

**St. John's News for Sunday 20th November,
Christ the King**

Please see the Parish News too.

9.30a.m. Holy Communion and Junior Church

**Monday 21st November, 9.30a.m. Chatterbox in our hall
Wednesday 23rd November 11a.m. Morning Prayer**

Friday November 25th, 6p.m.-8p.m. Illuminated Angels and Stars in church.

**Saturday November 26th 10a.m.- 2p.m. Christmas Fair
For details of both, please see below.**

Winter Warm Hubs - run from 10am to 12.30pm and are free

Monday - St Mary's Hall from November 2nd

Wednesday - St Mary's Hall, Parson's Pantry

Friday - Parish Centre

We need some volunteers to help run these. If you can help please contact Emma or Steve Sutcliffe.

Angel and Star Festival, Friday/Saturday 25 and 26 November

Thank you so much to all of you who have been busy knitting Angels and stars for the Angel Festival. They are coming in thick and fast which is brilliant. We have 401 stars and 447 angels at present but we still need more so please could people keep knitting and crocheting them. For those of you who cannot knit or crochet, we do also need Angels and stars to display in the church - we hope to illuminate them all on Friday evening of Friday 25 and open up the church for people to come and see and also listen to some peaceful sacred music. On the Saturday 26 Nov the church will be open whilst the Fair is being held in the hall, so people can see the Angels and stars then also. We would be very grateful if you could contribute/lend an Angel or star for us to display. Please could you put your name on the Angel/star so that we can make sure you get it back safely. With many thanks, Andy and Adele.

Hello everyone,

It's that time of the year again when we are asking for your help as we prepare to plan our Christmas Fair. Please could you pop some Christmas chocolate into your shopping trolley for the tombola stall and this year we are having a bottle stall so any bottles would be gratefully received. If you have any unwanted gifts you would like to recycle we would be very pleased to have them. As usual there will be a box at the back of church for your items. Thank you for the support you have given us in previous years, we cannot do it without you.

Thank you

Jane and Rosemary x

East Windows and Wall

The new double glazed units have been fitted except for the top pointed panels. These are being made and will be fitted in the next couple of weeks.

The render surrounds (called Stucco) will be started in mid-November. Hopefully all work will be completed by the end of November.

This has been a long 3 year journey of repair. The total cost just short of £70,000, this includes £11,000 VAT recovery.

Thank you for your donations, support and patience.

Church Yard Wall

Unfortunately our flint church yard wall, which is listed in its own right, has suffered major structural damage in St Johns Road. We need to take down a 5 metre long section of the wall to ground level and rebuild with embedded strengthening steel work. A repair drawing have been prepared by our architect and is with the Diocese Advisory Committee for approval as a faculty is required. Quotes requests are out with builders. The cost will be expensive and in the region of £5000 - £10,000. There are other small repairs required and an in-house survey will be undertaken. Further repairs will be done as a when the budget allows.

Graham, Buildings coordinator

St. John's Prayers

- For the Angel and Star Festival and Christmas Fair
- For the appointment of a new Team Leader for the Parish.
- For a second churchwarden to come forward for St. John's.

- For Les Snow, Peter's wife Wendy as she awaits treatment, Harry's mum in Northern Ireland, Jean, Margaret, Dot and Lawrence, Paul and Mary, Barry and Sally and all those who are unwell.
- For all those working in St. Mary's, and all other hospitals at this time.
- For all social workers and those families with which they are working.
- For the work of our PCC, DCC and '2020' plans.
- For the work of our government .
- For those struggling to afford the huge increase in energy and food bills.
- For Leaders to work together to combat the effects of Climate Change and for all of us to play our part.
- For all those around the world affected by drought, floods, earthquakes and natural disasters, especially Somalia.
- For all places in the world where there is conflict and danger and we think especially of the Ukraine.
- For victims of gun and knife crime and their families.
- For swift, sympathetic approaches to refugees, those who need to seek asylum and those who applying for visas.
- For Christians to work together in unity.

To add a prayer need or join the prayer chain contact Marian, (526632,) marianbretthill@yahoo.co.uk

Safe from Harm. We take safeguarding seriously. Before working with children or adults at risk in this church, volunteers will have provided references, completed DAB checks and agreed to follow CofE practice, for keeping children or adults at risk, safe. St. John's Safeguarding Officer is Peter Whitlock. Contact him on 07881 950284, email safeguarding@cofeheartofwight.org

Contact details for St John's Church, St John's Road, Newport, PO30 1LN. Please now phone the Parish Centre directly on 01983 821961 and messages will be forwarded to St. John's.

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Please email admin@stjohnsnewport.org by Thursday, 11a.m. for inclusion in the next St. John's News and Prayers.

You may send items for the Parish Pew News directly to admin@cofeheartofwight.org by Wednesday at 12.00 for inclusion in that week's edition. Many thanks, Liz