



WEEKLY NEWS

8th after Trinity, 21st July 2024

Worship

COLLECT: 8th after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 23.1-6

PSALM: Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT: Ephesians 2.11-end

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

We pray for the churches local to Broadstone that they will be beacons of hope in our community. Pray the churches will be filled with God's love and that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen them as they support the community in practical and spiritual ways.

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



RIP Ken Wood, Karen Greene

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Ruth Bint 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. **Please note, the Office is closed all day on Friday 19th July (the Church will be open on this day) and from 10am – 12 noon on Monday 22nd July. Sorry for any inconvenience.**

AMENDED FAIR TRADE STALL Fair Trade goods will be on sale this Sunday!

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 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. Revd Helen

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.

House Group starting up again at St John's In the autumn Following on from the Quiet Day which will launch our new programme of teaching and learning opportunities, I am thrilled that our house group will be re-forming. Paul Winsworth and Ken Pearce will be leading this between them, rather than having separate house groups, and it will take place in NorthReach annexe and / or sometimes in church on a fortnightly basis. Day and time still to be announced. Over the summer a sign-up sheet will emerge and we will let you know the study guide we are using - which we have just bought in, and you will be able to buy from us at a considerable discount.

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!

AMENDED 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.

THE GOODS YARD PUB IN BROADSTONE, WED 24TH JULY, 5-7PM. We think they have changed the offer, and now from 4-6pm they offer house wines, ales, ciders and lagers for £4, and then 6pm for the rest of the evening the offer changes to 2-4-1 on house wine or Prosecco (but after 6pm NOT on other drinks). Do come and join us for a drink on the evening of Wednesday 24th July!

GRAVETALK On Friday 26th July 2 - 4pm in NorthReach, Revd Helen will offer a session looking at everything from death and dying through to planning a funeral. It may not sound a cheery subject, but it is a healthy thing to do. We will gently explore the questions we find hard to ask in other contexts. Helen will give guidance in how to plan a funeral and make our wishes known. We will also look at how legacies can be left. Griffin Funeral Directors will be here to talk through what happens when you find yourself needing their services. There will be tea and cake, and chance to chat and ask questions. Sign up on the sheet in church.

NEW ST JOHN'S SUMMER CREAM TEA This year instead of a BBQ St John's is organising a special summer cream tea. This will take place in the afternoon of Sunday 18th August. Timings and details of how to purchase your tickets will be announced soon, but for now, get the date in your diary!

NEW 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

Fri 19 th July	OFFICE CLOSED/CHURCH OPEN
Sat 20 th July	10am Café Breakfast Church
Sun 21 st July	2pm Newcomers' Party
Mon 22 nd July	OFFICE CLOSED 10am – 12 noon
Wed 24 th July	5-7pm Join us for a drink at the Goods yard!
Thurs 25 th July	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church
Thurs 25 th July	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 26 th July	2pm – 4pm Grave Talk Session
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
Mon 5 th -Fri 9 th Aug	OFFICE CLOSED

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.

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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