



# WEEKLY NEWS

Lent 3, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Worship

### COLLECT: Lent 3

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**OLD TESTAMENT** Exodus 17.1-7 **PSALM:** Psalm 95

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Romans 5.1-11 **GOSPEL READING:** John 4.5-42

### PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

Loving God, when the road feels long and our faith feels small, teach us to trust You more deeply. Help us to surrender control and lean into Your promises. Even in the wilderness, remind us that You are near and You are faithful. Amen

**SICK LIST** We pray for Anne W, Vitalia W, Margaret S, Pauline H, Johanna E, Marie M, Anne L-B, Tony S, Linda S, Anna S, Mia W, Eve F



**RIP** Gilly Fazakerley

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

## News and Notices

**NEW PARISH OFFICE AND CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER** will be closed on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10am – 12.30pm & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 11am – 12noon. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

**LENT GROUPS & CHURCHES TOGETHER** Wednesdays at 7.30pm - 8.45 pm at the Methodist Church; Thursdays at 10.30am - 11.45am at St Anthony's Church on York Rd. There is no need to register with us or buy any material this year as it will be provided for you.

**NEW ST JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP** On a train journey you may grumble about cost, overcrowding and poor time-keeping, but it never occurs to you that you might not survive the journey. It wasn't always like that. At one time fatal accidents were so frequent you could buy life assurance at the station with your ticket! Our next talk will describe some of the accidents in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries and the work that was done to prevent them occurring again. Rail enthusiast Mike Webber will show how analysis of the causes of some accidents resulted in improvements in all aspects of railway operations. Britain's railways are now the safest in Europe. Fellowship members will not want to miss this talk and non-members welcome on payment of a very small fee. The talk begins at **7.30 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Church Hall and replaces the talk originally planned as the speaker for that is currently in the Middle East.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES** will be made in NorthReach on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March from 9.45am. If you have any small leaved foliage in your garden you can spare, such as Pittosporum, Hebe, Lonicera, Box, Cypresses, or similar, or foliage with flower such as Forsythia, Spiraea, Heather, Viburnum or Hellebores or other flowers, etc, please bring it to NorthReach for 9.45am or leave outside door if earlier. If you can help the team make some posies please come along with your **secateurs** at 9.45am. Further info from Marion Marsh.

**CRAFT AND CHAT SAT 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2pm – 4pm** Bring-your-own craft; on occasions you will be shown you how to make different crafts. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month.

**NEW TERRACOTTA PLANT POTS NEEDED** If you have any spare medium terracotta plant pots (size 10 cm or more) please could you bring them to the office. It does not matter if cracked or broken rim. Many thanks, *Heather*

**FAITH MATTERS COURSE** Run by Revd Helen. Suitable for those exploring new faith or revisiting the basics of the faith. Fridays 10am - 12 noon: 20th Mar, 17th April, 1st May, 15th May.

**GARDENING SAT 28TH MARCH** All welcome to join us to tidy up the church grounds for Easter. There will be a range of the usual gardening jobs, tailored to suit all abilities e.g. sweeping, weeding, pruning, grass cutting. We start 9.30am and finish at 12.00, tidying up and packing away after that. Coffee, biscuits and doughnuts provided for mid-morning break as an enticement for you to join us. Come and go to suit you on the day, but please speak to me or let the Office know if you will join as so we can cater for you and sort out the jobs. Thank you. *Ken Pearce*

**CHANGE OF TIME FOR PALM SUNDAY TO USUAL 10am** We are returning Palm Sunday to the usual Sunday 10am start instead of the 9.45am it has been in previous years.

**6 FOOT-WASHEES REQUIRED MAUNDY THURSDAY** Please volunteer to have a foot washed in our Maundy Thursday service on Thurs 2nd April at 8pm - sign up list in church.

**GOOD FRIDAY ON FRI 3RD APR** After 9am Stations of the Cross at St John's, the CTiB Good Friday gathering meets in NorthReach from 10am, ready to set off at 10.15am. We will make our way down Tudor Rd, Kirkway, and then along the High Street up to the Methodist Church, where the whole of the Good Friday story will be presented with hymns. Do join us if you can! St John's will then of course have its usual 2pm to 3pm Last Hour at the Cross service.

**NEW ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION 2026** This year's formal revision of the Electoral Roll will take place from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. During this period those of you who are on the Roll should advise of any changes to the details we have stored for you, eg address, phone number or email address. Forms to amend your entry can be collected from the Parish Office. No changes can then be made after 26<sup>th</sup> March until after the APCM on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The Church of England now allows people to be on the Electoral Roll of more than one church. You can only vote or become a member of the PCC at one church, however, and if you are in this situation you will need to decide which church you wish to count as your 'main' church. This will be recorded on our Electoral Roll. This annual revision is the perfect time for members of our congregation to join the Electoral Roll. Membership allows you to attend and vote at the Annual Parish Meeting and to put yourself forward to become a member of the Parochial Church Council. Please speak to Geraldine, Electoral Roll Officer, or Revd Helen if you would like to know more.

**NEW PARKING IN KIRKWAY** Please be careful if you park in Kirkway on a Sunday morning. Lorries are unable to get by if cars are parked too close to the corner. Many thanks!

**APRIL & MAY READERS / INTERCESSORS** 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.

**PLANT SALE SAT 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 10AM – 12PM** Hopefully there has been a dry day when you have been able to get into the garden to see if there are any seedlings you can pot up for the Plant Sale. Maybe you could buy some small plants/flower seedlings from a Garden Centre and pot them on. It is not too late to sow vegetables like cucumber, peppers, courgettes, chillis, aubergine, tomatoes (trailing for hanging baskets are a good seller) and also herbs. Again, you can buy small plants to grow on. Maybe some plants including indoor plants are large and need splitting. Are there any small shrubs to dig up. Later will be a good time for sowing beans, Runner, French,

Dwarf, using something like deep meat plastic containers as they have a long root run. Please use potting compost for all plants and label them with type, variety, colour, etc. See articles in recent newsletters for details. If you haven't made any marmalade, preserves or chutney perhaps buy a nice jar for us to sell. If you don't have a garden, please come along to enjoy coffee and cake in a garden setting and have a chat with others. A list will appear soon at the back of church if you can offer to make a cake. Remember anything homemade needs to have the ingredients listed. Some of the usual helpers are unable to do so this year so if you could offer help on the morning (usually between 9am – 12.15) I will be delighted to hear from you. *Marion Marsh*

**APCM: NEW PCC MEMBER NEEDED** Just one more PCC member needed. See the Vicar.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN** We need someone to tend the memorial garden. If you can help, speak to Caroline in the office. Revd Helen has sent a card to Malcolm to thank him for all he has done.

**USED STAMPS** We are now collecting used stamps for a Bone Cancer Charity. Please use the bin at the back of the Church to place any used stamps in. Thank you!

**OFFERTORY LIST** if you would like to take up the offertory on a particular date please let one of the sidespeople know to sign up on the list.

**CONTACT DETAILS FOR NEXT OF KIN** Do get your next of kin form in. Due to GDPR, it must be signed by you and your named next of kin, so we can store details. *Revd Helen*

**JIGSAWS** If you wish to keep a jigsaw for a donation, please do: give donation to the office. Otherwise, borrow jigsaws stored in north aisle, enjoy them and return (note any missing pieces).

**PHISHING EMAILS** Be vigilant re any emails you receive and do not give out any details, especially bank details, to anyone. Phishing emails often appear from legitimate email addresses, but often when you reply the email address changes. You can forward suspicious emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) or <https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing>

**SERVERS REQUIRED.** We need new servers (those who carry candles and the cross during services) and **VERGERS** for funerals and weddings. Let the Vicar know if interested!

**PARKING AT THE PARISH HALL** If there is room, you are allowed to park but **ONLY** on church business. Park in a way that uses a genuine space. **DO NOT** block anyone in nor prevent emergency access to the hall by a vehicle from the gate. Ensure all cars are removed by 12 noon on Wednesdays if you have parked by the fence nearest to church / outside parish hall.

**STRICTLY NO ACCESS TO PARISH HALL ITSELF MON TO FRI 7.30am - 6.25pm**  
No access to the building for any reason whatsoever Mon to Fri 7.30am to 6.25pm. Many thanks.

**RAISE MONEY FOR ST JOHNS WITH TRUST 130** 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. They are grateful for what we bring as their shelves were bare last week but currently are short of: **tinned vegetables & teabags**. Visit [parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank](http://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.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fairtrade Stall after 10am service
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7.30pm St John's Fellowship
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.45am Posy Making for Mothering Sunday in Northreach 2pm – 4pm Craft & Chat
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parish Office & Church closed from 10am – 12.30pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm Events Committee in Lady Chapel
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning Parish Office & Church closed from 11am – 12pm 7.30pm PCC Meeting in Parish Hall
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10am – 12pm Faith Matters Course led by Revd Helen
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10am – 11am Café Breakfast Church
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning PCC Party at the Vicarage 6 – 8pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8am Holy Communion 10am Eucharist: Palm Sunday (10am in hall) 3pm Muddy Church Easter Special
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parish Office Closed until <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7pm Said Eucharist with Homily 7pm Said Eucharist with Homily

## WEEKLY SERVICES

**Sunday Eucharist** 8am & 10am

**Wednesday Eucharist** 10.30am

## FURTHER AFIELD

### **ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO GAS REPLACEMENT WORKS 16<sup>TH</sup> FEB – 13<sup>TH</sup> MAR**

Ridgeway Road closed to all vehicles and no parking. No waiting or loading/unloading at any time from its junction with Dunyeats Road to its junction with Lower Blandford Road. Westheath Road closed to all vehicles from outside property No. 6 to its junction with Ridgeway.

**DONATIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS BIKES WANTED** International Care Network (ICN) need bikes for refugees / asylum seekers in BCP. Do you have an unused but usable bike stagnating in your garage or garden? Contact Judith 07840490525 [judithw0651@gmail.com](mailto: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