



WEEKLY NEWS

Advent 2, 8th December 2024

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: Malachi 3.1-4

PSALM: Canticle Magnificat

NEW TESTAMENT: Philippians 1.3-11

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3.1-6

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

Merciful God we pray for those among us who are in financial difficulty at this time. May we who have enough, share what we have, and do so with humble, grateful and loving hearts.



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

RIP Frances Greenwood(née Russ), Audrey Bailey, Jean Newell, Patricia Mathers

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Frances Shalts, Trefor McElroy, Brian Cullen, Brian Parker, Shirley June Robinson, 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.

NEW ADVENT TEA Thank you so much to everyone who made the cakes and who helped with the Advent Tea last Sunday. It was as always a great success. *Phyl*

NEW 50 CLUB Congratulations to our winners! November: Graham Williams £50, John Christopher £10. December: Eric Whapples £50, Janet Green £10. Your winnings can be collected from the Parish Office.

AMENDED EVENING PRAYER Online prayer will resume for Evening Prayer on Friday 6th December. *Revd Helen*

NEW FAIRTRADE STALL Fairtrade goods will be on sale on Sunday, 8th December.

NEW NO CRAFT & CHAT SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2pm – 4pm As Heather is away, Craft & Chat is cancelled in December.

CHARITY VOTE The charities you voted for which St John's will support next year are as follows: Local Charities: **Broadstone Stepping Stones and Routes to Roots, 12 votes each.** UK and International Charities: **Water Aid 16 votes and Leprosy Mission 9 votes plus tie-breaking vote from PCC** Eco Charities: **Dorset Wildlife Trust 26 votes and Woodland Trust 17 votes.**

CAKE TINS Please collect cake tins that were used for the Christmas Fayre from the office. Thank you for all your delicious cake donations!

MUDDY CHURCH MAKING THE CHRISTINGLES THIS YEAR We are normally so grateful to our helpers who worked hard to make all the Christingles we needed for our crib service on previous years. Given the success of the Christmas crib service, to which huge crowds of people (plus two donkeys!) came, we have taken the Christingles out of this service as it is simply becoming a fire hazard to continue. We have moved our Christingles into our Muddy Church Christmas Party, and one of the crafts will be making their own Christingles which we can then take into church and light while we enjoy a brief service. Thank you to all who have done this on previous years. We may need your help again sometime, but we thought we'd try it this year in a different way.

HEALTH CHECK EVENT Aged 40 – 74? LiveWell Dorset will be delivering free NHS health checks at St John's NorthReach Annexe on Monday 9th December. Here is the link to the booking system <https://www.livewelldorset.co.uk/healthcare-professionals/nhs-health-check-form/>

ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP You are invited to St. John's Fellowship Christmas Party on December 14th at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Guests are welcome and can purchase a ticket costing £5.00 each from Jean Rigler. Drinks and mince pies will be provided but please bring your own snacks and nibbles. It should be a fun evening. For any further information contact Jean on 01202 601109

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY I shall be opening and counting boxes at end of December. Would all box holders kindly let the office have them or I can collect them. My number is 01202 247674. Thank you, *Susan Jones*

AMENDED CARDBOARD FOR MUDDY No more cardboard needed - thank you!

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*

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*. There is no meeting in December however! Dates are: Sat 11th Jan, Sat 8th Feb, Sat 8th March, Sat 12th April, Sat 24th May (AMENDED DATE FOR MAY), no meetings in June or July.

WILD FLOWERS We are looking to plant some wild flowers in our Churchyard such as Ajuga, Betony, Primrose, Pulmonaria and Marjoram. All donations gratefully received.

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**.

NEW 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 especially welcome but the need is also for **toiletries and larger size Nappies**. With many thanks to all for your generous donations from the Corfe Mullen FoodBank. 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 7 th Dec	10am – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 8 th Dec	2pm – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival
Wed 11 th Dec	7.30pm House Group in NorthReach
Thurs 12 th Dec	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Sat 14 th Dec	10.30am – 12 noon Muddy Church Christmas Party 7pm St John's Fellowship Christmas Party
Sun 15 th Dec	6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Wed 18 th Dec	Office Closed 10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 19 th Dec	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 20 th Dec	Office Closed
Sat 21 st Dec	6pm Longest Night Service (Candles from 5pm)
Tues 24 th Dec	Office Closed and will reopen on Thursday 2 nd January 11am Community Sing-a-long Carols in the Churchyard 3pm Crib Service: Journey to Bethlehem 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Wed 25 th Dec	8am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist with carols & surprises!

FURTHER AFIELD

BOURNEMOUTH WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Monday 13th January at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The meeting starts at 7.40pm but beforehand there is an optional dinner at 6.30pm.

DORSET CHAMBER CHOIR Carols for Christmas on Monday 9th December, 7.00pm at Wimborne Methodist Church. Tickets £15 (under 18s free). Tickets from David Hopkins or on the door on the night.

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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