



WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday after Ascension/Easter 7, 12th May 2024

Worship

COLLECT: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION/EASTER 7

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 36.24-28

PSALM: Psalm 1

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

GOSPEL READING: John 17.6-19

PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROADSTONE

We pray for all in our care homes and nursing homes in Broadstone and for all those receiving care in their own homes. We thank the Lord for the commitment and dedication of those who care for them.

SICK LIST We pray for Ann S-N, Pam T, Denise M, Louise H, Anne W, Debbie C, Vitalia W,



RIP Betty Steff, Daphne Higgins

YEAR'S MIND Pray for Dr Winston 'Joe' Joseph Baker & Lily Wise whose year's mind falls at this time.

News and Notices

FAIRTRADE goods will be on sale this Sunday. *Val Renyard*

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 everyday.

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.

PHISHING EMAILS Please be aware that there are a lot of phishing emails being sent to people in the congregation, from others in the congregation, including Revd Helen. These emails are a way of cyber criminals tricking you into giving them personal information. There is no need to worry, but do not give anyone, including our Vicar, any personal information, including bank details. The current ones seem to be about 'buying some Amazon vouchers online and sending to this email address of a friend suffering from cancer and I will refund you

when I am back'. Do ignore all such messages. Don't reply, and report it if you know how to. This stuff is very hard to avoid, but if you always check the email address the message has come from, that should help. Sometimes it appears very close to the real one, so do just take care. If you think you have been hacked, the best thing is to change your password immediately. It doesn't always mean you have to change your email address.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH We all like seeing flowers in Church each week but there are less people on the 'flower team' now for various health reasons so we really need to have more people to provide and arrange a vase of flowers for the front table under the Banner, and a small vase on the sanitizer table, even once or twice a year would be helpful. Some flowers like Carnations, Alstroemeria, Chrysanthemums, last 2-3 weeks. If you don't feel up to arranging but could supply some money to buy them occasionally, even once a year, that would be marvellous, and we can arrange for someone to arrange them for you. You may like to donate them to celebrate a Birthday or Anniversary or any other occasion, or In Memory of someone when we can supply a card to go alongside them with the loved one's name on. Or it may be just because you like to see fresh flowers at the front of Church each week. I look forward to hearing from you. *Marion Marsh*

PLANT SALE 2024 THIS SATURDAY 10am – 12 NOON 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. Any other queries please ask Marion Marsh.

FROM THE ECO GANG At the Plant Fair on 11th May the Odds and Ends stall will have wildlife gardening leaflets with advice and ideas from Dorset Wildlife Trust. You can also bring any surplus pots or seed trays (even if they are broken) to the stall to be re-used by church members or recycled at Stewarts to make more plastic products. Happy Eco-gardening!

ECO TIP This year the gardening industry is at last taking seriously the need to end peat extraction, with more peat-free options available, backed by intensive research into how to make these products work for us in our gardening. Now's a great time to try peat-free and if you already use it, look out for hidden peat in pots of plants on sale. By choosing peat-free compost we can help to protect one of the UK's most precious and vulnerable habitats.

SUMMER FAYRE SATURDAY 22ND JUNE The Summer Fayre preparations are under way, and we need some help. Is there anyone in the congregation who knows someone with a large barbecue that we can collect and borrow for 22nd June - or anyone who knows a group that may lend us a commercial one for the day? Also, **Calling all Crafters** - more stallholders needed for the first ever commercial craft fair organised by Heather McGregor-Wright. £14.00 per table/£5 for additional space. Please see Caroline in the office to put your name down. Finally, has anyone got or know someone who has **large outdoor games?** like connect 4 or other lawn activities - hopefully to have a games area? Many thanks.

ST ALDHELM PILGRIMAGE Bishop Karen is leading a short Dorset pilgrimage on St Aldhelm's Day 25th May. She will be celebrating Holy Communion at St Aldhelm's Chapel at 12 noon, following a walk from the National Trust Car Park (for Chapman's Pool) just off Renscombe Road, Worth Matravers leaving at 11am. Pilgrims are invited to bring a picnic for after the service. If wet the Eucharist and picnic will take place inside Langton Matravers Church. Everyone is welcome, should churches wish to bring banners for the procession please do so. The walk is about 1 mile each way.

BE A #CHURCHCHANGEMAKER Are you passionate about the local Church, have a desire to bring about change, and a drive to impact the future of the church in our diocese? The diocese want to encourage more people to stand for Diocesan Synod, the governing body of the Diocese of Salisbury. Whatever your experience or background, if you are aged 16 or over we want to hear your voice as we discuss key matters that impact our communities (such as climate, advocacy and justice). If you care about the Church's impact on the world and your community, and would like to make a difference, then get involved! Find out more at salisbury.anglican.org or see Caroline in the office for more information. Please note that the final date for close of nominations is 27 May.

WHEELCHAIR A wheelchair has become available for anyone who would like it, free of charge. It is a lightweight transit one, which can fold up. It has only had one careful owner. For more information, please let contact the vicar or administrator.

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

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 12noon 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 & Ken for more details.

CAR PARKING Please only park for services, to visit the parish office or for meetings.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 11 th May	10am – 12 noon Plant Sale 2pm St John's Craft and Chat Group
Sun 12 th May	3pm Muddy Church
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
Wed 22 nd May	7.30pm Events Committee Meeting in NorthReach
Thurs 23 rd May	Church Closed - No access all day due to organist interviews. 10am – 12 noon Holy Grounds Coffee Morning

Sun 26th May 12 noon Baptism
Mon 27th May Office Closed
Thurs 30th May 7pm Corpus Christi Service
Fri 31st May Office Closed

FURTHER AFIELD

BROADSTONE TAG GROUP will sadly close after the July meeting, as the present committee are retiring. The group is made up of ladies from all churches in Broadstone and have met once a month on Thursdays from 2.30 – 4pm for nearly 40 years. Some people have offered to do the teas and wash up, but it needs someone to put the programme together. If you think you can help, please speak to our St John's rep, Pat Longstaff, for more information.

REFUGEES AT HOME Do you have a spare room? Could you accommodate a refugee at risk of homelessness? The situation for some refugees is getting desperate especially here in BCP. Refugees at Home (<https://refugeesathome.org>) is a UK charity which connects those with a spare room in their home to refugees and asylum seekers in need of somewhere to stay. **Hosting is only ever temporary and can be as short as a few days.** To speak to hosts who are hosting now and to find out more please come to St Mary's Catholic Church 211A Wimborne Rd, Poole, BH15 2EG Tuesday 21st May. 7.15 (refreshments) for 7.30 pm. For more information please contact Judith 07840 490525 or andwilliams@ntlworld.com

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.

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