

St John the Baptist Church, BROADSTONE

Accept and share the generosity of God's love

A VERY WARM WELCOME to the Parish Church of St John the Baptist. We are situated between Macaulay Rd and Dunyeats Rd, with our main entrance on Macaulay Rd. We hope this leaflet helps you find out a bit more about the life and worship of our church: who we are and what we do.



St John's is home to a thriving worshipping community with strong connections within the wider community of Broadstone. We are the local Anglican (Church of England) Church, but welcome people from all backgrounds and traditions. We welcome all ages to our wide variety of services and events.



I have been Vicar since March 2018. Our Assistant Curate is the Revd Lyndon Webb, and we are fortunate enough to have support from some retired clergy, Revd Patrick Hastings and Revd Paul Renyard.

Whether you are new to Broadstone, or new to church, we would be very happy to see you at any time. Our aim is to help you feel at home with us, and discover the many activities, events and groups we run, alongside our worship services. Our social events are open to all. We hope you will come and join us and look forward to getting to know you!



With our very best wishes
The Vicar, Revd Helen Bailey, and Parochial Church Council

Visit our website on www.stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk

Our church and worship

Our church is open for morning and evening prayer, and for an hour during weekdays at 10am. Our plans for a new hall and rooms on the northside of the church, the NorthReach project, will help us to site our parish office there, and open for longer during each day. Currently our parish office is situated on Macaulay Rd, and open all mornings apart from a Tuesday, when it opens at 2.30pm.

- Morning prayer is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at 8.30am and evening prayer is 5pm Tuesday to Friday. Anyone is welcome to join us, or pop in to say a private prayer and light a candle.
- On Sunday we have a said Eucharist with sermon at 8am and full sung Eucharist at 10am.
- On the 1st Sunday of the month our 9am Breakfast Church meets; on the 3rd Sunday of the month we offer an All Age Service at 10am which is very suitable for families and children. See details under the 'Young People' section of this leaflet.
- We offer other services of different styles on different occasions.



Mission and ministry

We have

- several Lay Pastoral Assistants who visit those in need and offer Home Communion to the housebound, as well as taking services in our Care Homes. Pastoral care in the community is important to us
- a singing group, which helps support our care home services
- connections to various charities which we support across the year
- good relationships with our local schools
- strong connections with local churches via Churches Together
- regular well-supported community events such as the Summer Fete, annual Plant Sale, St Nicholas Fayre, Christingle and Carol Services, cream teas and BBQs, and much more!

We believe the good news of Christ is to enable the flourishing of all human beings and all creation. We aspire to be an inclusive church.

What do we offer for young people?

- Breakfast Church meets 9am, 1st Sunday of the month in our Parish Hall. Over croissants, bacon butties and breakfast goodies, we sing songs, do crafts and play games. Children and families enjoy this Café Church style celebration.



- The All Age Service is 10am on the third Sunday of the month. It is a simpler Eucharistic service with talk and a small music group as well as organ, allowing a mixture of hymns and modern songs. We hope to develop this and other opportunities for families, young people and children.



Teaching and learning opportunities

We have a variety of study groups and opportunities, from house groups to Bible Studies. We are able to offer courses which introduce people to the Foundations of Christianity, nurture and discipleship courses, and preparation for baptism, confirmation classes and marriage preparation. We also offer an access to communion course for children.

Weddings, wedding blessings, baptisms and confirmations

We offer baptism services throughout the year and would love to baptize you or your child. We are a welcoming, attractive church



for weddings. If you or a relative are getting married, do get in touch to see if we can conduct



your service in our church. We also offer special renewal of vows or thanksgiving services. If you would like to have a wedding blessing service for

any reason, including special anniversaries, please get in touch.

Newsletter and website

Our newsletter, issued 10 times a year, is available to collect in church each month. Our website www.stjohnschurch.ork.uk & our Facebook Page, facebook.com/stjohnschurchbroadstone also keep you abreast of events. Do check them out for information and for forthcoming events and services.

What else do we offer?

- Once a month on 3rd Sunday, we offer Sunday lunch in the parish hall for anyone living alone. For a few pounds you can enjoy a two-course Sunday roast with all the trimmings. Over 40 people join us to enjoy conversation, companionship and lunch together. Let us know if you would like to come.
- We have a vibrant St John's Fellowship each month on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.45pm. We invite fascinating speakers, enjoying talks, slide shows and even musical soirees! In addition, there are occasional events – a wine tasting evening for instance. All these are open to anyone who wishes, for a nominal fee.
- We are hosts to a wonderful concert programme each year, thanks to the Broadstone Music Series. We are a great venue for music.
- Mothers Union, Ramblers Group (walks some Sunday afternoons / Thursday eves), badminton club and other groups meet in the week.



The Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates, with fitted kitchen and toilet facilities. Do enquire at the Parish Office about bookings. We host everything from AGM meetings to children's parties!

Joining in

Pick up a welcome card from the Parish Office (Macaulay Rd) or church and fill it in. We would love to welcome you. You will also be invited to our Newcomers' Party, held at The Vicarage on Macaulay Rd. We look forward to getting to know you!

Useful contact numbers:

Parish Administrator (the office is open most weekday mornings)
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