

Hello and Welcome.

If you are visiting us on Sunday, please ask the welcome team for a welcome pack, and prayer is always available after our services. Our aim is: 'Together, to make Jesus known.' We would love the chance to get to know you and share more of the life and faith of our church. Previously we've held Holy Presence on the 3rd Sunday, but this month it will be 31st.

This week we are marking the 150th anniversary since the consecration of St John's. I really hope you can join us at 4pm on Sunday for a joint celebration service with Bishop Ruth. Please note that there is no morning service in St John's this Sunday (17th). There is also the concert on Friday evening, the fete on Saturday afternoon and another musical performance including children from the local schools on Monday lunchtime before Lunch Club. More details of all of these can be found at www.southbourne150.info

Do get in touch if there's anything you'd like to pray or talk about. We hope that you will know the peace and grace of the risen Jesus and we'd love to share that with you.

Rev. Tom Robson



THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday 17th May

4pm All Age Celebration Service with Bishop Ruth (Church)
(No Holy Presence - 31.5 instead)

Monday 18th May

11:30am Concert and Lunch Club

Tuesday 19th May

9am-12pm Coffee Connect (Church Centre) including performance from Southbourne Community Choir at 10:30am

Wednesday 20th May

9am-12pm Coffee Connect (Centre)
9:30am Holy Communion (Church)

Wednesday 20th May (continued)

10:30am-12pm Nurture Group (prayer Room)
7:30pm Signing Practice (lounge)
8pm Men's Football (Bourne Leisure Centre)

Thursday 21st May


8:30am Online Prayer (Online - Zoom)
9:00am Coffee Connect (Centre)
10:00am St John's Tots (Upstairs)
2:30pm Book Club (Upstairs)

Friday 22nd May


Maycamp begins for young people

Saturday 23rd May

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 [Click here for online prayer meetings](#)

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

Please email requests for inclusion in the Weekly News to Admin@... by Wednesday.



150 years of Southbourne Celebration Concert at St Johns - Friday 15th 7pm

Excerpts from Yeomen Of the Guard by Havant Light Opera, Merrie England by Los Ladrones. Doors open at 6.30pmth Starts at 7pm, free admission but donations welcomed towards the organ fund and Havant Rotary Club (Club Foot India Charity)



Community Fete and Christian Aid Stalls - Saturday 16th 1-3pm

Taking place in St Johns garden (or possibly inside the church, weather dependant) Local Groups and clubs with various fundraising stalls. Free entry. Cream teas and music from Spinnuker band
Please come along and get involved, we hope it will be a great event.



SOUTHBOURNE 150 YEARS Celebration Service - Sunday 17th 4pm.

PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO 10AM SERVICE THIS DAY. We hope as many of you as possible can come together at the 4pm service where Bishop Ruth will be joining us for a celebration service, suitable for everyone. Refreshments afterwards of canapes and bubbles.



LUNCH CLUB is on Monday 18th May, to help celebrate 150 years we are having a music recital in the church followed by **Lunch Club which is open to the community** . Please get in touch with Julie Collins if you would like to come as there are limited numbers and we don't want anyone to miss what will make for a fantastic get together



Confirmations! Two of our young people, Mollie and Libby, will be confirmed by Bishop Ruth at **Funtington Church, 7pm on Monday 18th May**. It would be lovely if you could come and support them at what is always a joyful service. Ask Tom for more details or just come along!



On Tuesday 19th May Southbourne Community Choir are meeting in the lounge at 10.30 am. Please come along if you would like to join us, everyone is welcome! Any questions please speak to Julie Collins.



Volunteering - Our church has an army of fantastic volunteers who serve but we have a few gaps. These include the sound desk for the screens during services, refreshments after 10am service and welcome team. If you are interested in any of these, or indeed would like to help in another way, please contact the admin team who can direct you to the right person. 1 Peter 4:10 'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.'

The Sussex Day Fete is hosted by the Southbourne Parish Council and will be held on Saturday 13th June on Southbourne Recreation ground between 1pm - 5pm. There will be a bar, bouncy castles and marquees. Come along and enjoy a free bbq hot dog, meet an alpaca, ride a fairground ride, watch the dog show, enjoy live music and much much more! Fun for all ages!





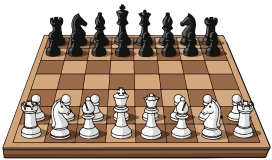
May Camp. Please pray for the upcoming May Camp in which young people from the diocese come together for worship, fun and fellowship. We pray especially for Kim and Richard as they get organised with the team and that all 16 young people going from St John's have an amazing time and all goes well. Don't forget prayers for favourable weather!



We welcome Andrew Hill as our new Church Warden, with thanks to Gillian Cruickshank for serving for three years. Please pray Andrew for taking on this role and joining Carol in being Church Wardens. Andrew has also taken on the administration of the Electoral Roll.



Bishop Martin retires at the end of May. The diocese are preparing to search for the next Bishop of Chichester. There is a consultation to hear the views of as many people as possible across our communities. This anonymous survey should take no more than 10 minutes, closing on 26th May 2026. Please use this QR code which will link you to the survey. More information on the process is available at: www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/



Chess Nights. A few of us are planning to meet once a month to play some chess and share some fellowship. 1st Thursday of the month, 7-9pm in the Church Centre. Begins Thursday 4th June. All abilities welcome, and feel free to bring some refreshments.



Great Artists Films. Alistair Bennett hosts evenings on some of the great artists for U3A in Chichester, and is now offering them in Southbourne. Beautifully-filmed documentaries about the artists and their work, beginning with **Michelangelo - 7-9pm on Thursday 28th May in the Centre lounge.** Open to all. (PCC will meet upstairs that week).



Bereavement Journey Course. A new course begins on June 2nd in the Church Centre and 6 weeks of Tuesday afternoons follow. The course follows a series of short videos and small group discussions. Leaflets are available to pass to friends and family should you think it suitable. Please sign up via the link here or on the website



Candles. There is a large amount of half used white/cream candles (and a small amount of red) in the Vestry. Are there any candle makers wanting wax? Will throw away if not wanted.



Mission of the Month: **Christian Aid.**



Thankyou to all those who are helping to deliver Christian Aid envelopes all across Southbourne this week, what you are doing will make a real difference.



Street Prayers, Tuesday 9.30am on Zoom

This week we will be praying for:

Mosdell Road, New Road, Goodwood Court, First Avenue, Second Avenue, Lazy Acre.

We will also be praying our Schools & the College in the Parish

OUR USUAL SUNDAY SERVICES

	10AM	4PM (TERM-TIME)	Evenings
1st Sunday	Morning Worship & Global Mission Focus	All-age Service	6.30pm Quiet Communion
2nd Sunday	Communion	All-age Service	6.30pm Online Prayer (click here)
3rd Sunday	Morning Worship & Local Mission Focus	All-age Communion	(Often Holy Presence)
4th Sunday	Communion	All-age Service	5.30pm In-Church Prayer
(5th Sunday)	Communion	All-age Service	

There is also a service or fellowship meeting every Sunday at 10.30am at St Nicholas, Thorney Island. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the access list.

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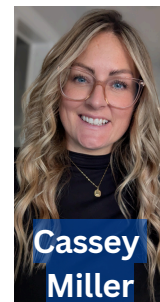
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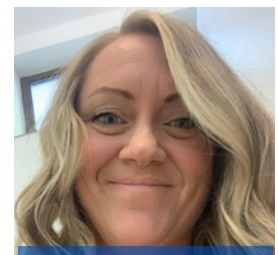


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We have a dedicated **pastoral team**. If you would like pastoral support, you can email pastoralteam@stjohnssouthbourne.com or speak with Tom our vicar, Susie Bartlett or Rosie Cunliffe.

OTHER USEFUL INFO

- [Click here for the zoom link for our online prayer meetings](#)
- Prayer requests can be emailed to: prayingfriends@stjohnssouthbourne.com
- [Click here on your phone to join the St John's WhatsApp group](#)
- [Click here to read the most recent report from our PCC.](#) (Full minutes available from the office)
- [Click here to login to our Churchsuite.](#) If you've not got an account, please [email Admin@...](mailto:Admin@...)