



WEEKLY NEWS

Kingdom 3 , 19th November 2023

Worship

COLLECT: Kingdom 3

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end **PSALM:** Psalm 90.1-8

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 25.14-30

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

We pray for people who tirelessly work for God's justice. For all who follow your calling to spread your word, and your work in whatever situation, that they will open the way to a harvest of generosity. For Tear Fund, Oxfam, Christian Aid, Fair Trade – for all who, like you Lord, go the extra mile.

SICK LIST We pray for Dorothy M, Veronica S, Ann S-N, Catherine W, Shirley R, Pam T, Denise M, Louise H



RIP Ian Kingsbury, Rita Riley, David Breedon, Betty Hills

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Peter Jeffery & Richard Brown, whose year's mind falls at this time.

David Breedon's funeral will be at Harbour View on Nov 23rd at 2.30pm.

Ian Kingsbury's funeral will be at Harbour View on Nov 27th at 2.30pm.

Betty Hills' funeral will be at St John's Church on Nov 30th at 11.45am.

News and Notices

COFFEE AFTER 10am SERVICE will be served in the **Parish Hall** this week.

FAIRTRADE STALL will be available at the 10am service this week in the **Parish Hall**. Sorry for the confusion last week!

REVD HELEN ON RADIO During the week, our own Vicar got interviewed by Radio Solent, talking about NorthReach. The interview will be aired on the programme that runs from 6am - 10am, but we will let you know if we get a more specific time slot. You can also listen to it online after the event.

CAFÉ BREAKFAST & MUDDY CHURCH IN NOVEMBER: This is now full. Remember, for those who have booked, it begins at 10.30am and breakfast is included.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY This year's stewardship appeal now takes place on **Sunday 28th November**. At both services, Revd Helen will speak about how the church is financed.

CHARITY NOMINATIONS Each year St John's makes donations to carefully selected worthwhile charities. With that in mind we now invite nominations of charities that we might

support. Please send in your nominations by **26th Nov** either by email to admin@stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk or by hand to the Church Office. It would be helpful if nominations can be accompanied by very brief details of the charity – **no more than 50 words please**. Once the nominations are in we need to choose which charities we should support and we will offer everyone on St John's Electoral Roll the opportunity of voting. This year voting won't be by placing a simple X on the ballot form. Instead voters will be invited to show which charity would be their first choice, which their second choice and so on. We think this will give a fairer result and we will explain it in more detail before the vote is held. Those of you on email will receive details of how to vote by email. For those not on email a box and voting slips will be provided near the church door. Brief details of each nominated charity will be provided. Voting will close on 24th December.

COFFEE MORNING Several people have asked how the new equipment in the NorthReach kitchen is operated. There will be a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 28th November at 10.30am to give everyone the opportunity to find out how it all works, where everything is stored and to enjoy a cup of coffee together. Please email or phone the office if you would like to attend.

ADVENT REFLECTION The **Advent reflection series from the Bishops and the Dean of Salisbury** is now out. If you would like a copy emailed directly, please request this from comms@salisbury.anglican.org. The printable and online version will also be available on the Salisbury Diocese website. Bishop Karen is also offering two virtual home groups for those who are not part of a church group and would like to follow the short course. These will be via Zoom on Tuesday 12 December and Tuesday 19 December. Both will last an hour, from 7pm-8pm. If you would like to register do email comms@salisbury.anglican.org
Revd Helen Bailey

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY I will be counting boxes at end of December. Would all box holders kindly let me have them to count either by giving them into the office or I can collect them from you. We do accept cheques made payable to above!
Susan Jones

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Entry forms are available at the back of church and in the parish office. Please consider putting a Christmas tree into our festival by yourself, with a group of friends or neighbours, or as part of an organisation. Help spread the word! Anyone can enter, including families. We want lots of trees for this very popular event that brings in over 400 from the community. Let's make it a festival to remember! Entry forms need to be in by 17th November, so we can put the programme together. Many thanks!

NEW EVENTS COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED Roger Leach is stepping down after leading the events committee this last year, for which we are really grateful. He is moving to serve on the new Fabric Committee. Please have a word with Revd Helen if you think you could step into this role. It involves co-ordinating the meeting agenda to discuss what events are coming up - supported by the vicar who provides the diary timetable of events. The committee together decides how the events are to run, what needs doing, and shares out tasks. Please consider if you could help! The vicar is happy to lead the January one, but really needs someone to take that role after that.

LENDING LIBRARY We have the tiny beginnings of a very small lending library in church, with what we intend to be spiritual books, ideally modern. We are not looking for gifts of books at this stage, but intend to build the collection slowly over time with quality books. They are stored in the old hymnbook trolley, currently in the church but on the NR wall. Please sign out any book you wish to borrow with the title of the book, your name and date borrowed. Please cross out your entry when you return it. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE PRIZES We are looking for raffle prizes to boost our raffle at the Christmas Fayre, **with a list requesting items for inclusion in the Christmas Hamper at the back of Church.** Please could you bring these to the office. They must be new items, not second-hand, and if consumable, well in date. Many thanks!

HELP REQUIRED Please sign up if you are able to help with setting up and taking down the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Tree Festival and requesting help in the kitchen at both events.

CAKE REQUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS Please sign the sign-up sheets at the back of church if you can make a cake for our Christmas events.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - SHOEBOX APPEAL St John's sent thirteen boxes to support this appeal. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. *Jean Rigler*

NON-PLASTIC ECO VAN Olive the eco van will be at St John's on the following Saturdays, 11am-1pm: 18th & 21st November. Do support this worthy venture.

CORFE MULLEN FOOD BANKS Thank you all for your support for our foodbank collections on Sundays and Wednesdays. 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 and Hillbourne Schools. They need **tinned tomatoes, tinned meats, puddings, washing up liquid and dog/cat food.** They are currently well stocked with milk. Many rely heavily on foodbanks so please continue to show support ...every little helps. An extra item in your shopping each week brought to church or dropped into the porch makes a difference! Alternatively, if you would like to make a cash donation, visit their website parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank or speak to Gez or Elaine.

EVENTS COMMITTEE - New members to help us plan events wanted. Contact Roger Leach in church, by phone on 01202 885866, or email at r.leach@tiscali.co.uk

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

