



WEEKLY NEWS

Baptism of Christ, 9th January 2022

Worship

COLLECT: Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

As we give thanks for the baptism of Christ remembered at this time of the year, we pray for all who are being baptised over the coming months. We give thanks for new life, and pray for expectant mothers and fathers everywhere. We pray for those unable to start families and those who have suffered loss.

SICK LIST We pray for Robert, Bill, Dorothy, David, Roger, Bronwen, Julie, Robert, Ann and Audrey (Bailey).



RIP Brian Cullen

News and Notices

MASK-WEARING IN CHURCH This is now a legal requirement in church and in our buildings. Thank you for the care we have all had regarding this.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICES In January we continue to offer the parish hall after Sunday services to bring your own refreshments. However, given the current concerns and mandatory mask-wearing, can we ask you to ensure that you enter the hall wearing your mask, and only remove your mask whilst seated. If you get up to go to another table (which is not recommended at the current time) please ensure you wear your mask again before moving. Thanks for bearing with us in these extraordinary times.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO ALL PHYSICAL VISITORS A reminder that to create a safe space and the equivalent of working at home, as per Government rules, the office is

shut to anyone else entering it. If you need to collect or drop something off at the office, please arrange with Nancy first to do that at the door, but please do not go in until further notice. Thank you!

MEETINGS VIA ZOOM DURING JANUARY WHERE POSSIBLE As the government is asking us all to work from home where possible during Plan B, we are moving any meetings which can be conducted online back to Zoom for the month of January. If you are involved in an up-and-coming meeting, please do check if this is to be held physically or online. Thank you! This will be reviewed when the government brings us out of Plan B, which may be by the end of this month.

ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH AND CHURCH EVENTS – Now that the weather is getting colder, winter viral infections are beginning to circulate and Covid numbers continue to be high in this area, please can we ask you **not** to come to church or church events if you are feeling unwell for any reason. Symptoms of the variants of Covid-19 - sneezing, a sore throat and a runny nose – are initially often indistinguishable from a cold. We are keen to protect our church family from Covid, flu and all other respiratory viruses, which are expected to circulate widely this winter.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES We continue to hold services on Sunday mornings at 9am and 11am and will do so until the end of January. We intend to revert to the old 8am and 10am at the beginning of February – details nearer the time.

READERS / INTERCESSORS LETTER AND ROTA If you have not yet replied to Revd Helen's letter about this just before Christmas, please do so asap. Helen is busy putting the new rota together to start in February. Thanks for the many replies that have come in!

DEMENTIA CAFE This is a free event in connection with The Potteries Care Home on the last Tuesday of each month at 2pm, but held at The Club Hub Poole opposite the Civic Centre, 133 Parkstone Rd, Oakdale, Poole, BH15 2PB. Next date Tuesday 25th January. This monthly event offers support for carers and families living with dementia. Teas, coffees and homemade cakes will be available to buy, and there will be opportunity to join in with games and activities whilst chatting to others who share in this experience. Contact 01202 069792 or carolinehearne@careuk.com

FAIRTRADE - Stall will be available on the second Sunday of each month. Tradecraft catalogues are available in church; if you would like to order any goods please contact Val Renyard, Tel 01202 682460, email vandprenyard@gmail.com

ST JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP meets 7.45pm on Thursday 13th January. Usual mask-wearing and social distancing rules apply. Revd Lyndon is this week's speaker.

MUDDY CHURCH CELEBRATING BIRDS DAY Saturday 15th January 10.30am – 12 in the Parish Hall and Eco Chapel. Please pre-book for this at revlyndonwebb@gmail.com

CAFÉ CHURCH CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE Sunday 16th January 4.30pm at the Methodist Church. Theme is the role of the church in Climate Change. All the local churches' ministers will be present and invite you to join them. This also heralds the start of Christian Unity Week (from 18th Jan) and is our event to mark that.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY There are still many boxes unreturned for counting. Please take them to the office or if empty, let me know by phoning 01202247674 or emailing me at skettle1945@gmail.com. Thank you, *Susan*

ST. JOHN'S RAMBLING GROUP Walk for Sunday 16th January 2022, starting at 1.30pm from Spetisbury. Park in the car park used by the school next to St. John's Church which is situated on the A350 heading towards Blandford. Post code DT11 9DF if you use a sat nav.

This 3 mile walk is along footpaths and some road walking, there is one gentle climb. I suggest wearing walking boots as it can be muddy in places. Please contact me if you need further information 07778584778. 01202 697244 *Paul Sturgess & Sue Pearson*

POOLE FOOD BANK – continues as usual with the drop off in the porch on Wed and Sun afternoons.

Message from the Poole Foodbank

"Thank you so much for your amazing support throughout the year. 2021 has been a challenging year for all, however, we have been lucky enough to improve the lives of many and we really would have been unable to help those in need without all that you do in so many ways.

We currently need time to check and store the magnificent donations that we received in the run up to Christmas so we won't be asking for anything in January.

If people do ask,

UHT milk (NOT skimmed)

Pasta sauces

Small jars of coffee

Tinned meat products

Toilet rolls

are always welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and blessed 2022. Gill, Alan and Jane

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