



WEEKLY NEWS

Advent 4, 21st December 2025

Worship

COLLECT: Advent 4

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 7.10-16 **PSALM:** Psalm 80.1-8

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 1.1-7 **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 1.18-end

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

Advent is a time of expectancy. We prepare for the birth of hope in the coming of the Christ child. We pray that our churches in Broadstone may be beacons of hope by our words, our actions, by our practical support and by the quality of our love. And by our sharing of God's love, may we be the transformation we long to see.



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

RIP Ruth Hurren, Joan Higginbottom, Peter Myers, Jean Harvey, Dorothy Cattle

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Allan Foster, Shelia Read & Patricia Anne Stirling, whose year's mind falls at this time.

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

Message from Ann Biggs: Jean Harvey passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday at Burwood nursing home aged 103

News and Notices

NEW CAN YOU HELP FURNISH A HOME FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY ASAP Thank you to everyone's generosity on Sunday that has enabled the flat to be made ready for the refugee family. Through Heather McGregor-Wright's work, she is appealing for furniture and soft bedding. In particular she is asking for: sofa (needs to be fireproof), cushions (needs to be fireproof), dining table, chairs, lamps, tv stand & tv, cutlery, saucepans, kitchen equipment, microwave, plates etc, bedside tables, baby moses basket (not mattress), bedding & pillows etc. **No beds or mattresses needed.** Someone is able to collect these items. If you can help, please contact Heather ASAP on heatherwright66@hotmail.co.uk or 07897 732221. She is trying to get the family moved in for Christmas.

NEW PARISH OFFICE NEXT WEEK The Parish Office & Church for private prayers will be open on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December at our usual times. It will be closed from Wednesday 24th December and will reopen on Monday 5th January at 9.30am.

NEW NO MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER ONLINE OR IN CHURCH AFTER CHRISTMAS Please note that the last online prayer is Wed 24th Dec (Christmas Eve) at 8.45am which Revd Gary will lead. There is NO Morning Prayer in church on Christmas Day or New Year's Day, and all Morning and Evening Prayers do not resume until Morning Prayer at 8.45am on Wed 7th Jan (and that week there will also be Morning Prayer in church on Thurs 8th Jan at 8.45am and Evening Prayer online at 4.30pm on Friday 9th Jan). Thank you.

NEW CLERGY POST-CHRISTMAS BREAK Please note both Revd Helen and Revd Gary will be on their post Christmas break from lunchtime on Christmas Day. They will both be back on Sunday 4th January 2026. All Wednesday and Sunday Eucharists run as normal in this period, kindly taken by the Revd Paul.

NEW HOLY GROUNDS CLOSED OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR There will be no Holy Grounds taking place on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. These will resume on Thursday 8th January.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL It was great to see so many people coming to our fabulous Christmas Tree Festival, especially after the parade. Santa was very busy for two hours seeing all the children! We raised £506.21 to help towards the upkeep of our beautiful church. Thank you to everyone who supported this event! Sheila & Ken hoped you liked the (winning) tree that was made from all your wine corks! Thank you for providing them.

A SMALL PURSE HAS BEEN FOUND We think it may have been left after an 8am service but we are not sure. It has a small amount of cash in it, nothing else. If you have lost a purse recently, do contact the office and if you can describe what the purse is like it is yours!

50 CLUB Congratulations to our winners! Nov: Thelma Jarvis £50, Joyce House £10. Dec: Sheila Hunter £50, Janet Green £10. Your winnings can be collected from the Office.

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 6FT CHRISTMAS TREE free to anyone who can give it a good home. Please contact Caroline in the office to find out more.

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 10th Jan 2pm - 4pm**, then every 2nd 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.

NEW SOCIALS IN JAN AND FEB ADVANCE DATES We are pleased to let you know we will be running another popular Pub Quiz Night in the Parish Hall on Saturday 31st January at 7pm. Also, our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party will take place on Tuesday 17th February at 7pm. Details to follow in the New Year, but save the dates in your diary!

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.

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.

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 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 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: **tinned soup, tinned meat/ready meals.** Visit parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank to make cash donation or contact Sheila & Ken.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 21 st Dec	6pm Longest Night Service - Church open 5pm to light candles
Wed 24 th Dec	Parish Office Closed until Monday 5 th January 10.30am Eucharist 11am Community sing-a-long Carols in Churchyard 3pm Crib Service: Journey to Bethlehem 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thurs 25 th Dec	8am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist with Carols & Surprises!
Sun 28 th Dec	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist
Wed 31 st Dec	10.30am Eucharist
Sun 4 th Jan 2026	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Eucharist 12 noon Baptism
Mon 5 th Jan	Parish Office reopens at 9.30am
Tues 6 th Jan	2pm CTinB meeting at St Anthony's
Wed 7 th Jan	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 8 th Jan	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7pm Standing Committee Meeting 7.30pm St John's Fellowship
Wed 14 th Jan	7.30pm Events Committee in NorthReach

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist 8am & 10am

Wednesday Eucharist 10.30am

FURTHER AFIELD

CAROLS & CAKES at the Methodist Church on Friday 19th December. Coffee lounge open at 10am, with carols about 11am. All welcome!

BOURNEMOUTH WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION Mon 5th 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

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