

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. This month Holy Presence will be on Sunday 31st at 6pm. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to both Christian Aid and the anniversary celebrations! Please pray for the 16 people who took a free Bible!



Rev. Tom Robson



THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday 24th May

9:10am Prayer
10am Morning Service
4pm All Age Service
5:30pm Prayer meeting in Church

Monday 25th May

8:30am Prayer online

Tuesday 26th May

9am-12pm Coffee Connect

Wednesday 27th May

9am-12pm Coffee Connect (Centre)
9:30am Holy Communion (Church)
1pm Craft Club

Thursday 28th May

8:30am Online Prayer (Online - Zoom)
9:00am Coffee Connect (Centre)
7pm Great Artists: Michelangelo Film Evening
7:30pm PCC meeting



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LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

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



May Camp 2026... by the time you are reading this our Maycamp crew 2026 will be on their merry way to a weekend of fun together!

We pray for the Lords hand of protection and blessing over every activity, every conversation, and every moment together. Please pray for good weather, calm skies, and minimal wind so everyone can fully enjoy the weekend safely and comfortably.



We hope the camp will be full with laughter, friendship, joy, and unforgettable memories. Most of all, we pray that this time would spark new journeys of faith, helping each child deepen their relationship as they walk with Jesus. May seeds of faith be planted that continue to grow long after the weekend ends. We pray especially for Kim and Richard as they lead the team, may they be surrounded with safety and support.



Film Club. Our next meet is Wednesday 9th June 2- 4.30 pm held upstairs in the Church Centre. For information about what film we are showing please see the sign in the church centre on the noticeboard.

A reminder that Film Club will pause and there will be **no showing in July & August**. Back to normal in September.



Craft Club is this Wednesday 27th May 1-4 pm, Upstairs in the Church centre...a relaxed space to get creative and relax together... we look forward to seeing those of you planning to join.



Great Artists Films begins this Thursday 28th May showing Michelangelo 7-9 pm in the Centre lounge.

Alistair Bennett hosts evenings on some of the great artists for U3A in Chichester, and is now offering them in Southbourne!

Come along and enjoy beautifully-filmed documentaries about the artists & their work, **everyone welcome**. (PCC will meet upstairs that week).



Holy Presence is coming up on Sunday 31st May 6 pm - 7.15 pm in the Church. A time to pray, share, minister and spend time in God's Presence. Everyone is welcome.



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!



We say a **massive thank you to the banner group** who worked very hard and for many hours to produce two fantastic new hanging scenes. Please take some time to admire them.

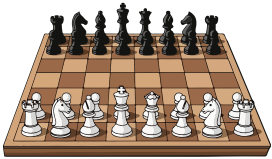




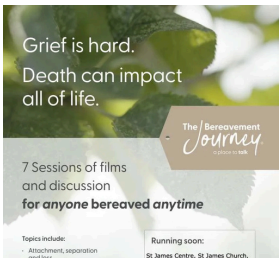
We welcome Andrew Hill as our new Church Warden, with thanks to Gillian Cruickshank for serving for three years. Please pray Andrew enjoys taking on this role and joining Carol in being Church Wardens. Andrew has also taken on the administration of the Electoral Roll.



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.



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: <https://stjohnssouthbourne.churchsuite.com/events/2wn4vdx>



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

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Christian Aid week a tremendous success. We have raised over £2,000 so far with the Quiz and the Fete and the paper envelopes have still to be counted. Thank you to everyone who prepared and delivered them. [Click here to give through our e-envelope](#)



Street Prayers, Tuesday 9.30am on Zoom

This week we will be praying for: The Drive, Eden Place, Garsons Road, Mons Close, Longlands Road, Trafalgar Road and Prinsted Gardens. We'll also be praying for Kim and Richard and their outreach

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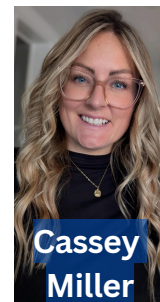
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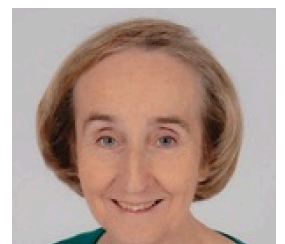
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We have a dedicated **pastoral team**. If you would like pastoral support, you can email pastoralteam@stjohnssouthbourne.com or speak with Tom our vicar, Susie Bartlett or Rosie Cunliffe.

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@...)