

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY
13TH
FEBRUARY**

MESSAGES FROM MATT

Worship in Church

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,
I am sure you are aware that Covid guidance and restrictions will be removed very soon. This could affect us and how confident you feel about attending church and what we can and cannot safely do in two main ways, wearing masks and communion. Standing Committee discussed both of these and believe we should share our ideas before we make any changes.



Masks Anyone can wear a mask if they want to. But, wearing masks inhibits a person's ability to sing freely and also to lip read if that helps understand someone who is speaking. We would like to give you the freedom to not wear a mask.

However, some people may still feel vulnerable and so we will separate seats at the back for people who might feel uncomfortable to come in and want to wear a mask. They may feel safer still if they came in last and went out first.

We would like to know what you think about this.

Communion. We do not think sharing a common cup is a good idea and the C of E is not allowing alternative proposals. I have colleagues who are intincting wafers in the communion wine before giving them to people receiving communion. Practically, the edge of the wafer is dipped in the wine by me, or the priest taking communion. No-one should be intincting their own wafer. There should be enough wafer for you to take it between your finger and thumb or place it in your hand. Wafers should not become soggy or sticky. If my fingers touch someone's hand, then I will quickly clean with anti-bac, in case they forgot to anti-bac on entering church. This seems straightforward. However, if you prefer to not to that you will need to let us know.



Again, it would be good to know what you think about worshipping in these ways as we venture forwards Please let me know at minister@stjohnssouthbourne.com.

Thank you. Matt

PCC UPDATE

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.

Sarah Maclennan

2/12/21

FAMILY CHURCH

Sundays

4pm

St John's



GENERAL FAMILY CHURCH INFO

We have an area designed for pre schoolers to enjoy being in the service, with colourful toys that are easy to clean. The activities in the **toddler zone** are designed to be quiet (but super fun) toys so that parents can relax and be free to engage with the service.

Please can we ensure that **only under 5s** go in the toddler zone. Feel free to turf out any of ours that migrate in there.

This week we're looking at Jesus' identity when he walks on the water.

See the front page for the decisions from the standing committee, but **facemasks are now optional**.

Church Connect WhatsApp groups

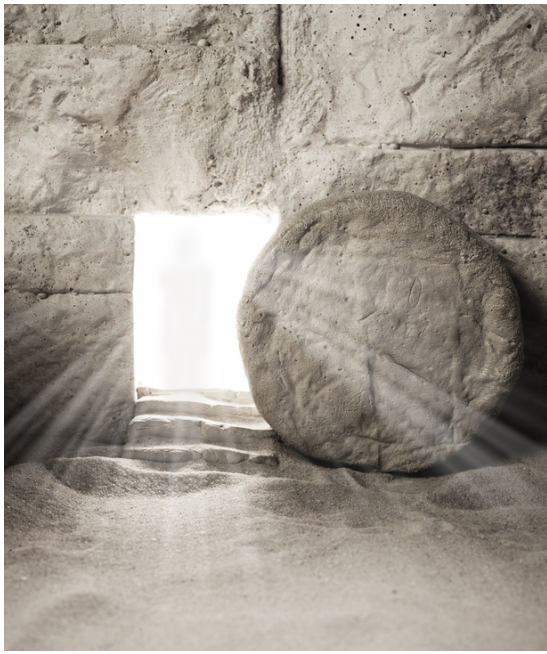
It is the main way we communicate all things Family Church so if you would like to connect with others, contact Kim or Richard by [clicking here](#)

All are welcome to attend Family Church.

You can expect contemporary worship, a creative Bible reading, a shorter sermon, Communion, children's crafts and activities and a relaxed atmosphere.

[Click Here to Book](#)

Please pray for Amelie and Mattie over the coming weeks as they seek to live for Jesus following their Baptisms last Sunday.



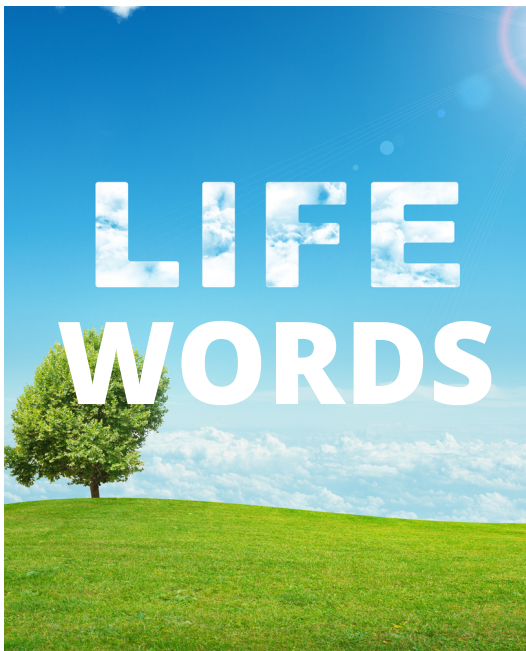
EASTER

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 or 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.

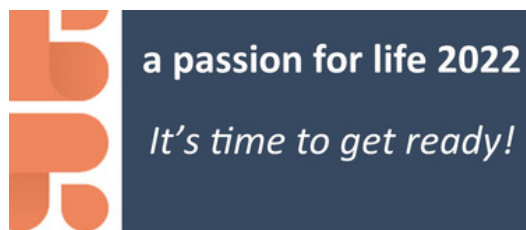
Love and blessings

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..



PASSION FOR LIFE

"This week's Pfl video is Rico Tice, 'Right Expectations and Crossing the Painline'.. You can watch it or rewatch it [here](#).



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.

COMBAT STRESS FOR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

Carol Stevenson and family are walking 10 miles in March to raise money for Combat Stress. As a family that are aware of the this trauma, they are keen to support this fantastic cause. Fred's surgeon is a combat medic and they want to acknowledge the work and pain of veterans. Please donate via the [link here](#) if you can.



SERVING COFFEE

Would you be willing to help serve Coffee after the service on Sunday? If so, please contact Susie on admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com



COFFEE CONNECT

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

ECO NEWS



HOME COMPOSTING.FINAL INSTALMENT.

Garden compost is better than bagged compost, some of which contain peat, which should be avoided.

Around 40% of your dustbin contents could be suitable for home composting.

Air is vital but the structure should allow this, eg using scrunched paper, twigs and prunings.

Not too many grass cuttings.

Remember to mix ingredients, using roughly equal “green” and “brown”.

Turn the compost and use from the bottom.

Look forward to a dark brown, crumbly texture, pleasant smelling compost



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Cleaning Team would like 2 volunteers to add to their cleaning team. If they could get 2 more it would mean that volunteers would only have to do it once every 4 weeks. Please get in touch with Sue Hall if you are able to help.



TEAM REPORTS

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



ACORN CHRISTIAN HEALING

On the second Saturday of each month at Surrey Healing Hub, St Alban's church, Hindhead, you can receive prayer either for yourself or for someone else. If you would like to know more [click here](#). Please contact Elaine Ware 01243 379518 for more information or if you would like a lift there.

Guest Speaker • Paul Harcourt



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.

GET CONNECTED

There's an app that links with our church calendar and website. It also provides a directory of church members. To get connected, download the churchsuite app to your device, and also [click here](#)



APCM DATE

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

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

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

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](#)

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

Then we will be remembering the work of Richard and Kim and the Church Outreach.



St Johns is going to

UNITED



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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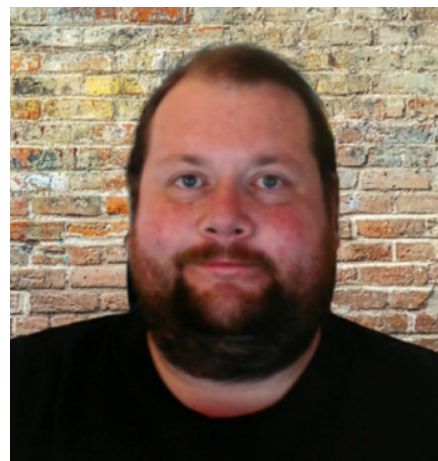
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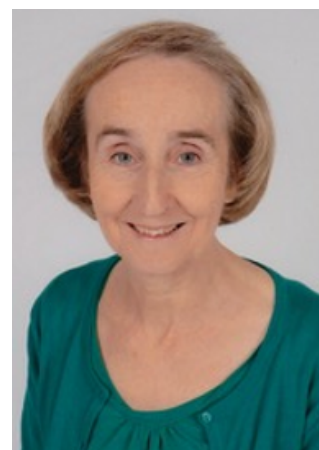
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