



WEEKLY NEWS

2nd Sunday before Lent, 8th February 2026

Worship

COLLECT: 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1.1-2.3 **PSALM:** Psalm 136.1-9, 23-end

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 8.18-25 **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 6.25- end

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

Loving God, guide our thoughts, words and actions this week. Help us choose what is good, let go of what harms and walk faithfully in Your presence. Renew our strength for the days ahead. Open our hearts to Your grace and make us instruments of peace and compassion. Amen

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, Mia W, Gilly F



RIP Audrey Pearson, Dennis Ingram, Raymond Brown

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Philip Blunt, Ernest (Ernie) Morton & Anthony (Tony) Shearing, whose year's mind falls at this time.

The funeral of Raymond Brown is at St John's on Thurs 19th Feb at 2pm.

The funeral of Audrey Pearson is at St John's on Fri 20th Feb at 1.30pm.

News and Notices

SHAPE COURSE The third and final session will run Friday 6th Feb 10am – 12noon/Sunday 8th Feb 3pm – 5pm. Thank you. Rev Gary

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY this year will be kept on Sunday 8th February, when the sermon slot at both services will consider the theme of safeguarding, its theological premise, and what we can do to help. Safeguarding is not always easy to hear or talk about, and we do like to let you know which Sunday will have this as our focus.

THE FELLOWSHIP TALK ON THURS 12TH FEB features an illustrated talk by Ministry of Defence photographer Robbie Foster-Addie. Among his many breathtaking photos is one showing the moment a pilot and his ejector seat separate from their aircraft. Robbie's job was to photograph 'almost anything aircraft and armament-wise' being used by UK forces. If, for instance, they are dropping a bomb or firing a rocket, a trials officer wants to see exactly what's happened as it leaves the airplane in all kinds of conditions, from snow and ice, to heat, wet, and at different heights and with different G-forces. The talk will be held in the Parish Hall and will begin at 7.30 on the evening of 12th February. Members won't want to miss this. Non-members are welcome for a very modest fee.

FAITH MATTERS COURSE Revd Helen is running 6 sessions - 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.

CRAFT AND CHAT SATURDAY 14th FEB 2pm – 4pm has restarted, 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. Every 2nd Sat of the month, 2pm-4pm. Bring your own crafts or just drop in for company & a cuppa!

ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO GAS REPLACEMENT WORKS 16TH FEB – 13TH MAR

Ridgeway Road closed to all vehicles and no parking - no waiting at any time and no loading/unloading at any time from its junction with Dunyeats Road to its junction with Lower Blandford Road. Westheath Road closed to all vehicles from outside property No. 6 to its junction with Ridgeway.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY Tuesday 17th February at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale at £5 from the office and after services. Ticket includes 3 pancakes & tea or coffee.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED FOR THE PANCAKE PARTY We will be having a raffle at the pancake party and are appealing for raffle prizes. Please note these must be **BRAND NEW** and unopened items, and well within date if they are consumable. Many thanks in advance for your help. Please bring items to the parish office.

ASH WEDNESDAY will soon be upon us, on Wednesday 18th February and there will be two Eucharists with ashing offered that day: one at our usual 10.30am and one at 7.30pm. Do try and come along to one of these if at all possible.

SINGING GROUP FOR THE CARE HOMES Revd Helen will be leading two services in the local Care Homes in February. Thursday 19th February 10.45am at The Links and Friday 20th February 11am at The Potteries. If anyone would like to join the Singing Group to sing three well known hymns, they would be very welcome. Please phone Pat Longstaff 01202 691148.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER AUDREY PEARSON'S FUNERAL The family would like an idea of numbers of people from St John's who will be attending refreshments at the Golf Club in Broadstone immediately after her funeral which takes place on Friday 20th February at 1.30pm in St John's Church. Please could you let Caroline know in the office if you intend on attending the refreshments for catering purposes. All are welcome. Many thanks.

LENT GROUPS AND CHURCHES TOGETHER The usual CTiB Lent Groups will be running this year. The Wednesday evening group begins on Wednesday 25th February 7.30pm - 8.45 pm and will be held at the Methodist Church. The Thursday group will be held 10.30am - 11.45am at St Anthony's Church on York Rd, beginning Thursday 26th Feb. It doesn't matter which you go to each week, so if you find you can't make a session at your regular group, feel able to turn up to the other. There is no need to register with us that you want to come or buy any material this year as it will be provided for you at each session.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR PALM SUNDAY TO USUAL 10am For a few years now the Palm Sunday service (which this year takes place on Sunday 29th March) started at 9.45am, but in recent years we have been finishing early. We are therefore returning Palm Sunday to the usual Sunday 10am start. This is not for a couple of months but we wanted to give you plenty of advanced notice that it will start at **10am** this year.

GOOD FRIDAY ON FRIDAY 3RD APRIL Advance warning that after our 9am Stations of the Cross at St John's, the CTiB Good Friday gathering will meet in St John's annexe from 10am, ready to begin / set off at 10.15am. We will make our way down Tudor Rd, Kirkway, and then along the High Street up to the Methodist Church, where the whole of the Good Friday story

will be presented with hymns. Do join us if you can! St John's will then of course have its usual 2pm to 3pm Last Hour at the Cross service.

NEW LYNETTE WINSWORTH STANDING DOWN AS LPA Lynette is now standing down from this role for health reasons. She has been a wonderful LPA and all of us have enjoyed working alongside her as we have shared the pastoral care of the church together. Her ministry has been so compassionate and many have been blessed by her ministry. We are grateful for everything she has done for the community here at St John's.

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY Despite fewer box holders, we were able to send £475.00 to Head Office from St. John's. I would like to thank those who supported us. Susan Jones

USED STAMPS We are now collecting used stamps for a Bone Cancer Charity. Please use the bin at the back of the Church to place any used stamps in. Thank you!

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: **shampoo, cleaning products, tinned meat/ready meals**. 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.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 6 th Feb	10am – 12pm SHAPE Course led by Revd Gary in Northreach
Sun 8 th Feb	Fair Trade Stall after 10am service 3pm – 5pm SHAPE Course led by Revd Gary in Northreach
Wed 11 th Feb	Parish Office Closed
Thurs 12 th Feb	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 7.30pm St John's Fellowship
Fri 13 th Feb	10am - 12 noon Faith Matters Session 1 in NorthReach
Sat 14 th Feb	2pm – 4pm Craft & Chat
Sun 15 th Feb	3pm Muddy Church
Tues 17 th Feb	7pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party
Wed 18 th Feb	10.30am Said Eucharist with ashing 1pm Burial of Ashes 7.30pm Sung Eucharist on Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes
Thurs 19 th Feb	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning 2pm Funeral of Raymond Brown
Fri 20 th Feb	Parish Office Closed 1.30pm Funeral of Audrey Pearson
Thurs 26 th Feb	8.45am Morning Prayer in Church 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning
Fri 27 th Feb	10am – 12pm Faith Matters Course led by Revd Helen

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Eucharist 8am & 10am

Wednesday Eucharist 10.30am

FURTHER AFIELD

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