



St. John's Newsletter

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Letter from the Vicar

Dear all

The summer is here, and occasionally even in the weather (!) when some sunny days have finally made it through the rain!

At St John's we have all sorts of summer events to look forward to. Having just enjoyed the very successful plant sale, we are now very busy getting ready for the St John's Summer Fayre on Saturday 22nd June. Heather McGregor-Wright has been working hard co-ordinating this event, with the support of the Events Committee, and this year's fayre has been invigorated with new ideas. There will be craft stalls in the North Reach annexe from paid-up businesses and craft groups, as well as a new games area for children with giant games such as Connect 4 and Jenga, and even face-painting! There is still much to do and we are appealing for all sorts of help, from things we need you to bring in, through to roles we need help with. To that end we have dedicated a whole page in this newsletter so you can read through and see how you might be able to contribute to one of our biggest fund-raising events of the year. Do put the date in your diary and come along to



enjoy all the fun of the fayre! The celebrations culminate in our Patronal Festival on the Sunday morning, remembering John the Baptist, after whom our church is dedicated.

Gary Waldron, our new curate will be ordained at Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday 30th June at 10.30am – do remember Gary and his wife Sam in your prayers. And we are very much looking forward to welcoming him to his first services at St John's, at both the 8am and 10am, on Sunday 7th July. After the service we are celebrating his arrival with one of those fabulous bring and share lunches we have at St John's. Please bring your food contribution to the table (can be dropped off in the parish hall before church) and help us to celebrate Gary's arrival! Gary and Sam are both



vegetarian, so if some of you could bear that in mind as you decide what food items to bring, we'd be very grateful. And if you haven't had enough fun at that, you can go on to the Broadstone Rec where Churches Together in Broadstone will be present with small stalls at the Broadstone Fun Day!



Soon Phyl Walton will be putting out information regarding our July trip to Remedy Oak for lunch on Sunday 14th July, so put that date in your diaries. This is closely followed on Sunday 21st July by our Newcomers' Party which (weather permitting!) takes place in the vicarage gardens in the afternoon. We ask the PCC to attend and bring the food contributions (finger food and nibbles) and invite anyone who has joined or developed a connection with our church over the last year, anyone who since joining our church hasn't been able to make it to a newcomers' party, and anyone

who has never been to a party at the Vicarage! We are very inclusive here at St John's....

And finally a heads up that in August instead of the usual church BBQ, we will be enjoying a Cream Tea in the churchyard grounds on the afternoon of Sunday 18th August.



A summer of feasting and celebrating then, one of St John's special gifts. And eating, drinking and spending time together is important. It is where we forge friendships beyond the Sunday morning church and coffee. It is where we get to know new people and welcome them into our midst. It is where we become family and create community.

Jesus knew that. He feasted and went to dinner parties all the time, knowing it is through



food and table-fellowship that we are bonded into stronger links and relationships. He compared heaven in his parables to banquets where all were invited. And that is my hope for St John's – not just that we are good at partying amongst ourselves (though that is important!) but we are good at welcoming all, whoever they might be, sharing our joy with others and turning the stranger into a friend.

So here's to the summer months ahead!

With my best wishes

Come & See! Family Work at St John's!

Café Breakfast Church took place on Saturday 18th May and we celebrated Pentecost. Led by Sheila Wilson, we learnt about how the Holy Spirit helps us with communication and connection with God and each other. We had some

codes to crack, and it was like Bletchley Park in there - you could hear the concentration and the cogs whirring! It was good to have time to chat over breakfast and enjoy each other's company too. Finally some red twine connected us together as we shared the grace. Our next one takes place Saturday 20th July at 10am. ***This is Saturday Church for everyone, and you get breakfast too! Come and join us to see what it is all about.***




At May's **Muddy Church** we were 'Making Waves for the Ocean', which had moved from its intended slot in April. Our next Muddy is on 15th June at 10.30am and we are 'Leafing Through the Leaves'. We will be learning why leaves are so important and exploring their different shapes and names, making some leaf art and coloured leaf magnets, and growing some edible leaves!



The Plant Sale May 2024

This was a terrific success this year, raising almost £900 for church funds, and once again my thanks to Marion Marsh for organising it so well, and to everyone who contributed plants, jams and chutneys, gardening equipment, or who came and spent money on plants and cakes!





St John's Summer Fayre

Bottle Sunday, 9th June. Please bring all sorts of bottles to church (or the office if not at church that day!) for the bottle stall. We're looking for wine, spirits, beers, soft drinks, etc.

Hamper Prizes for the Raffle - we need all sorts of prizes for the hamper: see the sign-up sheet for hamper items, and when you bring your item in to the office, label it 'Hamper'.

Other Raffle Prizes - We need general prizes for the raffle. Please ensure these are new, unopened and if consumable, well-within date!

Cakes – We need people to bring in cakes to sell at the Summer Fayre. Please sign-up on the sheets at the back at church so we know how many are coming in.

Jams, Chutneys & Plants – We are appealing for more jars of home-made or shop-bought jams, chutneys, and also **plants** and so on for our stalls. Please bring into the office.

Other Help needed!

Selling books of raffle tickets – Books of raffle tickets will be distributed from this Sunday for you to buy and take to sell to others. This is a big-fund-raiser for our church – please help us to raise the funds we need. Please return any unsold tickets to the office.

Setting up and dismantling – We need help with setting up and taking down the gazebos, tables etc. If you are able to help, we will be setting up in the church grounds from 2.30pm and in the hall from 6.30pm on Friday 21st June, and taking down on Saturday 22nd June from 2.00pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you are able to assist.

Kitchen Help - We are also looking for people to help in the kitchen that day, and again a sign-up sheet will be at church.

Stalls – we need extra help with looking after a stall, the children's outdoor play-area and other sundries. Please let Revd Helen or Heather McGregor-Wright know if you might be able to volunteer even just an hour of help on the Saturday between 11am and 2pm.

Calling all Crafters - more stallholders needed for the first ever commercial craft fair organised by Heather McGregor-Wright. £14.00 per table/£5 for additional space. See Caroline in the office to put your name down.

Tell everyone! Invite friends, family, neighbours, and take leaflets to any clubs or groups to which you belong. Let's get the word out!

Diary Round-up: Events at St John's in June

Sat 1 st June	3pm Wedding CAR PARK OUT OF ACTION ALL DAY
Sun 2 nd June	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Eucharist
Wed 5 ^h June	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 6 th June	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Sat 8 th June	2pm St John's Craft and Chat Group
Sun 9 th June	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist
Mon 10 th June	7.30pm Events Committee in North Reach
Tues 11 th June	10.30am – 12.30pm Cake for Carers – see separate notice
Wed 12 th June	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 13 th June	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7.30pm St John's Fellowship
Sat 15 th June	10.30am Muddy Church
Sun 16 th June	8am Holy Communion - Arocha Speaker 10am Parish Eucharist - Arocha Speaker
Wed 19 th June	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 20 th June	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 21 st June	OFFICE CLOSED Set up for Summer Fayre (2.30pm Church Grounds/6.30pm Hall)
Sat 22 nd June	11am – 2pm Summer Fayre. Set down from 2pm.
Sun 23 rd June	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist (All Age)
Wed 26 th June	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 27 th June	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Sun 30 th June	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist Gary Waldron's ordination (our curate) at Salisbury Cathedral

Service readings in June

Date	Sunday	OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel
Sun 2 nd June	1 st after Trinity	Deuteronomy 5.12-15	Psalm 81.1-10	2 Corinthians 4.5-12	Mark 2.23-3.6
Sun 9 th June	2 nd after Trinity	Genesis 3.8-15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1	Mark 3.20-end
Sun 16 th June	3 rd after Trinity	Ezekiel 17.22-end	Psalm 92.1-8	2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17	Mark 4.26-34
Sun 23 rd June	Patronal: birth of John the Baptist	Isaiah 40.1-11	Psalm 85.7-end	Acts 13. 14b – 26	Luke 1.57-66, 80
Sun 30 th June	5 th after Trinity	Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15; 2.23-24	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8.7-end	Mark 5.21-end

Occasional Offices from May



Baptisms

26th May Erin Clemons

Funerals

3rd May Doris Lock (St John's)

24th May Daphne Higgins (St John's Church)

St John's News from the Pews

A more detailed look at what is happening in and around the church...

CLERGY LEAVE Revd Helen is on annual leave 4th June until 14th June.

ONLINE MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER There will be no online morning and evening prayer over the next two weeks, but will resume Wednesday 19th June.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS The office is open from 9.30am every Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am on Wed and 10.30am on Thurs. It closes at 1pm everyday. **Please note, the office will be closed on Friday 21st June.**

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE MORNING Free tea & coffee every Thurs morning, 10am – 12noon. Come & enjoy a drink & a chat with old friends and new.



ECO GANG NEWS – WALK/CYCLE TO CHURCH 'WEEK'

10th to 22nd June We have extended St John's annual Walk/Cycle to Church Week this year so there are even more chances to leave the car

at home. Getting involved could mean dusting off your bike, walking or trying one of our tips for reducing the emissions of petrol/diesel cars. It coincides with National Bike Week. On Sund 16 we welcome John Evans from A Rocha UK to speak at both services. A Rocha is the Christian organisation behind the Eco Awards - St John's has Bronze Award and is seeking to achieve Silver. We very much look forward to John coming!

ECO TIPS Care for your car: tyre pressure and brake upkeep impacts emissions levels. Drive efficiently, avoid idling, use higher gears and maintain a steady speed. Avoiding heavy braking reduces the microplastics your tyres shed. Avoid using cars for short journeys: plan to combine trips or use other transport. Open windows instead of using air conditioning at 50mph or less: air conditioning systems increase fuel consumption and emissions.

CAKE FOR CARERS IN NORTH REACH Tues 11th June 10.30am – 12.30pm run by Poole North Primary Care Network. If you are an unpaid carer come and join us for coffee & cake with the support of our Carers Leads & Social Prescribers.



ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP 7.30PM JUNE 13TH Parish Hall. Our well attended May meeting had a very interesting talk about Namibia & Botswana - well received because many of us knew little about these African countries. We come closer to home in June meeting

when Mr. & Mrs. Sutton are talking about the story of Dylan Thomas, the well-known Welsh poet. All welcome to join us. Further information from Jean Rigler 01202 601109




MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH We hope to reinstate a monthly Sunday lunch for those who live alone. Set up, set down, cooking, washing up, and serving of the dinner, would all be done by a team from the Community PayBack Scheme, led by a supervisor. However, I need **one person to volunteer to receive the shopping list sent by the co-ordinator each month, do the online shop, and receive / put away the food the day before the lunch.** Is anyone interested in doing this? Secondly, **I need just a handful of volunteers to be rota-ed to be present occasionally - no other role - and receive a free lunch!** Two volunteers per month is all I need: a small team to draw on would be helpful. You don't have to live alone for these roles! Have a word with me. I would love to see this happen. Thanks. *Revd Helen*

MIKE & CAROL RENSHAW are moving and have a dove grey three-piece suite for sale, which includes electric foot stools and a head roll on the chairs. Only two years old and practically new! Call or email for a photo or pop along to see it. 10% of proceeds to St John's Church. Tel: 01202 658160 / email mikerenshaw49@gmail.com

UPDATE OF ACTS435 We are facilitating help for two people suddenly unemployed and having difficulties paying bills. To help please donate at <https://www.acts435.org.uk/> If you know of anyone who is in need contact me at janetgreen34@hotmail.com Many thanks, *Janet*

PHISHING EMAILS Be aware there are a lot of phishing emails being sent to people in the congregation, from others in the congregation. These emails are a way of cyber criminals tricking you into giving them personal information. There is no need to worry, but do not give anyone, including our Vicar, any personal information, including bank details. Don't reply, and report it if you know how to. If you think you have been hacked, change your password immediately. It doesn't always mean you have to change your email address. Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk or for more info see <https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing>

FLOWERS IN CHURCH We need more people to provide and arrange a vase of  flowers for the front table under the Banner, and a small vase on the sanitizer table, even once or twice a year is helpful. Some flowers like Carnations, Alstroemeria, Chrysanthemums, last 2-3 weeks. If you don't feel up to arranging you could supply some money to buy them occasionally, even once a year. We can arrange them for you. You may like to donate them to celebrate a Birthday, Anniversary or other occasion, or In Memory of someone, when we supply a card to go alongside them with the loved one's name. Or it may be just because you like fresh flowers in Church each week. I look forward to hearing from you. *Marion Marsh*



SINGING GROUP FOR SERVICES IN CARE HOMES We have a singing group to accompany a short service in local Care Homes. Rev Helen will be taking two services: Thurs 20th June 10.45am at The Links and Friday 21st June 2.30pm at The Potteries. Anyone who would like to join the singing group to lead the hymns would be very welcome. Please phone Pat Longstaff if you are interested. (01202 691148)

RAISE MONEY FOR ST JOHNS WITH TRUST 130 Ecclesiastical are running a simple promotion to raise funds for Churches. For every new home insurance policy taken out with Ecclesiastical, they'll donate £130 to an Anglican church / cathedral of the policy holder's choice. For info, contact Caroline in the office or call Ecclesiastical on **0800 7830 130**. **Thank you** to those who have taken up this offer: we have now received our first donation!

CORFE MULLEN FOOD BANKS Food donations can now be left in the Church porch every weekday morning 10am until 1pm, Sundays 12noon until 4.30pm. All donations given to Corfe Mullen foodbank run by St. Nicholas's Church: they provide food for individuals & families local to Broadstone, and issue vouchers to all Broadstone / Hillbourne Schools. **They are in short supply of custard, rice & tinned fruit.** If you wish to make a cash donation, visit their website: parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank or contact Sheila & Ken for details.

Further Afield

A JUMBLE SALE will be held at St Anthony's Church Hall, 135 York Rd, BH18 8ER on Sat 15th June, 11am. Entrance £1. All proceeds to Church charities. Everyone most welcome.

BROADSTONE TAG GROUP This group of women from Broadstone Churches meet monthly on Thursdays, 2.30 – 4pm. We have people to do teas / wash up, but need someone to put the programme together. If you could help, speak to Pat Longstaff, for information.

DONATIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS We are appealing for good quality rucksacks and trainers (adult size 6 – 11). For more information call Judith 01202 460162 Mob 07840490525 or drop in donations to Caroline in the Parish Office. *Many thanks.*

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING Summer concert to be held at Broadstone Methodist church on Sunday 7th July, 7.30pm. Tickets £15 (under 18s: £8). Tickets from Bob Williams at boblwilliams100@gmail.com or on the door. Includes refreshments.

STRICTLY COME TEA DANCING Come and dance to live music at the Memorial Hall on Tudor Road. Usually the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm – 4pm.

CHITTER CHATTER CLUB Every Wednesday, 2.30pm – 4pm at Cafe Gardenia.

BROADSTONE LUNCH BUNCH Baptist Church, York Rd. Every last Thursday in the month, from 11am - 2.30pm. Tea and biscuits on arrival, and 2 course hot lunch for £5. Transport can be arranged. To book your place contact Dave Turner on 0777 308 2092.

TUESDAY CLUB AT BROADSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH We are desperate for extra help serving / clearing away lunches and coffee. We are open 10.30 am till 2pm. It does not have to be a weekly commitment. Please contact Ann on 01202849136.

DEADLINE FOR JOINT JULY/AUG EDITION SUBMISSIONS FRI 21st JUNE.

Please email all items to admin@stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk,
AND a copy to Revd Helen at revdhelenbailey@gmail.com