



St. John's Newsletter

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Letter from the Vicar

Dear all

This month my letter is the talk I gave at the APCM setting out of the vision for St John's for the coming year. It enables those of you who were unable to make it to hear what was said, and gives chance for those of you who were there to take it in a little more.



Before I share my vision, I am going to share Bishop Stephen's, which I wrote about back in my newsletter December / January. The Diocesan Vision is entitled Making Jesus Known, on the basis that in all our church differences, that was probably something we could all agree on. There are 5 areas of Mission and Ministry which have been identified.

1. Courageous Christian Leadership
2. Championing Climate Justice
3. Forming creative partnerships in local mission
4. Working for justice

And the fifth, which underpins this works and helps to make it possible, is:

5. Commit to building a sustainable financial future for the Church.



I outlined in that Christmas newsletter what those might mean, and identified some areas we were already doing this at St John's. I'm not going to repeat that here, but I am going to share three areas that would be good to focus on this year that come under that umbrella vision.

Just to say first though, that last one, on Finances, is the biggest challenge of all. I'm not going to address that here, as there is currently a new model of Parish Share being rolled out with training courses on what it means. Parish Share is what we pay to the Diocese. Remember firstly we are the Diocese – this isn't a them

and us situation. It pays for our ministry here on the ground. It helps churches which are financially stronger support those which are financially weaker. It pays for the Diocesan support staff we have to have and all the training and resources needed. But Parish Share is

likely to be going up for us next year, maybe by quite a lot, and so during the year I will be sharing with you information as I receive it about how the Diocesan senior staff are trying to address this, and most importantly, what it is asking us to do in terms of financial giving. Sadly finance has to always be our focus. But let's look at the three areas I want to address at this APCM. It is a bit cheerier!

1. Championing Climate Justice – I am thrilled we have our Bronze Award, but this evening we want to officially launch our desire to achieve Silver Award, and you can help us with that. Nicky Hoar and the Eco Gang have been brilliant in encouraging us to think about how we live, how we look after the planet. Over the coming weeks and months Nicky and the team will be guiding us through what we need to do, and we started last Sunday, by giving you all a travel survey to fill in during the service. It was very short, and just asked about how often you go to church and how you travel there. We have also invited a speaker from A Rocha to come and speak to us one Sunday in June. A Rocha is the Christian organisation trying to encourage churches to take climate change and our responsibility seriously, and it was them who launched the eco awards for churches. So we're getting off our Silver Challenge to a great start.



And of course, I have to mention Muddy Church here. There were 54 at the Easter Muddy Church. We had to create a waiting list for free places. This is an exciting piece of work that is touching families' hearts and minds with God's love, and helping them to enjoy Nature and take the eco challenge to heart. They are still very much 'fringe' to the life of St John's, and it is pioneer work. But it is exciting.

2. Forming Creative Partnerships in Local Mission – You



know that we already work well with Churches Together in Broadstone. We have also made links with the YMCA and conversations around how we can, as Churches Together, perhaps



partner them. We are now seeking to build more community connections we can partner with, to share in good work in this community. We have already had partnerships with the NHS this year, providing them a free home in NorthReach for some of their clinics and consultations. Recently I met with the Social Prescribers for the two doctors' surgeries in Broadstone, to see if we couldn't offer something

together beyond this, that enabled befriending to take place on a more regular basis.

We continue to offer our Holy Grounds coffee morning on Thursdays as a warm and safe space for people to enjoy coffee and company. And we are exploring a way of bringing back the monthly Sunday lunch without having to do the cooking or washing up! We have been liaising with Simon Leach, who works with a community Payback Scheme for those fulfilling community service. They can offer the set up, set down, cooking and washing up for a 2 course lunch for around £5-£6 per head. We might need some folk willing to help with a bit of background



Meet the New PCC! Here are our 4 new members



May I introduce myself. I am **Paul Griffin**. I have been married to Sue for 44 years. We have two children - a son who is a police officer and a daughter who is a teacher - and four grandchildren, all living locally in Broadstone and Canford Heath. My wife Sue and I made the very short move to Broadstone four years ago after 39 years on Canford Heath. Having qualified as a Solicitor in June 1977 I moved to Poole in September that year. I spent the next 35 years as a Prosecutor in the Magistrate's Courts in Dorset, retiring in March 2012. I am in my fifth year as a Foundation Governor at St Edwards R.C. & C. of E. school in Oakdale, Poole. For the last 12 years I have been a Countryside volunteer (forestry, fencing, footpaths etc.!) with the National Trust at Kingston Lacy. I enjoy travel, reading and (under Sue's direction!) I do some gardening.

Nicky Hoar

I have lived in Corfe Mullen for many years and found a very warm welcome when I started worshipping at St John's about 18 months ago. I am married to Greg and we have two adult children and two grandchildren. I have always cared about wildlife and enjoy bird watching. After a career spanning computing, business and publicity I worked for many years for Dorset Wildlife Trust as part of their team protecting nature, both in reserves and in the wider landscape and community. Now I continue to do so in different ways by volunteering both for them and for Hampshire Wildlife Trust and organizing Dorset's Wetland Bird Surveys for the British Trust for Ornithology. My other interests include singing in choirs, walking, cycling and kayaking and I am gradually walking my way around the South-west Coast Path.



Eileen Dimmock

On our return from Norway, where we lived for 12 years, my husband and I decided to settle in Broadstone. I worked at Express Dairies in Milborne St. Andrew for 9 years as secretary to the manager. In 2008, I did the Alpha Course at St John's and have been a member of the Church ever since. Soon afterwards, I worked in the Parish Office up until the onset of Covid. I belonged to the Ramblers' Group for a while. I keep fit now by attending a strength and balance class (otherwise known as 'Younger 4 Longer') in Wimborne, which I also do on Zoom twice a week. I enjoy reading and belong to the reading Group which is held in Broadstone Library hosted by Annette Brooke.

My name is **Zoe Phillips**, I am 38 years old, married to my husband Steve and we share a cheeky daschund puppy called Alice. I have worked in various roles, I am a qualified archaeologist, science teacher, special needs teacher and specialise in working with teenagers with additional needs. In my free time I enjoy walking Alice about in the local area - I gave up my car a while ago to reduce my carbon footprint as much as possible - I enjoy cross stitch, embroidery, painting and mindful colouring. My favourite programmes on TV are cookery challenges and I really enjoy cooking creatively at home, with mixed results!

Meet our New Safeguarding Officer

Carol Reynolds will be joining Paul Winsworth in this shared role.

I am married with two sons. My husband and I have lived in Broadstone since 2007. I qualified as a solicitor in the 90s and worked in private practice until 2016. In 2017 I joined ICN, a Christian charity in Bournemouth, where I give legal advice. In my spare time I enjoy walking our dog, reading and trying to learn Polish.



Diary Round-up: Events at St John's in May

Wed 1 st May	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 2 nd May	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7pm Standing Committee
Fri 3 rd May	1pm Doris Lock's Funeral
Sun 5 th May	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Eucharist
Mon 6 th May	Office Closed
Wed 8 th May	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 9 th May	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 2pm Children's Work Meeting 7pm Ascension Day Service 7.45pm St John's Fellowship
Fri 10 th May	Office open at 11am
Sat 11 th May	10am – 12 noon Plant Sale 2pm St John's Craft and Chat Group
Sun 12 th May	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist 3pm Muddy Church
Wed 15 th May	10.30am Eucharist
Thurs 16 th May	10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7.30 PCC in Large Hall
Sat 18 th May	10am Café Breakfast Church



Sun 19th May 8am Holy Communion
 10am Parish Eucharist (All Age)

Wed 22nd May 10.30am Eucharist
 7.30pm Events Committee Meeting in NorthReach

Thurs 23rd May Church Closed
 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning

Sun 26th May 8am Holy Communion
 10am Parish Eucharist
 12 noon Baptism

Mon 27th May Office Closed

Wed 29th May 10.30am Eucharist

Thurs 30th May 7pm Corpus Christi Service

Fri 31st May Office Closed

Service readings in May

Date	Sunday	OT	Psalm	NT	Gospel
Sun 5 th May	Easter 6	Isaiah 55.1-11	Psalm 98	Acts 10.44-end	John 15.9-17
Sun 12 th May	Sun after Asc. Day / Easter 7	Ezekiel 36.24-28	Psalm 1	Acts 1.15-17, 21-end	John 17.6-19
Sun 19 th May	Pentecost	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Psalm 104.26-36, 37 b	Acts 2.1-12	John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15
Sun 26 th May	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8.12-17	John 3.1-17

Occasional Offices from April

Baptisms

28th April Adaline & Evelyynn Giles

Funerals

9th April Robert Peake (St John's Church)
 16th April Veronica Skillings (St John's Church)

Burial of Ashes

16th April Shirley Robinson (St John's Church)
 19th April Ernest Morton (St John's Church)
 30th April Betty Hill (Harbour View)



St John's News from the Pews

A more detailed look at what is happening in and around the church...

DEDICATION OF THE NEW ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANDARD We are delighted to welcome some of the members of the Broadstone Branch of the RBL and others to our Eucharist at 10am this Sunday. We are also pleased to welcome everyone for coffee after the service as usual in the Parish Hall.



PLANT SALE 2024 - It is not long now until the annual Plant Sale on **Saturday 11th May from 10-12**. Hopefully you are growing lots of plants/vegetables/herbs/shrubs etc. that we can sell to raise funds for St. John's. If you have any plants or produce, jams, chutneys, garden sundries, etc. for us to sell, or can supply cakes to sell with tea/coffee, please bring



them after **8.30am**. Do come along after **10am** to buy some plants. Even if you don't have a garden, there will be house plants, jams, marmalade, lemon curd and chutneys. It is always nice to have a garden atmosphere to enjoy a mug of coffee/tea and a slice of cake. You could even take home a slice to have with your afternoon cup of tea. There will be a **Plant Crèche** in the car park where you can leave your purchases whilst you have a cup of coffee/slice of cake and then go to fetch your car to collect them. If you have a cake to offer please tell either Penny Leach or Gill Jones. Any other queries please ask Marion Marsh.

CAKES & PRESERVES/CHUTNEYS There is now a sign-up list at the back of Church, for those who can bring cakes for the plant sale. A reminder that we are also collecting preserves/chutneys, so any home made or shop bought jars would be very much appreciated. Please take to Caroline in the Parish Office. *Many thanks.*



ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR PLANT SALE We are appealing for gardening 'odds and ends' and accessories, for example gardening gloves, plant pots, tools etc... All things gardeny! Please take them to the parish office, and many thanks.

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR ST JOHNS WITH TRUST130 Ecclesiastical are running a promotion to help raise funds for Churches. For every new home insurance policy taken out with them, they'll donate £130 to an Anglican church of the policy holder's choice. For more information, contact Caroline in the office or call the Ecclesiastical team on **0800 7830 130**.

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.



SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA If you would like to join the Sunday coffee rota starting in June, please contact June Webber on 01202 259844 or junecwebber@outlook.com. I have a list of existing helpers.

50 CLUB If you have an annual subscription and wish to renew, please pop into the office to see Caroline. You could also transfer money direct to our bank account, Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30-96-73 Account no: 02328599, writing 50 Club as the reference but you must also let Caroline our administrator and Nick our treasurer know you have done that, so they can assign you a number and include you in the monthly draw.



CORFE MULLEN FOOD BANKS Thank you all for your support for our foodbank, which can now be left in the Church porch **every weekday morning** from 10am until 1pm and Sundays from 12 noon until 4.30pm. 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. **They are in short supply of Custard, Rice & Tinned Fruit..** If you would like to make a cash donation, visit their website: parishofcorfemullen.church/foodbank or contact Sheila and Ken for more information. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to Gez and Elaine for all their hard work over many years of collecting our food bank contributions. Thank you to Ken and Sheila for taking on this vital role.

FURTHER AFIELD

MODERN DAY SLAVERY EVENT Tuesday 30th April 2024, 10:30am-12:30pm (after 10am Mass) Church Hall, St Mary's Catholic Church, 211A Wimborne Rd, Poole, BH15 2EG. Email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk to register.

DONATIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS We are appealing for good quality **rucksacks** and **trainers** (adult size 6 – 11). For more information call Judith 01202 460162 Mob 07840490525 or drop in donations to Caroline in the Parish Office. *Many thanks.*

THE WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION The next meeting is on Monday 13th May.

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.

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 desperate for some extra help serving and clearing away lunches and coffee. We are open from 10.30 am till 2pm - It does not have to be a weekly commitment. Please contact Ann on 01202849136 if you could spare a few hours.

And Finally... It's never too early for Christmas!



We would like to give a tiny knitted Christmas stocking with a chocolate treat inside, as a gift from Father Christmas to all the children who visit the Christmas fair and Christmas tree Festival this year. If anyone could help by knitting little stockings, it would be much appreciated. They are quick to knit and are a good way of using up small amounts of double knitting yarn. Copies of the pattern are available in the office and there are some samples to look at as well as some pieces of festive ribbon to decorate the finished stockings.

DEADLINE FOR JUNE EDITION SUBMISSIONS FRIDAY 24th May.

Please email all items to admin@stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk,
AND a copy to Revd Helen at revdhelenbailey@gmail.com