



WEEKLY NEWS

4 before Lent, 9th February 2025

Worship

COLLECT: 4 before Lent

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 6.1-8

PSALM: Psalm 138

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

GOSPEL READING: Luke 5.1-11

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

In this week of 'Valentine's Day' we are reminded of the first two commandments Jesus gave us, to love God, and to love people. We remember the parable Jesus told of the Good Samaritan, this week let us go and do likewise.

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



RIP Doreen Amato

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Alfred Hodges, Philip Blunt, Ernest (Ernie) Morton & Reg Waldron, whose year's mind falls at this time.

News and Notices

NEW FAIR TRADE stall will be available after the 10 o'clock Service this Sunday.

NEW 50 CLUB Congratulations to our winners! January: Joyce House £50, Graham Williams £10. February: Marion Marsh £50, Roger Leach £10. Your winnings can be collected from the Parish Office.

APCM: PCC MEMBERS REQUIRED! While the APCM does not take place until Thursday 1st May, we are now appealing for 5 new members to serve on our PCC. Terms are three years, although one of those posts will only be for 2 years. Please do have a word with the vicar about what is involved. We meet 6 times a year, plus at the APCM, and it will really inform you about what goes on behind the scenes at church! There is lots to discuss, and as a trustee of the church you will help us to make wise decisions for the future of this church. Anyone who has also served on PCC before can serve again, providing you have not served on PCC this last year. Please do consider whether you might be able to do this for me and for St John's!

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.

APCM REPORTS DUE 21st FEBRUARY If you have been asked by Marion Marsh to compile a Parish Report for the APCM or a Statutory Report which Sheila Wilson will have asked you to do, please note the deadline for Marion and Sheila to receive these by is 21st February. Please send Parish Reports to Marion and Statutory Reports to Sheila. Thanks!

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.

AMENDED 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. **PLEASE NOTE, NO SESSION THIS SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY.**

ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP, THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM Our meeting this month starts with a short AGM, when we have to thank Jean for her chairmanship of the group over the past 13 years before she hands over to Phil Church and Phyl Walton. Afterwards, Michael Jones will be talking about The AI Revolution, which is sure to get us thinking. As always visitors are most welcome to join us, we meet at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall on the second Thursday of the month. Our programme this year is very varied thanks to Mike Webber who compiled it for us and at the end of the meeting we have coffee and biscuits and time to chat.

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*

NEW SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY. In our usual Eucharist we shall be sharing some thoughts from the Diocese about safeguarding within church life and sharing some thoughts of our own.

SOCIAL AT THE GOODS YARD PUB, WEDNESDAY 26th FEB 5-7pm I am pleased to announce we are once again gathering to enjoy drinks at the Goods Yard Pub on Station Approach in Broadstone. All welcome. The current deal seems to be between 5-6pm house wine, cider and ale are £4, and then between 6-7pm this changes to being drinks which are 2-for-1 on house wine only. We look forward to seeing you there!

SHROVE TUESDAY Advance warning that Shrove Tuesday takes place on Tuesday 4th March and we will be running our usual pancake party. Details to follow soon.

ASH WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday is on 5th March and there will be a Eucharist with ashes taking place at both 10.30am and 7.30pm. The evening one will have hymns. Ash Wednesday is a 'Day of Holy Obligation' for all Christians, which means it is important to try to get to either the morning or evening service if you possibly can.

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. This year there will be a small booklet to purchase and there will not be much reading or preparation required between meetings. They will start on Wed 12th March and run for 5 consecutive weeks. Further details to follow, but get these in your diary now!

NEW 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE ON FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025 AT 10:30 A.M. This year the service is being hosted by St. John's Church. If you would like to read, do refreshments, be a welcomer at this service or would like more information please speak to Sheila Wilson or email sheilawilson055@gmail.com

NEW 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 **tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, jams and tinned meats**.

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

Sat 8th Feb

2pm Craft & Chat Group

Thurs 13th Feb

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 Feb	2.30pm LPA meeting at Vicarage
Sat 15 th Feb	10am - 12 noon Marriage Preparation Day for our wedding couples in NR and church
Thurs 20 th Feb	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 10.45am Care Home Service with the singing group and the Vicar at The Links
Fri 21 st Feb	11am Care Home service with the singing group and Vicar at The Potteries
Wed 26 th Feb	5 – 7pm Social at the Goods Yard
Thurs 27 th Feb	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 28 th Feb	10.30am World Day of Prayer Service at St John's Church

FURTHER AFIELD

NEW CAFÉ CHURCH Sunday, 9th February 4.00pm at Methodist Church. All are welcome to come for tea, cakes and enjoy “Carbon Footprints and Personal Life Styles” Led by Prof. John Evans

NEW BOURNEMOUTH WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Monday 3rd March at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The meeting starts at 7.40pm but beforehand there is an optional dinner at 6.30pm.

NEW 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>

AMENDED SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 7.30PM Hebron Concert at Anglo-Continental, 29-35 Wimborne Road, Bournemouth, BH2 6NA. Gospel Music with a Jewish flavour, with ministry in word and songs. Free, but ticket only. Contact 07790 353616

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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