

**St. John's News and Prayers, November 19th**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**  
**Please see the Parish News too.**

**9.30a.m. Holy Communion and Junior Church**

**Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>** Chatterbox Mother and Toddler in our hall

**Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>** 11a.m. Morning Prayer

**Church Family Directory- last call**

If you would like your contact details to be added or altered, a form is available at the back of the church. Please fill in and give it to Pete Whitlock or Liz Thorne. Thank you to all those who have already completed forms.

**An appeal for helpers**

We're coming up to the busy Christmas period, and to run the words on the screens and livestream the services, we need some help. You don't have to know anything beforehand or be technically minded, just willing to learn and want to help others participate in the services. Please talk to Pete or Ethne if you think you could help.

**Advent Angels and Stars Festival with Christmas Fair**  
**24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> November**

Please could you bring back your wooden star (that Andy handed out last week), hopefully decorated (!) as soon as possible so that we can hang them up Friday morning to make a congregational star tree, ready for the illuminated display Friday night? They can be left at the back of the church (which is open on Wednesdays).

Contributions are needed please for the Angel and Star Festival:

1 – A bought or handmade Angel or Star, which can be made out of anything, any size, or a painting/picture/poem etc. that can be displayed in St John's church over Festival dates – basically anything Angel/Star themed! They will be illuminated on the Friday evening (24th) when people will be invited to come along and see them, whilst listening to relaxing music and left up on display on the Saturday

whilst the Christmas Fair is going on. If you wish, you can have a donation box with it for your church/charity. Contributions can be dropped off at St John's church on the morning of Friday 24 November (between 10-12) Please put your name on the back so that it can safely be returned and let us know if you need help with transportation.

2 – There will also be a cake competition for adults, which much be Angel themed (either 6 cupcakes or 1 large cake) and a biscuit competition for children, which must be Star themed (6 biscuits). Prizes will be given!! These can be dropped off at the church on the morning of Saturday 25 November (at 10 am) With much thanks and gratitude Andy and Adele Rolf (e-mail [familyrolf@googlemail.com](mailto:familyrolf@googlemail.com) for further info)

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Fair, they are very much appreciated. The Box will remain in Church until the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, if you feel you would be able still to donate any chocolate, bottles or gifts they would be very welcome. Thank you, Jane

Thank you too, from Marilyn to all those who gave her foil containers. She now has enough for her decorations.

**A message from Isle of Wight Foodbank.**

Please see the poster about the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' at the back of the church. Donations may be made before 1<sup>st</sup> December. There is also a list of the most needed items for November.

**2020VISION**

The Teapot temperature plaque in the Hall has been stuck at £45000 since the start of Covid. Graham has recently corrected it to £70000.

The target we set in 2015 at the start of the campaign was £75000. Despite the Covid debacle, we have raised to date £72545.81 - a splendid achievement. Much of this has been spent on professional fees but we still have £20000 plus left. The fees have been necessary to sort out all the practical issues which arise in the

**refurbishment of the Church and the construction of a new hall to provide a new Christian complex for the 21st Century.**

**Graham is re-setting the plaque for £75000 - £150000 our new target. So it is full steam ahead in our fundraising for the 2020Vision project. We have a Fundraising Committee, but new ideas and initiatives are always very welcome. JOHN MATTHEWS**

### DCC Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**A copy is available on the wall at the back of the church.**

### WHISKY BOTTLE

**Graham emptied the bottle recently and recovered the sum of £45.30. The Bottle through its own efforts has now contributed £97.50 towards Church funds. Once again it is terribly afflicted by a raging thirst. Please show your pity by filling it up again with small coins.  
John Matthews**

### St. John's Prayers

- For the family and friends of all those who have died recently.
- For Peter's wife as she recovers after her operation.
- For Kizzie Baker, now recovering at home, and all those who have been unwell, including Edna and Alan.
- 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 Government, our local council and all our public service workers.
- For those still struggling to afford their energy and food bills.
- For those living in inadequate homes which suffer from damp and mould.
- For Leaders to work together to combat the effects of Climate Change and for all of us to play our part.
- For all those affected by the floods and winds locally and around the U.K. and those working in the Emergency Services.
- For all those affected by the earthquakes in Afghanistan, Morocco and the floods in Libya.
- For all those around the world affected by drought, famine and disease, especially those in East Africa, being supported by Christian Aid.

- For all places in the world where there is conflict and danger and we think especially of Israel and Palestine at this time, while remembering the Ukraine, Iran, Myanmar and the Sudan.
- 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.

**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](mailto: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.**

**email: [stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org)**

**Website: [www.stjohnsnewport.org](http://www.stjohnsnewport.org)**

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**Please email [stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:stjohnadmin@cofeheartofwight.org) by Thursday, 12.00, for inclusion in next week's newsletter.**

You may send items for the Parish Pew News directly to [admin@cofeheartofwight.org](mailto:admin@cofeheartofwight.org) by **Wednesday at 12.00** for inclusion in that week's edition.

Many thanks, Liz