



WEEKLY NEWS

The Epiphany, 5th January 2025

Worship

COLLECT: The Epiphany

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 60.1-6

PSALM: Psalm 72.1 15

NEW TESTAMENT: Ephesians 3.1- 12

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2.2-12

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

We pray for all who work in our National Health Service, in our Care Homes and who provide care in the community. We also pray for our teachers and those who work in our emergency services. We thank the Lord for their work.



SICK LIST We pray for Pam T, Denise M, Louise H, Anne W, Debbie C, Vitalia W, Margaret S, Lyn T, Nick M, Bob W, Samuel Armstrong

RIP Pat Stirling

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Eva Leonard & Pearl Nichols, whose year's mind falls at this time.

News and Notices

AMENDED OFFICE OPENING HOURS The office is open from 9.30am every Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am on Wednesdays and 10.30am on Thursdays. It closes at 1pm every day. **Please note, the office & Church will be closed on Monday 6th January.**

AMENDED CLERGY CHRISTMAS LEAVE Revd Gary returns on Sunday 5th January. Revd Helen is taking slightly extended leave and will return on Thursday 9th January.

AMENDED THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER & ONLINE PRAYER Thursday Prayer will resume on Thurs 16th January. Online Prayer will resume on Friday 10th January.

AMENDED CHRISTMAS POST BOX Please check at the back of Church, as there are a few Christmas cards waiting to be picked up.

NEW FEBRUARY & MARCH READERS Please sign up at the back of the Church, if you are able to read during the month of February and/or March. Once all the spaces have been filled, Caroline will send you the rota and the readings for that month. Many thanks.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY I shall be opening and counting boxes at end of December. Would all box holders kindly let the office have them or I can collect them. My number is 01202 247674. Thank you, *Susan Jones*

NEW ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP Our first meeting of the year is on January 9th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The speaker is Mike Rabdall and the intriguing title of his talk is "Transported for the rest of your Natural Life". Please remember subscriptions will be due that evening, £15.00 per person. Visitors are always welcome and if you would like further information, please contact Jean Rigler on 01202 601109.

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH THE GOSPELS It isn't too late to join in, but let Revd Helen know you are coming, so she can provide enough resources. These will take place on *the second Saturday of the month, 9.45am (coffee), 10am start until 11am*. Dates are: Sat 11th Jan, Sat 8th Feb, Sat 8th March, Sat 12th April, Sat 24th May (AMENDED DATE FOR MAY), no meetings in June or July.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS THROUGH CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE Please join the four churches on **Saturday 18th Jan at 10am** in St John's Parish Hall where our Cafe Breakfast Church will welcome all four churches for a special event and service to mark the start of Christian Unity week. It includes breakfast, and will end at 11am. Then on **Thursday 23rd January, at the URC Church, beginning at 11am** with coffee, there will be a short service to conclude Christian Unity week, starting 11.15am. Again, it would be wonderful to have good attendance from St John's to help encourage our very good relationships with one another across our four Churches. *Revd Helen*

LPA TO BE COMMISSIONED IN FEBRUARY FOR ST JOHN'S I am delighted to let you know that Sheila Winning has been training with me to become a new Lay Pastoral Assistant for St John's. Bishop Karen will be returning to St John's on Sunday 16th February to lead our 10am service and commission Sheila during that service. Sheila will be a great addition to our wonderful team of LPAs and we are all looking forward to her joining the team. *Revd Helen*

WILD FLOWERS We are looking to plant some wild flowers in our Churchyard such as Ajuga, Betony, Primrose, Pulmonaria and Marjoram. All donations gratefully received.

VERGERS NEEDED The vicar still needs extra people to be a verger at funerals and weddings at St John's. If interested, have a word with Revd Helen.

RAISE MONEY FOR ST JOHNS WITH TRUST130 For every new home insurance policy taken out with Ecclesiastical, they'll donate £130 to an Anglican church of the policy holder's choice. For info, contact Caroline in the office or call Ecclesiastical on **0800 7830 130**.

AMENDED CORFE MULLEN FOOD BANKS Food donations can be left in the Church Porch Mon - Fri 10am-1pm & Sun 11.30am – 12.15pm. All given to St Nicholas' Church Corfe Mullen FoodBank who provide food for Broadstone individuals & families, and vouchers to Broadstone / Hillbourne Schools. All food welcome but the need is also for **tinned meat and ready meals**. Thank you to everyone for your contributions over the last year, they were all much appreciated. We look forward to your continued support in 2025. Visit parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank to make cash donation or contact Sheila & Ken.

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

CAR PARKING Please only park for services, to visit the parish office or for meetings.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 7th Jan	Churches Together in Broadstone meeting 2pm at St Antony's for the St John's Reps.
Thurs 9th Jan	7pm Standing Committee meeting at the Vicarage. 7.30pm St John's Fellowship
Sat 11th Jan	10am with coffee from 9.45am for Getting to Grips with the Gospels session 3. 2pm – 4pm St John's Craft & Chat Group in NorthReach
Sun 12th Jan	3pm Muddy Church
Tues 14th Jan	Office opening at 11.30am 1pm Children's work meeting at the Vicarage.
Thurs 16th Jan	7.30pm PCC
Fri 17th Jan	2pm Worship & Spirituality Group
Sat 18th Jan	10am – 11am Unity Café Breakfast Church (see notice above)

FURTHER AFIELD

BOURNEMOUTH WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Monday 13th January at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The meeting starts at 7.40pm but beforehand there is an optional dinner at 6.30pm.

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

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

TUESDAY CLUB AT BROADSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH We are open 10.30 am till 2pm. Please contact Ann on 01202 849136 for more information.

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