



# WEEKLY NEWS

Advent 2, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Worship

### COLLECT: Advent 2

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 11.1-10 **PSALM:** Psalm 72. 1-7

**NEW TESTAMENT:** Romans 15.4-13 **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 3.1-12

## PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

Advent is a time of light returning into darkness. We pray for those in our community who find this season with the nights drawing in so difficult. We pray for those in low or depressed moods or states of mind and for all who suffer with mental health issues. We pray they may find supportive agencies or counsellors where that is needed, and supportive friends and family to show them the compassion and love in which God holds them.



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

**RIP** Ruth Hurren, Joan Higginbottom

**YEAR'S MIND** Pray for Brian Cullen, Fern Bella Harrison, Brian Parker, Frank Finucane & Shirley June Robinson, whose year's mind falls at this time.

The funeral of Joan Higginbottom is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon at St John's Church.

The funeral of Ruth Hurren is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm at Harbour View.

## News and Notices

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** 10am – 4pm this Saturday & 2pm – 4pm on Sunday. Free entry, programme £1 which entitles you to a free drink on Sat only. Santa Claus will also be here 3.15 – 4pm on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there!

**CAKES** Any cakes provided for events (including the Tree Festival) will need ingredients to be listed. Slips to be completed for this can be collected from the office and after Sunday services.

**NEW POST BOX** The post box for Christmas cards will be available in the office during the week and in Church during services. It will be removed at the end of December.

**NEW 4FT CHRISTMAS TREE** free to anyone who can give it a good home. Please contact Caroline in the office to find out more.

**NEW ADVENT TEA & CAROLS** Thank you very much to everyone who provided cakes and who helped with the Advent Tea on Sunday. It is a very happy and meaningful event for the start of Advent and always well supported before we continue on to the service. Two cake containers were left afterwards and are in the Church, ready to be collected. *Phyl*

**TUES 9TH DECEMBER**, please avoid parking at the parish hall as it is the Sunny Days Christmas party. Parents will need the parking spaces that day.

**AMENDED CANTILENA VOICES** warmly invite you to their Christmas Concert on Friday 12th December at 7.30pm. Enjoy some seasonal songs from the choir, music from our guest cellist, Caroline Buxton and refreshments in the lovely setting of St John's Church,

Broadstone. There will be a raffle of Christmas hampers to raise funds for Forest Holme Hospice. Tickets for the concert are £10 and available from our website [www.cantilenavoices.co.uk/events](http://www.cantilenavoices.co.uk/events) or contact Sheila on 01929 781777. We look forward to seeing you there!

**ST JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY** Sat 13 Dec, 7pm in hall. Please bring your own snacks & nibbles, drinks & mince pies will be provided. Come along and be entertained by the Land Girls, a vocal Duo. Guest are welcome £5 per person pay on arrival.

**NEW CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDRENS' SOCIETY** I will be counting boxes at the end of December. Would all holders of boxes kindly return them to church office or my house by then. We do accept cheques made payable to above. If you have difficulty returning them, I can collect them from your house. Just let me know. Susan: Tel:01202 247674

**CRAFT AND CHAT** restarts in January, but with a difference! It will be run by either Heather McGregor-Wright or Sue Bennett, and it will be mostly 'bring-your-own' craft, but on occasions Heather will show you how to make different crafts. First session **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm - 4pm**, then every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month, 2pm-4pm. Bring your own crafts or just drop in for company & a cuppa!

**SHAPE COURSE** Thank you to all who have signed up for the SHAPE course early next year. Since there is almost an equal split of interest across the two suggested dates, we have decided to run it on both dates (Friday Morning and Sunday Afternoon), meaning you can attend either as suits you. The sign-up sheet has been returned to the church, so please carry on signing up if you are interested. Thank you. Rev Gary

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK** Churches Together in Broadstone invites you to two Christian Unity events as we celebrate faith and friendship together. **Tues 20th January** at St Antony's Church we gather for coffee & cake at 10.30am with a service at 11am. To mark the end of the week, we meet at the Methodist Church Sun 25th Jan at 4pm for their Cafe Church.

**FAITH MATTERS COURSE** Revd Helen is running this next year (6 sessions) starting in Feb - dates below. It's suitable for finding out more about the Christian faith, as a refresher on the basics of Faith, or for exploring adult baptism & confirmation. There is a sign up sheet in church. They are all Fridays at 10am (finish 12 noon). 13th Feb, 27th Feb, 20th Mar, 17th April, 1st May, 15th May.

**NEW CLEANING TEAM** New members are needed for the cleaning team. There are currently 4 teams who clean the church once a month on Monday. Please let Gill know if this is something you can offer to help with. Many thanks.

**NEW CHARITY VOTE** Thanks to all who nominated and voted for charities that St John's will support this year. The six charities (the top two in each of the three categories, with the number of votes they received) are Local: Dorset and Air Ambulance (29) and Julia's House (12); UK and International: Motor Neurone Disease Association (22) and Medicin Sans Frontieres (14); Eco: Dorset Wildlife Trust (30) and Marine Conservation (17).

**NEW STOP PRESS FROM THE ECO GANG: APPLY FOR A FREE SWIFT BOX!** Thanks to the Aviva Community Fund and Birds of Poole Harbour, the Dorset Swift Network are now offering free Swift boxes for suitable locations in Dorset. Swifts are desperately in need of our help. They have declined by over 50% in the last two decades, with fewer available nest sites and insect decline having a major impact on their numbers. **We know that swifts are still hanging on in Broadstone** but many nest sites have gone so this is a key area. If you can site

a box on a north-facing wall at a height of 4.5 metres or more, you can apply by emailing [bookings@birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk](mailto:bookings@birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk) or ring 01202 641003. Own installation required.

**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** Please feel free to borrow the jigsaws that are stored in the north aisle, enjoy them and return them (please 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 and 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 Thank you.

**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 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. They are grateful for what we bring but currently are short of: **selection boxes**. 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.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 1pm Burial of Ashes in Churchyard
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm Cantilena Voices Concert - see notice
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am – 12pm Muddy Church Christmas Christingle Party 7pm St John's Fellowship Christmas Party
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fairtrade Stall after 10am service - Refreshments in Parish Hall 1pm Baptism 6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols with the Community Band

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon Funeral
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3pm Burial of Ashes in Churchyard
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parish Office Closed
	5pm Broadstone First School Christmas Concert
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church
	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
	Parish Office Closed from 11.45am
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6pm Longest Night Service - Church open 5pm to light candles
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parish Office Closed until Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
	10.30am Eucharist
	11am Community song-a-long Carols in Churchyard
	3pm Crib Service: Journey to Bethlehem
	11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8am Eucharist
	10am Sung Eucharist with Carols & Surprises!

## WEEKLY SERVICES

**Sunday Eucharist** 8am & 10am

**Wednesday Eucharist** 10.30am

## FURTHER AFIELD

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Parkstone. Tickets £16 from <https://www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk/#eventSection>

**DORSET CHAMBER CHOIR CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS** Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm at Wimborne Methodist. Tickets £10 (under 18s free) from choir members, website at the door.

**LUNCH BUNCH** at Broadstone Baptist Church is back on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11am – 2.30pm. 2 course hot lunch for £5. To book contact Dave Turner on 07773 082092

**NEW BOURNEMOUTH WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. Starts 7.40pm but an optional dinner at 6.30pm beforehand.

**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