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# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY  
3RD  
OCTOBER**



## UPDATE ON THE CHURCH

An Interim Faculty has been issued for some of the works – stone and timber repairs and the new carpet. A Full Faculty is needed for the Electrical works, (needed as the wiring is about 50 years old, and needs updating along with new data cabling, lighting and possibly heating).

Matt, Tim, Jon and Jane meet last night to discuss all the works needed for Matt to meet with the Architect Julian of Jane Jones Warner, to prepare all the paper work needed for the 2 Faculties.

We can soon start work on the stone and masonry repairs to the arch, and the sanding and oiling of the altar steps and handrail. We are also going to add an oak handrail to each side of the steps to help with access. The contractors will be contacted to establish a date when they can start work.

The BIG item that needs addressing before the carpet can be replaced is the electrical/lighting/heating issue. The existing installation is over 50 years old and is no longer fit for purpose. The proposal is to remove carefully what is there, add new ducting all around the church walls (which means the floor needs to be dug up for ducting where there is a door in the way for the wiring to be installed), to give a continuous circuit. (Hence the carpet will be the last thing that is done).

The ducting will carry new wiring and data cabling to meet our needs. This will also involve new lighting and hopefully heating to the church (depending on the cost), to make it a more usable space and hopefully warmer!!

Please understand that the delay has been with Church house getting the Faculties, and we are now proceeding carefully with the final details on the electrical design and installation so that we get it right. Looking to futureproof the church and how we use the space for the benefit of the congregation and the community it serves.

# FAMILY CHURCH



We have secured an indoor meeting place from this Sunday through til December 12th. **Chidham** Primary School have kindly agreed to allow us to use their **school hall** and grounds including their field and outdoor play equipment if the weather holds up.



This space has windows all the way round and two doors that lead outside so there is lots of **ventilation**. Bring a warm coat!

We are seated on school lunch benches but we will bring some fold up chairs from church as well and space them out at the back to provide some **distanced seating**.

**Masks** are optional but 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.

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



## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

3-5:30pm



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Launching on 8th October, come along for some space to relax, kids can play, some time to focus on life and faith and then tuck in for a fill yer belly meal.

[Sign Up here](#)



## SUNDAY SERVICE

There is now no need to book a place for the Morning Church Service - just turn up on Sunday morning. Upstairs is divided into two parts, with the back of the room being a space with chairs that are socially distanced. The photo shows how the chairs are laid out upstairs.



## BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE

Why not bring your own coffee/tea in a flask with you to the Sunday Service and you can catch up with friends over a drink afterwards.



## COFFEE CONNECT

Coffee Connect is opening on Tuesday morning and will also be open Wednesday and Thursday mornings. This is a soft opening so please do not all come at once!



## FOOD BANK HARVEST LIST

Donations for the Food Bank can be put in the box outside Centre on Wednesday or Sunday mornings or any any time outside Sue McNeil's house in The Drive.

## 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.](#)





## GIVING TO THE DIOCESE

If you want to find out more about where the money we give to the Diocese goes, there is a helpful information and an entertaining video. Click [here](#)



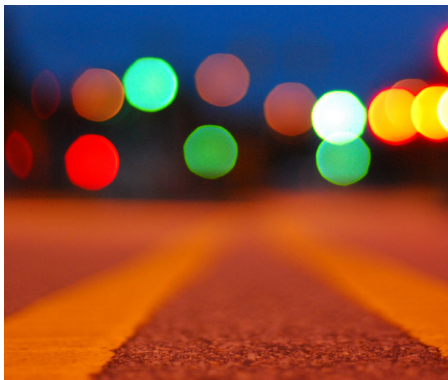
## YOUTH NEWS

for those in secondary school they are enjoying and participating in two different youth provisions. St. Pancras Youth Group/Service on a Sunday evening and Chichester Baptist Church Disciple group on a Tuesday evening. These separate events allow our young people to explore their faith among their peers. Please pray for them on their journey.



## TWO GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Could you spare some time to invest in the future in the local infants school? Governing is interesting and rewarding and we're looking for two fresh faces to join the team. [Click here to find out more...](#)



## STREET PRAYERS [CLICK HERE](#)

This week we will be praying for Prinsted West and Ham Lane & Prinsted Lane.

We will also be remembering all our friends who live in the Emsworth area.



## FAMILIES WORKER APPEAL

Thank you to all those who gave towards the Family Worker Appeal. It has now reached £20,000. It will be supplemented by the Timothy Fund. On Tuesday we submit a funding application to match that total and secure the next three years of family ministry. Please pray that is successful.

We are overwhelmed by your kind generosity and faithful partnership in the gospel. We are committed to the mission here in Southbourne and are excited to see what God will do in this next chapter. Richard, Kim, Autumn-Rae, Fern, Zion and Eden



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

October 10th      Harvest Sunday  
November 7th     Climate Sunday  
November 14th   Remembrance Sunday  
November 20th   Tearfund Big Quiz

**AGE**  
*Concern*

## **COOKS WANTED**

Next door to the school, you may have seen the Age Concern building. They are looking for volunteers on Wednesdays to help with cooking and other duties. If you can help, [click here](#) and type "I'm interested" to find out more.