



WEEKLY NEWS

Lent 1, 9th March 2025

Worship

COLLECT: Lent 1

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

PSALM: Psalm 91.1-2, 9-end

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 10.8b -13

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4.1-13

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

We pray for our world, for countries where the war or conflict there no longer makes the headlines, but where people live each day with uncertainty and terror. We pray earnestly for people working together to promote peace.

SICK LIST We pray for Pam T, Denise M, Anne W, Debbie C, Vitalia W, Margaret S, Lyn T, Nick M, Pauline H, Diane B, Valerie H

RIP Anthony Shearing, Pola Bevan, Bob Williams

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Simon Timothy Trayner, Ronald Thomas Porter & Dean Thomas whose year's mind falls at this time.



Funeral Mass of Pola Bevan takes place at St Mary's RC Church in Poole, at 12 noon, on Friday 21st March.

Funeral of Antony Shearing takes place at St John's Church on Friday 14th March at 2pm.

News and Notices

NEW FAIRTRADE STALL Fairtrade goods on sale this coming Sunday, 9th March.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE LENT GROUPS These will be running again on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9pm at the Methodist Church and Thursday mornings at St Antony's 10.30am - 12 noon. All welcome. They will start on Wed 12th March and run for 5 consecutive weeks. **Booklets are £1.85 and will be available from the first session you go to, and you also need to bring a Bible.**

SALISBURY DIOCESE LENT GROUPS Join us this Lent as we reflect on what it means to be a leader today, through the lens of six figures from the Bible. Our reflections are written by young lay and ordained leaders from across the diocese. We'll also be sharing video interviews and discussions with each author about their reflection, to aid group discussions and people following the course at home. We have over 70 sign ups so far but there is still plenty of time to request a copy, which will be available from 6 February. Do email to express your interest: comms@salisbury.anglican.org

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 8th March, Sat 12th April, Sat 24th May (AMENDED DATE FOR MAY). May will be the last session.

VICAR'S RETREAT AND HALF TERM WEEK Please note the Vicar begins her half term/retreat week on 10th March and so will be unavailable all week. Thanks.

ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP Our next meeting is on Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. We look forward to another interesting evening, this time hearing from Richard Hutley about "Issac Gulliver-King of Smugglers". Visitors are always welcome.

NEW DEANERY CHAPTER MEETING AT ST JOHN'S is on Wednesday 2nd April at 12 noon – 1.30pm in the Northreach Annexe. If you are able to help with refreshments, please let Revd Helen know. Many thanks

NEW QUIET DAY AT ST JOHN'S Saturday 3rd May 9.30am - 3pm (Advance Notice). This will be led by Zoe Phillips, a member of our congregation, with themes of Creation. It will have a Celtic flavour, and the day will end with Revd Helen leading a short Communion Service. We will be having **a bring and share lunch for all who come, so please remember to bring a contribution to put on the table on the day.** Sign up sheets for this day will be available closer to the time.

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

NEW THOSE WHO SEW NEEDED TO MAKE US SOME NEW LAVABO TOWELS. We desperately need a few more new lavabo towels. These are the cloths the priest wipes her / his hands on at the Eucharist as part of the ablutions. We have both the material and the template. Could volunteers for this have a word with Keith (or the vicar)? Many thanks!

BOTTLES FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY I am wanting bottles, i.e. coke, lemonade, mixer drinks etc... to take the bottoms off to make poppies for a Remembrance Day project. Please bring any clean bottles to the Parish Office. Many thanks *Ann Biggs*

AMENDED APCM: PCC MEMBERS We now have enough people standing for the PCC roles, many thanks to those people for putting their names forward. Although this doesn't stop others applying and going to a vote! Please have a word with the vicar if you would like to get involved.

APCM: ELECTORAL ROLL Every 6 years the whole electoral roll has to be revised, which means everyone on it needs to reapply. This is a heads-up about that process. You need to do nothing at the moment, but envelopes will be available for you from Sunday 9th March to collect which will contain a letter from us and an electoral roll form for you to fill in. The internal deadline for getting these back to Geraldine Willford, our Electoral Roll officer, via the parish office, will be 3rd April, and the roll will formally close on 10th April, after which no one else can be added to the roll until after the APCM on 1st May. **Please note that you can only attend the APCM if you are an electoral roll member.**

APCM: ARE YOU NEW TO CHURCH? If you are new to church and have decided to make St John's your church and have worshipped with us for 6 months, or you live in the parish, you can become a member of our electoral roll, providing you are over 16, baptised and not on any other electoral roll. Do have a word with the Vicar or Geraldine Willford about this. You can only attend the APCM and nominate and vote for our charities if you are on our electoral roll, and it also means you will receive all the papers for the APCM including the parish and statutory reports, the financial reports, as well as later in the year our stewardship packs. Because the roll is about to be revised (see note above), we will be taking in new electoral rolls from 9th March - and you will be added to the roll at that time.

SERVERS REQUIRED. We are looking for new servers to recruit (those people dressed in white who carry candles and the cross during services, among other things). We hope to have a training session soon. Please let the vicar or Keith Manston know asap if you would like to know more about this role.

CALL FOR OLD SPECTACLES! A reminder that we have a bin at the back of the church where you can donate your old glasses for charity.

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**.

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 **household cleaning products & feminine and personal hygiene products**.

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.

BROADSTONE MUSIC SERIES Ensemble Aurea Concert on Sunday 16th March 4.30pm, at St John's Church. Adults £15/Under 18 & Concessions £3. Refreshments included. Tickets from www.broadstonemusicseries.info

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 7 th Mar	10.30am World Day of Prayer Service at St John's Church
Sat 8 th Mar	9.45am Getting to Grips with the Gospels 2pm Craft & Chat Group
Thurs 13 th Mar	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7.30pm St John's Fellowship in Parish Hall
Fri 14 th Mar	2pm Funeral of Anthony Shearing
Sat 15 th Mar	10am – 11am Café Breakfast Church
Sun 16 th Mar	4.30pm Broadstone Music Series Concert at St John's
Thurs 20 th Mar	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7.30pm PCC in Parish Hall
Tues 25 th Mar	2pm Burial of Ashes
Thurs 27 th Mar	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Sat 29 th Mar	Posy Making for Mothering Sunday (time tbc) 10.30am Muddy Church
Tues 1 st Mar	7.30pm Events Committee (venue tbc)

FURTHER AFIELD

LGBTQ+ INCLUSION TRAINING Saturday March 8th, from 10-4pm in Wilton at Emmaus House, SP2 0FG. The training is free! Booking link <https://booking.salisburyanglican.org.uk/learning/courses/lgbtqia-inclusion-training-10440>

NEW BOURNEMOUTH WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Monday 7th April at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The meeting starts at 7.40pm but beforehand there is an optional dinner at 6.30pm.

NEW DORSET CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT The Passion Of Our Lord According To St Mark. Monday 14th April, 7.30pm at Broadstone United Reformed Church. Tickets £10 (under 18s free) from David Hopkins, website or on the door.

DONATIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS BIKES WANTED International Care Network (ICN) are looking for bikes for refugees and asylum seekers in BCP. Do you have an unused but usable bike stagnating in your garage or garden? For further info contact Judith on 07840490525 or judithw0651@gmail.com

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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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist 8am & 10am
Wednesday Eucharist 10.30am