

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

**SUNDAY  
27TH  
FEBRUARY**

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE



God peace and justice  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at  
risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Archbishops Justin and Stephen have also written a pastoral letter to clergy and people of Church of England, calling on them to pray for peace. [Click here](#) if you like to read it.

# 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





## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is March 2nd.

There will be a short service of HC with ashing at 1130 in St John's"



## LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

There will be another session on this on Wednesday, March 3rd. It will be held in the church lounge and will include discussion, prayer and a teaching video so that all members of the Church of England can express a view of these important issues.' You can register your views on

a Church of England survey, [Click here](#)



## COFFEE CONNECT

Coffee Connect will start again on Tuesday, 1st March and will be open Tuesday - Thursdays between 9.00-12.00pm.



## 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..



## 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](mailto:minister@stjohnssouthbourne.com) or [families@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:families@stjohnssouthbourne.com) and we'll do our best! Grace and peace. Matt





## ECO NEWS

Why give up chocolate when you can.....

### **Join Climate Stewards' Carbon Fast for Lent**

In the Bible, caring for creation is God's first instruction to humans. This Lent, a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God, we encourage you to take up the Lent Challenge – finding new ways to reduce our impact on the natural world and our global neighbours.

How the Carbon Fast works:

On Shrove Tuesday (1st March), and subsequent Sundays, you will receive a weekly email suggesting easy, medium and harder challenges to try. We'll include links to resources and a prayer to extend your knowledge and help you reflect on the weekly theme.

Challenge themes:

- Week 1: Fast from Social Media – Enjoy books and games
- Week 2: Fast from Unawareness – Expand your knowledge
- Week 3: Fast from Silence – Speak up
- Week 4: Fast from Electricity – Live more simply
- Week 5: Fast from Driving – Slow down
- Week 6: Fast from Meat and Dairy – Get creative with food
- Week 7: Fast from Food Waste – Be thoughtful and plan ahead

Click **here** to sign up:

<https://www.climatestewards.org/carbon-fast/>



## 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.



## ROTAS ON LINE

All Rotas are now going on line through ChurchSuite. It also provides a directory of church members. To get connected, download the churchsuite app to your device, and also click [here](#) If you are having difficulties please contact Kim or Susie.



## APCM

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

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



## STREET PRAYERS [CLICK HERE](#)

Priors Orchard, Belmont Place, Harcourt Crescent, Worcester Drive, Meadow View, Patricia Way, Jepson Walk & Brooks Close.

We will also be praying for Church Members living in the Emsworth area.





**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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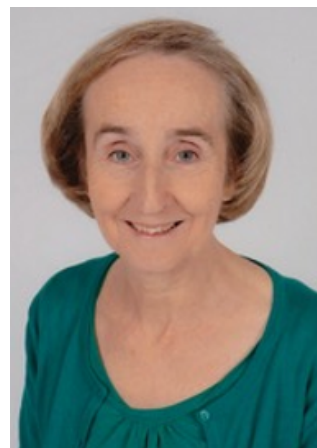
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