

Easter at St John's

Maundy Thursday Taizé 7:30pm

Good Friday Service 10am

Good Friday Reflections 12-3pm

9am Breakfast Easter Sunday Celebration 10am
with refreshments and children's activities afterwards

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

On Easter morning we will serve Breakfast in the Lounge & Foyer from 9.00-9.45am.

We will serve bacon rolls, fresh fruit salad, granola, Greek yoghurt and honey, croissants, pain au chocolate, plus fruit juice, teas & Coffee. Please sign up by [clicking here](#) so we know how many to cater for. Thank you.



EASTER EGG HUNT



Refreshments
and fun
activities after
the service!

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

To find out what is going on this week in the life of St. John's, please [click here](#) and it will take you through to the calendar on St. John's Website.



HOT CROSS BUNS & CAKES NEEDED!



Lots of Hot Cross Buns are needed for Good Friday as we are going around the Village distributing the buns in the morning and we then need them for after the morning Service. We also need Cake for after the Easter Day Service. If you could donate some that would be great. Please drop them into the Centre anytime over the next few weeks. THANK YOU!

CAN YOU HELP DELIVER EASTER LEAFLETS?



Are you able to deliver the Easter Leaflets around the roads in Southbourne? They are on the table by the door in the Centre and are divided up into areas to make life easier. If you could deliver to a road that would be great.

PHOTOS BEING TAKEN ON EASTER DAY



On Easter Sunday, we will be taking lots of photos for a display board in the church centre. Please also take photos and [send them here](#).

If you do not want to appear on the display board please [click here](#) and type your name. Thank you!



LOVE SOUTHBOURNE

Thank you everyone who came to the Love Southbourne meeting on Sunday. We know that others would like to be involved so for everyone's benefit, here's a quick summary:

- **Tom opened with reference to the Bible's call to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. This is something that St John's has aimed to do for a long time and it's good to keep building on what's come before. Love Southbourne is a clear and simple expression of that aim!**

- Susie, Jon, and others who have been involved, described a number of events that had happened under the 'Love Southbourne' banner, including Harvest Family Fun Day, Children's party & Christmas Lights

- **Susie then asked for volunteers for two specific upcoming opportunities: handing out Hot Cross Buns on the morning of Good Friday with Easter invitations, and helping with a church-run BBQ at the parish council's fete on Saturday, 17th June.**

- Tom concluded with an encouragement to **three things:**

1. for us all to have the idea of Love Southbourne as part of who we are, not just at church events.

2. For ideas that could show God's love to our community to be emailed to admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com and for everyone to feel they could be involved in something.

3. To consider being part of a core team that can draw in, pray through and co-ordinate ideas into a varied programme throughout the year and across our community.

Again, please email or speak to Susie or Tom if you're interested.

Tom

CONFIRMATION

WED 21 JUNE 7PM



Is getting confirmed the next step for you in your journey of faith? Confirmation is for all who have been baptised and wish to mark their faith in Jesus. You'll spend some time with Tom in preparation before your confirmation, then on the day, the Bishop will anoint you with oil, lay hands on your head and ask God to confirm you by the Holy Spirit. Have a chat with Tom if you would like to discuss the next step in your faith journey.



ANNUAL PAROCIAL CHURCH MEETING



The APCM will take place on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Church. Come along and hear what has been happening through the last year at St. Johns.

HAVE YOU GOT A STORY TO TELL?



If you have any stories of how God has worked in your life recently, or any personal news you would like to share with your church family, please email Susie at the admin email. We would also love photos of places, events you have been etc as well!

SUNDAYS IN APRIL

April



Click the image above
for a full schedule of
services at St Nicolas



Sunday 2nd April

10am Morning Worship at St John's

10:30am Palm Sunday Eucharist at St Nicolas

4pm Church at St John's focusing on Jesus' death

Sunday 9th April

10:30am Easter Eucharist at St Nicolas

9am Breakfast at St John's followed by

10am Altogether Celebration at St John's with Communion followed by refreshments and children's activities.

Sunday 16th April

10am Morning Worship at St John's with Communion

10:30am Easter Fellowship at St Nicolas

Sunday 23rd April

10am Morning Worship at St John's with Communion

10:30am Battery Communion

4pm Church at St John's Launching New Series

Sunday 30th April

10am Morning Worship at St John's

10:30am Morning Fellowship at St Nicolas

4pm Church at St John's with Communion



GOOD FRIDAY



We are planning visual displays and commentary for the three hours meditation during Good Friday afternoon. We will be setting this up between 1 and 4 p.m. on Maundy Thursday (6th April). We would very much appreciate some help to do this please. Some of it will involve moving chairs around etc. We would also like help from folk with creative gifts before the day and on the day too, if possible.

We would like to borrow several items if you have them -
Plants (both indoor and outdoor ones).

Imitation swords, clubs, lanterns

A couple of old blankets (plain ones – preferably dark colour).

A couple of rustic looking (perhaps earthenware) tankards

A short length of rope – not too thick

Also – we would like some 5 ft poles - if anyone is cutting down trees in the next ten days, please may we have your prunings!

Please have a word with one of us if you are able to help –
Sarah Adams 07877 260799, Rosemary Pearson 01243 371591

CHRISTIAN AID

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Christian Aid emergency appeal for Turkey and Syria. If you still wish to contribute you can do so via the Christian Aid website.

Christian Aid week 14th-21st May.

I will be ordering the deliver only Christian Aid envelopes soon. Please let me know by March 26th if you would like to deliver envelopes in the parish or in your own local roads in Christian Aid week.

I also need volunteers to help organise the envelopes; and people to organise and run the book stall and cake stall for the Christian Aid Garden Party Sunday 21st May. I know this sounds a long way off, but I need a team of helpers in advance this year please.

Please contact Julie Fair 01243 372070 or 07899077035

julie58fair@btinternet.com

WANTED: Book and dvds for the Christian Aid Garden Party Sunday 21st May. Please leave in a carrier bag at back of church each Sunday or under my porch 10 Hither Green Southbourne PO10 8JA

Many thanks Julie



ANIMAL FOOD BANK

St John's has decided to trial a pet food bank for people in our local community who may need a little help. Donations of in date, sealed dog and cat food will be most welcome. Also, please spread the word in our local community to people you know, so they know that help is available if they need it



ELECTORAL ROLL

If you would like to be a registered member of our Church and are not on the list posted on the notice board, please complete [the form here](#), or obtain a paper one from the back of Church and hand to the welcome team or leave in the office.

Any questions see Anne Marsden.



COMMUNION SERVICES

From May onwards, the pattern of communion will look like this.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
St Nicholas 10:30	St John's 10am	St John's 4pm	St John's 10am

5th

Special Services
See Calendar



PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday Morning 8:30am Zoom

Street Prayers 9.30am Zoom

Thursday Morning 8:30am Zoom

2nd & 4th Sundays 6:30pm Zoom

[Click Here to join the zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 832 7893 7113

Passcode: 141540

Friday Morning Prayers 9.45am in the Lounge

Prayer for Persecuted Church 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 11.30am in the Centre.

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STREET PRAYERS

This week we will be praying for:-

Southbourne Fields, Alfrey Close, Woodhouse Way, Lawley Avenue, Lawley Way, Lawley View, Collett Close, Burdett Gardens, Brewery Close & Whitchers Way.

Our prayers will focus on Emergency Services Ambulance, Fire & Rescue & Police

[Click here to join the zoom](#)

Tuesday 9:30am - 10:15am

Please feel free to join us especially if we are praying for your area.



Summer

Let's Go

CAMPING

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NEW WINE

Wed 26 July – Sun 30 July 2023

Kent Event Centre,
Maidstone, Kent,
ME14 3JF

OAK HALL

Family and Friends Week

19 - 25 August & 25 - 28 August

Otford Manor Sevenoaks TN15 6XF



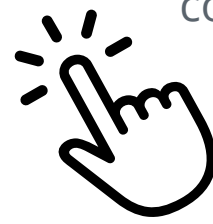
NEW WINE - EXCITING, EXPERIENCE, EXTRAORDINARY
OAK HALL - RETREAT, RELAX AND RECONNECT.

Camping at the Manor





Parents of 0-10s, have a look at this promo video and post your interest in the church connect groups if you'd like this course to run.



Green Group
Sunday 4pm
For those currently in Year 6, 7 and 8.
Runs as part of the service.



Pink Group
Sunday Sunday 4pm
For GIRLS currently in years 3, 4 and 5
COMING SOON



Blue Group
Sunday 4pm
for BOYS currently in years 3, 4 and 5
COMING SOON

 **ST JOHN'S TOTS**

Thursday Mornings in term time.
St John's Church Centre, Southbourne
10-11:45am £2 per family

Friday Fellowship

- Jan 13th
- Jan 27th
- Feb 10th
- Feb 24th
- Mar 10th
- Mar 24th
- Apr 28th
- May 12th
- May 26th
- Jun 9th
- Jun 23rd
- Jul 14th

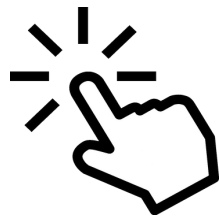
3-5:30pm
Parents and children stay for games, crafts, to explore faith and enjoy a meal together.



YOUTH NEWS



Next High Tide 12th May
Meet at church 6:30pm
Transport Provided



Yr 7 +



Maycamp

SIGN UP!

Friday 26th May - Monday 29th May

Plumpton Racecourse

Year 6 and upwards

All meals and transport provided

3 nights camping

£130 (Bursaries available)



4 O'clock Church INFO

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 have communion twice a 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

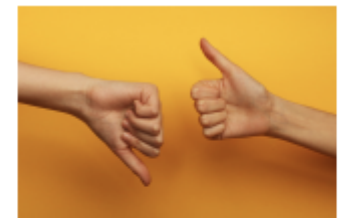
We use creative ways to engage with God in prayer, sometimes moving around the room or using objects to guide us.

CHURCH NEWS / YOUR NEWS

We use this news sheet to communicate all things church news, but tell us your achievements and celebrations. Also, we welcome testimony of what God has been doing in your life

GET INVOLVED

Could you prep the drinks trolley before the service? Do you play an instrument and could help facilitate worship? Can you pray with others? Could you rota in to help facilitate kids groups? [Click Here](#)





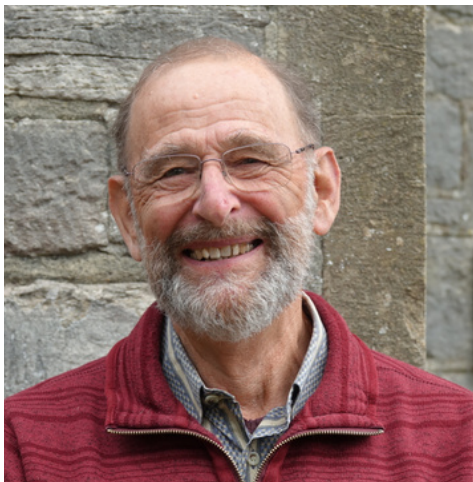
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