



# WEEKLY NEWS

13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## Worship

### COLLECT: 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

**PSALM:** Psalm 34.15-end

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Ephesians 6.10-20

**GOSPEL READING:** John 6.56-69

## PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

We give thanks for all our emergency services, and in our prayers remember our local police, ambulance-drivers and paramedics, our fire-fighters and the RNLI. Protect them as they work hard to protect and save the lives of others. We pray this summer for safety on our beaches and in our rivers and sea.

**SICK LIST** We pray for Pam T, Denise M, Louise H, Anne W, Debbie C, Vitalia W, Paul S, Margaret S, Lyn T



**RIP** Astrid Hedges, Coral Wilby, Betty Roberts

**YEAR'S MIND** Pray for Alison Pope, Florence Everett, & Mavis Shearing, whose year's mind falls at this time.

Astrid Hedges' funeral is at St John's Church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm.

## 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 are closed on Bank Holiday Monday.**

**NEW HOLIDAYS** Revd Gary Waldron is on holiday from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and will return to work Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**NEW STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** We will be running our annual stewardship appeal in the next week or so throughout the month of September. If you are on the electoral Roll you will receive an addressed envelope available for you to pick up in church over those weeks. We also have other packs available for those not on our electoral roll which can also be picked up from church. Revd Helen will launch this on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September by preaching a sermon on giving.

**50 CLUB WINNERS** for July and August were: **July** - £50 Nick Heckford; £10 Marion Marsh **August** - £50 Hazel West; £10 Bob Williams. Congratulations!

**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. 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.

**AMENDED Quiet Day at St John's, led by Revd Helen Bailey, Saturday 7th Sept.** Telling the Wholeness Story. 10am - 3pm. 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 some art. *Please bring your own pack lunch:* tea and coffee, biscuits and fruit will be available throughout the day for you to help yourselves. We will begin at 10am, and aim to finish at 3pm.

**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 CALLING THOSE WHO SEW!** We have some small white cloths that we could do with being turned into purificators, the little cloths we use with the chalice on Sundays. This will involve shortening the edge on two sides and embroidering a little red cross in the centre. If you think you can help, see Caroline in the office as she has the size pattern and the cloths to be altered. Many thanks!

**AMENDED HOW WE WELCOME NEWCOMERS** Just a little reminder to look out for newcomers and offer welcome, take them through to coffee and sit and chat with them. If you sit at a 'regular table' do keep that open and invite others in or sometimes choose a different table so you get to know more congregation members. Also please continue to be willing to be the person to sit somewhere else if your 'usual' pew is full. Thanks again for all you do in the way of welcome! *Revd Helen*

**WET NOSE SUNDAY PET SERVICE** Sunday 1st September 3pm It's back! The Blessing of the Animals service invites you and all your pets! Please come to our pet service and bring all your dogs, cats, mice, rabbits, tortoises, kangaroos and horses, and anything else you might have! Please tell all your friend and neighbours with pets, as we celebrate our furry, scaly and wetnosed friends and bless them.

**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*

**SILVER ECO CHURCH AWARD!** St John's Church has achieved its Silver Eco Church Award from A Rocha UK in recognition of our efforts to care for God's earth in each of the following areas: Worship and Teaching; Management of Buildings and Land; Community and Global Engagement; Lifestyle. This has involved huge efforts in many areas of our church work and life and from everyone. Thank you especially to Reverend Helen, the Churchwardens (past and present), PCC and everybody who works in any area of St John's because you are all part of this success. Congratulations! With love from the Eco Gang.

**VERGERS NEEDED** The vicar still needs extra people to be a verger at funerals and weddings at St John's. It is not so different from a sidesperson's duties, though there are a few things to learn. There are always two vergers on at every funeral or wedding, so you won't be alone! If interested, have a word with Revd Helen who can talk you through what the role involves. It is impossible to take funerals and weddings without this support!

**GARDENING GROUP** We are looking to re-start the gardening group: If you are interested in joining, 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 4.35 '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 money is given to the person in need. At the moment we are enabling someone on universal credit to catch up on his bills. To help this charity, please go on line to [acts435.org.uk](https://acts435.org.uk) If you know of someone who needs help, please get in touch with me [janetgreen34@hotmail.com](mailto: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 be left in the Church porch Mon-Fri 10am-1pm, Sundays 12-4.30pm. All donations given to Corfe Mullen foodbank run by St. Nicholas's Church who provide food for Broadstone individuals & families, and issue vouchers to Broadstone / Hillbourne Schools. **They need cooking sauces, instant meals, pasta, tinned meat & rice pudding. They do not need pulses, tinned fish & cereals. Thank you so much for all your donations at this hard time for families!** To make a cash donation, visit [parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank](http://parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank) 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**

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11am – 1pm Muddy Church & Baptism Teddy Bears' Picnic
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12 noon Baptism
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	OFFICE CLOSED
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	1.30pm Funeral
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> September	3pm Wet Nose Sunday
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Office Closed
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	7.30pm Events Committee Meeting
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> September	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm, Standing Committee Meeting
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> September	10am – 3pm Quiet Day at St John's

### **FURTHER AFIELD**

**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.

**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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