

St. John's News for Sundays in August

Please see the Parish News too.

Sunday 7th August, 9.30a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 14th August, 9.30a.m. All Age service
Sunday 21st August, 9.30a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 28th August, 9.30a.m. Café Service in the hall

No Wednesday morning services at St. John's through August until 31st when it will be Morning Prayer

A message from Andrew Hallam: My team and I at ABP are walking from Winchester to Southampton following the River Itchen (16 miles) on Wednesday 10th August to raise funds for our charity of the year, Wet Wheels (<https://wetwheelsfoundation.org/>). I'd be grateful if you'd be able to donate to this worthy cause, please, by going to the below Just Giving page set-up for us all by one of my colleagues, Brooke: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ABPSotonWalk?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=ABPSotonWalk&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=1716236a69e04341be87d97a2ade77a6

My team are again having stalls at the Havenstreet Steam Railway Fair. We would appreciate any gifts of jewellery. The Fair is from 26th – 29th August . Thank you, Shirley Rudd.'

Utilities costs

Like all households gas & electric costs are rising. The church & hall are no exception and our electrics contract renewal with SSE is due at the end of July. This has resulted in a threefold increase, not good news. The PCC Treasurer and I have been exploring options but cannot reduce this.

We therefore ask that all users of the church and hall to be vigilant and only switch lights on when needed and use electrical appliances likewise. Luckily we are in the summer period when our use is low anyway. We do use low energy light bulbs anyway.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Graham DCC Finance controller

DCC Minutes for St. John's

A copy of the latest Minutes is available to read on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

Save the Date: Saturday 10th September

Historic Churches Ride and Stride.

You can join in by walking, cycling, driving and catching the bus to churches around the island or sponsor a participant. Half the money raised comes back to St. John's and participation helps us in our application for grants.

For more information see Liz Thorne.

Advent Angels and Stars Festival

Emma would love to take angels and stars into all our local Primary schools in Advent. Therefore we will need a lot of angels and stars! So we'd like people to get knitting now to see if we can do it. Angel patterns will be at the back of our churches and they can also be downloaded from the website (www.stjohnsnewport.org). Claire Whatley will have a crocheted star pattern available and we are hunting for a simple star knitting pattern.

St. John's Prayers

- Please remember Anand and family on the sad death of his mother in India.

A message from Anand - Just wanted to let you and everyone at St John's know that my mother's funeral in India went well. Thanks to everyone who kept her in their prayers

- Please remember Lisa and Paul Willoughby and family.
- The Newport Citadel of the **Salvation Army** is going through a tough time at present and would value your prayers. The Captain, Rodney Bean, sends all good wishes to the congregation of St John's.
- For the appointment of a new Archdeacon and Team Leader for the Parish.
- For a second churchwarden to come forward for St. John's.
- For Kizzy Baker on the sad passing of Jim, also remembering the whole family at this sad time.

- For 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 Street Pastors out in Newport on Saturday evenings.
- 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.
- 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.

email: admin@stjohnsnewport.org; Website: www.stjohnsnewport.org

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Through August, if there are urgent notices for St. John's News, please email admin@stjohnsnewport.org and I will amend the newsheet.

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