



WEEKLY NEWS

3rd Sunday of Epiphany, 21st January 2024

Worship

COLLECT: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 14.17-20

PSALM: Psalm 128

NEW TESTAMENT: Revelation 19.6-10

GOSPEL READING: John 2.1-11

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

We pray for all the care homes in Broadstone, for residents, staff, and families. We give thanks for the caring profession, and pray too for all who find themselves as main carer to a loved one. We pray they may have the support of other agencies and have their own times of respite in their hour of need. May they be surrounded too by supportive friends.

SICK LIST We pray for Veronica S, Ann S-N, Catherine W, Pam T, Denise M, Louise H, Alan Y, Anne W



RIP Vivien (Jane) Mills, Dorothy Mitchell

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Joy Christopher, Ernest Board, Bronwen Dutson, Ann Homerstone, Douglas (Doug) Davies, Barbara Kaye & Lilwen Murphey, 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 everyday. **Please note, the office will be closed on Friday 26th January.**

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK WITH CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE Cafe Church event at the Methodist Church on **Sunday 28th January at 4pm** is a chance to explore through craft and discussion this year's theme: Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbour as yourself.

QUIZ NIGHT AT ST JOHN'S SATURDAY 27TH JAN 7.30pm *Bring your own drink and glass*, but we will provide sausage and vegetarian rolls, crisps, to aid brain power as we enjoy several rounds of pub questions. No need to form a team beforehand - we will team up in tables.

THE FUTURE OF POOLE CREMATORIUM You will know Poole Crematorium (off Gravel Hill roundabout) has had broken cremators the past 3 years: no cremations can be held there, the nearest now being Bournemouth. I have made representations myself to BCP Council but the Council is very short of funds and has delayed the decision as to whether to

fund its repair. They are working with faith groups to see if anything can be done together. Unfortunately I am away for the meeting they have just scheduled, which is **MONDAY 29th JANUARY 9.30am - 11am, at Poole Crem** (therefore very handy for us in Broadstone). One person had agreed to represent St John's, but the meeting is open to all: we are not limited to one rep. Please let me know if you go, and email kim.doran@bcpcouncil.gov.uk to book your place. We have been told not to worry about the 12th Jan deadline for this, as long as they are notified before the meeting of your intended presence. Thanks! *Revd Helen*

DRINK AT THE GOODS YARD Wednesday 31st January 5 - 7pm. A few of us are gathering for another drink at The Goods Yard (opposite The Junction Sports Centre). Do join us. Between 5-7pm on Wednesdays they offer two for one drinks on house wine / Prosecco when buying the SAME drink (note, offer on no other drinks, which are full price) but I can recommend the house wine there! You need to order your two drinks at the same time to get the deal - so either buddy up with someone in our group, or get them lined up!

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS FOR ALL Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility in church. On **Saturday 3rd February** we shall be holding a session that will last just 1 hour, from **10am to 11am**, held in NorthReach. This is for everyone at church - but we are especially asking sidespeople, LPAs, vergers, PCC and any officers of the church to come along. It is very important we are able to remind ourselves of safeguarding matters, and know what to do if we see or hear something, or someone confides in us. Please make this a priority to come if possible. For sidespeople who missed the fire safety briefing, we are hoping there will also be opportunity to catch up with that at 11am. Many thanks, *Revd Helen*

PANCAKE PARTY AND RAFFLE Tuesday 13th Feb at 7pm is our annual pancake party. Tickets £5 for 3 pancakes and tea / coffee; children under 12 are free. We are also holding a raffle and appealing for prizes! Please drop off at the parish office. Many thanks!

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY We will have a service at 10.30am and at 7.30pm, and will offer ashing at both. This is a Day of Holy Obligation for all Christians, and we encourage you to try to get to one of these services.

SINGING GROUP FOR SERVICES IN CARE HOMES We have a small singing group to accompany a short service in local Care Homes. Revd Helen will be taking two services in February: The Links 10.45am Thurs 8th February and The Potteries 2.30pm Friday 9th February. Anyone who would like to join the singing group to lead the hymns would be very welcome. Please contact Pat Longstaff (01202 691148) if you are interested.

LENT GROUPS We will be sharing these across Churches Together as usual. This year there will be no need to buy a book as we will be studying the Sunday lectionary readings during Lent. Lent Groups will be run on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 9pm at the Methodist Church, and Thursday mornings 10.30am - 12 noon at St Anthony's. These start on Wed 21st Feb and Thurs 22nd Feb. Please let Revd Helen know which session you are coming to.

PLANT SALE Early notice of Plant Sale for 2024 for you to put the date, **Saturday 11th May** in your diary. It has been decided to have an additional stall this year of preserves and chutneys. If you are making your marmalade with this month's Seville oranges, perhaps you could make some extra jars for the preserves stall. If you don't make your own

marmalade, jam, or chutney, perhaps you could buy a jar of something tasty to give to the Sale in May. More information from Marion Marsh.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE MORNING Towards the end of Feb, we will begin a regular coffee morning on Thursday mornings, 10am - 12 noon. Tea and coffee will be free to those who come, but donations welcomed. If you would be willing to go on a rota to help make the tea and coffee please let Revd Helen Bailey know.

ACTS 435 UPDATE Thanks to St. John's, over Christmas we have been able to help a family who, despite both being in full employment, needed help to pay their energy bill and buy their food. If you would like to help someone in need please log on to <https://www.acts435.org.uk/needs/> If you know anyone who could do with a helping hand please get in touch on janetgreen34@hotmail.com Many thanks from Janet Green

APCM, PCC MEMBERS AND OTHER ROLES The APCM will soon be upon us, so I need to advertise the need for new PCC Members. I shall be looking for **4 people to join the PCC this year** - if you are interested, have a word with me about it. There are other roles also becoming available, which are: churchwarden, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer and Safeguarding Officer, though we are in the happy position of people having already expressed an interest in standing for those roles. This does not preclude others standing, in which case there would be an election.

THE BIG ISSUE The Big Issue is a social enterprise designed to help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to earn their way out of poverty. It is an excellent scheme that affords the person the dignity of genuine employment. For every magazine sold, the vendor gets 50% of the profit. The money that vendors earn through selling the magazine helps vendors to cover rent and bills. It also offers vendors who are unable to maintain other jobs, due to mental health or other issues, the opportunity to earn their own income. There is usually a Big Issue vendor standing outside Tesco on our High Street in Broadstone. If you are able to support and buy a magazine, please do. It came up at a Churches Together meeting recently about how we can support them by reminding our congregations of the great scheme it is. Thank you.

FABRIC COMMITTEE REQUEST Please forward any concerns regarding the buildings to the office so that they can be picked up by the newly formed Fabric Committee. Many thanks Gill.

NEW EVENTS COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED We are still looking for an Events Co-ordinator for the Committee. It involves co-ordinating the meeting agenda to discuss events are coming up, supported by the vicar who provides the diary timetable of events. The committee decides how events are run, what needs doing, and shares out tasks. Revd Helen is leading for now, with named members taking responsibility for different events.

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. 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 20 th Jan	10am – 11am, Café Breakfast Church
Thurs 25 th Jan	7.30pm, PCC in Large Hall
Sat 27 th Jan	7.30pm, Pub Quiz with sausage (and vegetarian) rolls. Please bring own wine / drinks. In Parish Hall
Sun 28 th Jan	4pm Churches Together Café Church at Methodist Church
Sat 3 rd Feb	10am – 11am, Safeguarding Awareness For All, followed by sidespeople fire risk training for those who missed it.
Thurs 8 th Feb	7.30pm, St John's Fellowship
Fri 9 th Feb	10.30am LPA meeting at The Vicarage
Sat 10 th Feb	2pm, St John's Craft and Chat Group
Tues 13 th Feb	7pm Pancake Party
Wed 14 th Feb	10.30am and 7.30pm Eucharist with ashing.

FURTHER AFIELD

THE WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION On Monday 5th Feb, the Very Revd. Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester, will reflect on 30 years of Women's Ordination. (See flyers in church) The meetings are held at the Marsham Court Hotel, Russell Cotes Road, Bournemouth. The talks start at 8.10 but there is coffee beforehand from 7.45. Cost for non-members is £4.50. Everyone is welcome. For more information please ask Paul or Val Renyard - we hope to be at this meeting.

DONATIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS Sharon Bull from BCP works in the asylum seeker hotels on activities and improving wellbeing. She has asked for games such as chess, draughts, connect 4, playing cards, uno etc. for the 4 hotels. Judith 01202 460162 Mob 07840490525

STRICTLY COME TEA DANCING Come and dance to live music at the Memorial Hall on Tudor Road. Usually the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm – 4pm.

CHITTER CHATTER CLUB Every Wednesday, 2.30pm – 4pm at Cafe Gardenia on the Broadway. Enjoy a friendly chitter chatter with friends. Visit thechitterchatterclub.co.uk

TUESDAY CLUB AT BROADSTONE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH Broadstone Tuesday club, URC hall every Tuesday, needs some help! Could you help serve drinks and lunches between 11am and 1pm? No cooking involved. Please ring Ann on 01202849136.

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