



# St John the Baptist Church, BROADSTONE

*Accept and share the generosity of God's love*



## A VERY WARM WELCOME

to the Parish Church of St John the Baptist. Our main church entrance is on Macaulay Rd, and our parish office entrance on Dunyeats Rd. We hope this leaflet helps you find out a bit more about the life and worship of our church: who we are and what we do.



St John's is home to a thriving worshipping community with strong connections within the wider community of Broadstone. We are the local Anglican (Church of England) Church, but welcome people from all backgrounds and traditions. We are part of the Inclusive Church Network, are a Fairtrade Church, and have been awarded an Eco Church Award.



We welcome all ages to our wide variety of services and events.

I have been the Vicar since March 2018. Our Assistant Curate is Revd Gary Waldron, and we are fortunate enough to have support from some retired clergy, Revd Patrick Hastings and Revd Paul Renyard.

Whether you are new to Broadstone, or new to church, we would be very happy to see you at any time. Our aim is to help you feel at home with us, and discover the many activities, events and groups we run, alongside our worship services. Our social events are open to all. We hope you will come and join us and look forward to getting to know you!



With our very best wishes

The Vicar, Revd Helen Bailey, and Parochial Church Council

**Visit our website on [www.stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk](http://www.stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk)**

## Our church and worship

Our church is open all weekday mornings 10am – 1pm for private prayer, and Sunday afternoons from 12 noon until 4.30pm. At these times you can also drop off items for our Food Bank. Our parish office is usually open all weekday mornings 9.30am – 1pm.

- Online Wednesday Morning Prayer at 8.45am and online Friday Evening Prayer at 4.30pm are said using Zoom: contact us for the link. Thursday morning prayer is in church at 8.45am.
- On Sundays we have a said traditional language Eucharist at 8am (BCP on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) and full sung Eucharist at 10am which uses Common Worship and enjoys a mix of traditional and modern hymns.
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month we offer an All Age Service at 10am which is a slightly shorter and simpler Eucharistic service.
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of alternate months we have Café Breakfast Church, an informal café-style service. See under Families.
- We offer other services of different styles on a handful of occasions during the year such as: Taize; a special candlelit Memorial service; Beer and Hymns; and our Wet Nose blessing of the animals service!
- Muddy Church – see under Families.



## Mission and ministry – what do we offer?

- Several Lay Pastoral Assistants who visit and take Home Communion to the housebound / Care Homes. Pastoral care is important to us
- A singing group, which helps support our care home services
- Connections to charities we support
- Good relationships with local schools
- Strong connections with local churches via Churches Together
- Regular well-supported community events such as the Summer Fayre, Plant Sale, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Tree Festival, Christingle, and Carol Services, Cream Teas and BBQs, Pancake Parties and more!



We believe the good news of Christ is to enable the flourishing of all human beings and all creation. We aspire to be an inclusive church.

## What do we offer Families?

- Our monthly Muddy Church on a Saturday morning (10.30am) or Sunday afternoon (3pm) is very



popular with families. It is our main children's work. We engage with faith through nature, as well as the eco agenda. We learn about our natural world, as well as enjoying crafts, singing songs and planting seeds.



- Café Breakfast Church meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of alternate months (Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov). This informal café-style service with short teaching slot, crafts, worship, discussion, activities, and a hearty breakfast is Saturday church for everyone. We find it a great space for families and a friendly, easy way into church.



## Teaching and learning opportunities

We have a variety of study groups and learning opportunities, from house groups to Quiet Days. We offer our Faith Matters course, which introduces people to the Foundations of Christianity, Lent Groups with Churches Together, nurture and discipleship courses, and preparation for baptism and confirmation, and an access to communion course for children.

## Weddings, wedding & civil partnership blessings, baptisms and confirmations

We offer baptism services throughout the year and would love to baptize you or your child. We are a welcoming, attractive church for weddings.



If you or a relative are getting married, do get in touch to see if we can conduct your service in



our church. We also offer special renewal of vows or thanksgiving services as well as blessings on civil partnerships. If you would like to have a wedding blessing or civil partnership blessing for

any reason, including special anniversaries, please get in touch.

## **Newsletter and website**

Our newsletter, issued 10 times a year, is sent out to an email list for free, as is our weekly notice sheet. For a small fee, the newsletter can be posted each month. Our website [www.stjohnschurch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnschurch.org.uk) and Facebook page [facebook.com/stjohnschurchbroadstone](https://facebook.com/stjohnschurchbroadstone) keep you abreast of events. Do check them out for information and for forthcoming events and services.

## **What else do we offer?**

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays we offer a free monthly Craft and Chat Group. Different crafts and materials are provided, though people are also welcome to bring their own, or just come for coffee and chat!
- Every Thursday our Holy Grounds Coffee Morning is open for people to drop in and enjoy company over a free cuppa from 10am – 12 noon.
- We have a vibrant St John's Fellowship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. We invite fascinating speakers, enjoying talks, slide shows and even musical soirees! In addition, there are occasional events: a wine tasting evening for instance, or quizzes, parties and cream teas.
- We are hosts to several concerts each year, thanks to the Broadstone Music Series and other local choirs. We are a great venue for music.
- A Badminton Club meets Wednesday evenings in the parish hall.

## **The Parish Hall and St John's annexe**

The Parish Hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates, with fitted kitchens and toilet facilities. St John's annexe is also available for a limited number of hours each year. Enquire at the Parish Office about bookings. We host everything from AGM meetings to children's parties!

## **Joining in**

Pick up a welcome card from the Parish Office (Dunyeats Rd) or church and fill it in. We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers' Party, held at The Vicarage each year on Macaulay Rd. We look forward to welcoming you!

## **Useful contact numbers:**

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