proposals to make the Church Centre more welcoming for all the groups which use it, starting with tidying up and including redecorating the upstairs hall.**

**Alan, our treasurer, presented the completed financial accounts for 2021, many thanks for all his hard work.**

**Renovations continue. We are applying for grants to help replace the centre lift, and looking at AV screens for the church.**

**Please continue to pray for St John's, Matt, Richard, Kim and everyone who works so hard to keep Christ's light shining in Southbourne.**

**Sarah MacLennan  
30 March 2022**





**A** 23 JULY -  
28 JULY  
2022

**B** 29 JULY -  
3 AUGUST  
2022

at the EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND,  
PETERBOROUGH

**BOOK FOR  
SUMMER 2022**

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