



WEEKLY NEWS

9th after Trinity, 28th July 2024

Worship

COLLECT: 9th after Trinity

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 4.42-end

PSALM: Psalm 145.10-19

NEW TESTAMENT: Ephesians 3.14-end

GOSPEL READING: John 6.1-21

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

Dear God, we cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Israel and Gaza. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks Yours, too. We ask that You stretch out Your mighty hand to bring an end to this war. We pray for Your peace to reign. We look to You as our Saviour and the hope of the world. Amen.

SICK LIST We pray for Ann S-N, Pam T, Denise M, Louise H, Anne W, Debbie C, Vitalia W.



RIP Karen Greene, Wiebke Smith

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Gladys Pratt, Peter Golding, Hermine Djerdjarian & Pamela Wadham, whose year's mind falls at this time.

News and Notices

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.

VERGERS NEEDED The vicar really needs some extra people to be able to act as verger at funerals and weddings here at St John's. It is not so different from a sidesperson's duties, though there are a few things to learn. It might involve working the CD player if a track is requested, but training can be given, and also you can be paired with someone who knows how to work it. There are always two vergers on at every funeral or wedding, so you won't be alone! If interested, please have a word with Revd Helen who can talk you through what the role involves. I have to take funerals and weddings if they are part of our parish, and am glad to do so, but it is nearly impossible to do so without vergers! Thank you.

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.

NEW CHURCH TIDY-UP We are having a clergy and choir vestry tidy-up on Sat 17th August 9.30am until 11.30am. Anyone is welcome to join us as we try to clear the last of the items that have been temporarily stored in these vestries during the building programme. If anyone is able to help, just come along, even if just for an hour. It is helpful if you let me know you are coming! Thanks, Revd Helen

Teaching and Learning Opportunities and Spiritual Nurture at St John's At the APCM Revd Helen said one of our three main focuses for life at St John's this year was discipleship and a chance to develop both our understanding and our practice of our Christian faith. The notices below launch this new programme of opportunities to explore and engage in our faith, and give time to nurturing what we believe, why we believe it and how it makes a difference in our lives.

Thursday Morning Prayer in Church 8.45am Although we will *continue* to offer morning prayer on Wednesdays online and evening prayer on Fridays online, Revd Helen will also be relaunching Morning Prayer said in church (in the Lady Chapel) on Thursday mornings at 8.45am. Everyone is welcome to join her. This 20 - 25 minute prayer time in our beautiful church can be such a lovely way to start the day together. This begins this week on Thursday 25th July. Please note church will only be unlocked at 8.40am - if you arrive early, do just wait for me to come along. If there are any occasions it has to be cancelled due to my availability, I will put a note in the weekly news. Thank you.

Quiet Day at St John's, led by Revd Helen Bailey, Saturday 7th

September. Revd Helen will be leading us in a Quiet Day held in church, NorthReach annexe and the Parish Hall, as well as our church grounds. There will be some led sessions, but lots of quiet space and own time to read, pray, think, do a craft. Details of the day and timings / theme still to be announced, but is likely to start from around 9.30am and likely to finish around 3 - 3.30pm. You can come for some or all of the day. Sign up sheets and further details will emerge soon, but for now, do put the date in your diary.

AMENDED House Group at St John's Following on from the Quiet Day which will launch our new programme of teaching and learning opportunities, Paul Winsworth and Ken Pearce will be leading a new housegroup. This will take place in the NorthReach annexe (or sometimes in church) on a fortnightly basis, start date **Wed 18th September 7.30pm**. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church and we will contact you about purchasing the Study Guide from us at a considerable discount (new copy £3.50, second-hand copy £3). We have 12 copies in to sell (9 new, 3 second-hand).

Getting to Grips with the Gospels In the autumn Revd Helen will launch a monthly session looking at our four Gospels. We know they are the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but who wrote them, who did they write them for? How did they spread? How did they become part of our canon we call the New Testament? What was their context of the day? Together we will explore all this, plus what life was like in 1st century Palestine, which will help to make sense of what we hear and read in church on Sundays week by week. We will explore how we might helpfully approach scripture, and what we do with those 'difficult bits' we come across! These will take place on **the second Saturday of the month, 9.45am (coffee), 10am start until 11am**. There is no meeting in December however! Dates are: **Saturday 12th October, Sat 9th November. Providing there is take-up for this, they will continue with Sat 11th January, Sat 8th Feb, Sat 8th March, Sat 12th April, Sat 3rd May (1 week earlier than usual), no meetings in June or July.**

All are welcome!

NEW KNITTING I need more knitted red poppies to make some more wreaths to decorate the church for Remembrance Day. Also, Christmas baubles to make wreaths to decorate the church for Christmas! Thanks Ann **THANK YOU** to those that have been busy knitting the little stockings, ready for our Christmas Fayre & Christmas Festival. All the above can be brought into the office.

ORGANIST APPOINTED AT ST JOHN'S A reminder that our new organist Peter Hoar will begin his post with us on 1st August and in the first instance will be playing for us for our Sunday services and additional main services throughout the year, while we will continue to use our circle of relief organists for funerals and weddings. We are also using our team of relief organists in July, as Peter starts with us in August.

AMENDED ST JOHN'S SUMMER CREAM TEA SUNDAY 18th AUGUST, 3pm – 4.30pm Tickets available from this Sunday, cost £5. Ticket includes - sweet, savoury or gluten free option of scone + accompaniments and a slice of cake; with tea / coffee.

REMEDY OAK 2024/25! They will now not take bookings for functions like ours in the summer months as they want to keep all weekends for members. Our dates are as follows: Christmas lunch 2024 - 24th November & Spring/ summer 2025 - 27th April. Please keep these dates in your diary. Phyl

GARDENING GROUP We are looking to re-start the gardening group, to look after the Church grounds, after the existing gardening group, which has worked so hard over the years, has been looking for a way forward from here. If you are interested in joining, or were a member of the gardening group and interested in continuing in some way, please contact Ken Pearce or the office. If you have any gardening tools and/or a lawnmower that you would be happy to donate to the Church, please let Ken know or bring them to the office.

ACTS 435 is a Christian Charity that seeks to enable Acts 4 verse 35 '*and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.*' Donated money can only be accessed through advocates connected with a church but is there to help anybody in need. Advocates post situations on the Acts435 website and within two weeks the request is met and given to the person who is going through a bad patch. At the moment we are enabling someone on universal credit to catch up on his bills. If you would like to help this charity, please go on line to acts435.org.uk If you know of someone who needs help, please get in touch with me janetgreen34@hotmail.com. Many thanks, Janet Green (Acts435 Advocate)

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**.

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 are 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 everything (except pasta), and their shelves are very low, so thank you for any donations.** If you wish to make a cash donation, visit their website parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank or contact Sheila & Ken for details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 28 th July	3pm Muddy Church
Tues 30 th July	7.30pm Events Committee Meeting in NorthReach
Thurs 1 st Aug	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 2nd Aug	2.30pm Children's workers meeting at the vicarage
Mon 5 th -Fri 9 th Aug	OFFICE CLOSED
Thurs 8 th Aug	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Sat 10 th Aug	2pm Craft & Chat
Thurs 15 th Aug	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 16th Aug	2.30pm LPA meeting at the Vicarage
Sat 17 th Aug	9.30am – 11.30am Church Tidy Up
Sun 18 th Aug	3pm – 4.30pm St John's Summer Cream Tea

FURTHER AFIELD

BROADSTONE FUNDRAISING GROUP FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK are pleased to invite you to A STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA on **the 27th July at 1pm until 5pm**, at The United Reformed Church Hall, Higher Blandford Road, Broadstone. Admission will be £4 to include tea/coffee and a full Strawberry cream tea.

FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST, 11AM-4PM. TEA/COFFEE AND SCONES IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH UK I'll be serving coffee with cheese scones, cheese and pickle in the morning, and tea with scones, homemade strawberry jam and clotted cream in the afternoon. Gluten free chocolate cake will be available throughout the day. Donations to Cancer Research UK. If you'd like to come please email me: bafoulger@gmail.com If you can't come, but would like to support Cancer Research UK, you might like to buy tickets for the raffle - lots of prizes: Gordons Sicilian Lemon Gin, chocolates, Dartington Crystal handmade vase etc etc. Tickets, £1 each can be purchased by contacting me on the email above or on the day. Thank you, *Barbara Foulger*

DONATIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS We are appealing for good quality **sandals & 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.

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 open 10.30 am till 2pm. Please contact Ann on 01202 849136 for more information.

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