



St. John's Wimborne  
New Life, Full Life

# WELCOME

## Information Booklet



## Welcome from Peter, our Vicar



Let me welcome you to St John's! I am so delighted you have picked up our Information Booklet. We are a Church family in Wimborne for anyone living, working or studying around this area. Whoever you are, whatever your age, whether you're an experienced Christian or not, we would love you to join us.

From an intrigued onlooker to the committed follower we are keen that everyone should grow in relationship with God through knowing Jesus. To help us do that our emphasis is on hearing God speak to us by his Holy Spirit through his word, the Bible. Each of us knows that we only grow in a relationship with someone and get to know them when we spend time listening to them and responding and reacting to what they say. So the focus of St John's is on listening to God's word, talking to him in prayer and taking up all that he says.

The Church family here at St John's longs to help anyone who wants to investigate the life of Jesus. In this booklet you will find people, meetings, talks and events shaped to help you take another step forward in finding out more about God and his love for us in Jesus, and to help you get linked into the church family life.

I do hope I will have the opportunity to meet you personally in the very near future and that you will quickly feel at home at St John's.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter Breckwoldt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Revd Peter Breckwoldt, Vicar

# HELLO!



We are so pleased to welcome you to St John's.

Thank you for picking up this booklet – we hope it provides enough information to guide you, whether you're visiting, planning to make St John's your regular church, or even if you've been here a while and just want to know more about all the services, events and activities that go on throughout the week.

***Details are advertised in our Weekly News available every week. Regular Church Family members receive a copy by email or by post and it's available on our website***

Finding that 'sense of belonging' can take time. Depending on your own personality, you may wish to get involved with groups and activities right at the start, or you may prefer to find your feet slowly, or seek some help in getting to know others. You may wish to volunteer to help with one of our many activities. Whatever your preference, we want to help you feel at home at St John's, at a pace that suits you.

## Welcome Teas and Lunches

One of the best ways to find out more about the church is to come along to one of our regular Sunday lunches or afternoon teas. You will have the opportunity to meet our Vicar, members of the staff team and some of the church family. The dates are advertised in the Weekly News, but if you complete a 'Welcome Card' (available in the Foyer or from the Church Office), we will send you a **personal invitation** before the next one is due.

Contact the Church Office on 01202 842255 or [office@stjohnswimborne.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnswimborne.org.uk)

## NEW LIFE AND FULL LIFE



We are a large parish church whose vision is New Life and Full Life, committed to seeing people come to faith in Christ.

We have three services on Sundays, a Prayer Focus every month, and other services to celebrate Christian events throughout the year. Read on for further details.

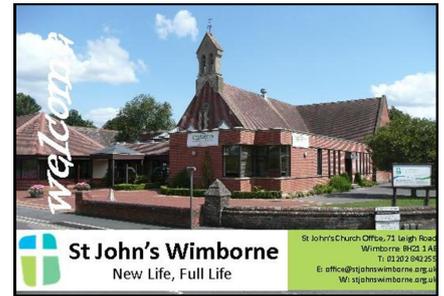
There are numerous groups of all ages who meet regularly, whether to enjoy each other's company, learn together, listen to talks, eat, walk, sing, play or simply to pray together.

The details in this booklet will help you to identify services or activities that appeal to you, but a good start is simply to come along on Sunday!

# BECOMING A MEMBER

## Welcome Card

We would love to get to know you as soon as we can and help you to get to know us better. We ask all new members to fill in a **Welcome Card** and return it to a member of the Staff Team or Welcome Team on Sunday or send to the Church Office. We will then contact you to arrange a visit to you at home from Peter or Matt.



## Membership Form

In order to comply with Data Protection we ask that you complete a **Membership Form** giving us permission to record and use your contact details for church use. Please pick up a form from the Welcome Desk or contact the Church Office.

## Who's Who & ChurchSuite

Once we have your permission, we can record your details in our church directory and the **Who's Who** booklet, which is available for personal use to all members of the church family to keep in contact with each other.

We use a tool called **ChurchSuite**, which is a database allowing us to create rotas, send reminders and lots of other administrative tasks. Your details will be added to this.

## Email contact for Weekly News

Our **Weekly News** is sent to the church family by email (or sent by post or delivered for those without email). Again once we have your details we will add you to the mailing list for this helpful resource.





## NEW TO CHRISTIANITY?

### Christianity - What's it all about?



**DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF  
AT ONE OF OUR REGULAR  
COURSES**

**CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED**  
WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS  
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?



We run two courses from time to time: Christianity Explored and the Real Life course. They are both a relaxed and friendly way to find out more about the Christian faith. At each session there will be refreshments followed by a discussion where you can ask any question you want, or just listen – no question too simple, no question too doubting. To inform our discussions, we look at one of the gospels, which are accounts of Jesus' life.

**Contact the Church Office to find out when our next course is running.**

# CHURCH SERVICES

## **Sunday Morning at 10.30am**

We have one morning service on most Sundays, with a contemporary feel. The children come into the main service for the first 15 minutes and then go off to separate groups. There is Communion on the first Sunday of the month at both services.



## **Sunday Evening at 6.30pm**

The Sunday evening service is generally contemporary with a great atmosphere and a growing congregation. Communion is on the third Sunday evening.

Once a term there is a Help, Hope and Healing service, which gives the opportunity to ask for prayers for healing for you or someone else.

## **Services Online**

Our morning and evening services are available to join in with online. The links are on the front page of our website or via FaceBook.

## **Midweek Communion**

We aren't running this service at the moment.

## **Other Services**

Other services are also held occasionally throughout the year, including our special Christmas and Easter services.

# PRAYER AT ST JOHN'S

Various prayer groups meet regularly, the Weekly News will detail when and where meetings are held.

## Regular Prayer Meetings

**Saturday Prayer Meeting** at 7.45am for an hour on Zoom

## Prayer Focus

We hold a monthly Prayer Focus for the whole church family on the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm. It is often led by a member of the staff team or a Home Growth Group. We pray as a large group together and in smaller groups - for our church, our community, our world or for a particular topic.



## Prayer Chain

A small group of St John's members stand ready to pray for any individual or issue affecting our lives. Requests for prayer can be sent to Jane Cribb at [prayer@stjohnswimborne.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stjohnswimborne.org.uk) or by phone and she will pass them on to the group. All requests are treated as completely confidential.

## Prayer Partners and Triplets

Many of the church family meet regularly for prayer in pairs or triplets; combined or women and men-only groups. If you would like to join up with someone and don't know who to ask - please contact the Church Office and we will try to link you up.

## Prayer Ministry

This is available after any Sunday service for anyone who would like it. Please ask a member of the Welcome Team or service leader.

# GROUP ACTIVITIES

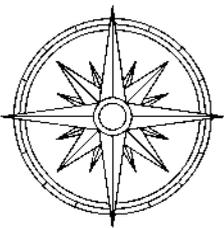
## Home Growth Groups

Home Growth Groups are small groups that meet during the week, usually fortnightly. They are a wonderful opportunity to make friends and study the Bible together. Most meet in the evenings but there are daytime groups as well. The groups have been called the

'heartbeat' of St John's, helping us all to live the Christian life together. Everyone is encouraged to belong. If you would like to join a group please speak to Matt or contact the Church Office.



## Compass



A lively group of (mainly) over 50's who meet on the first and third Thursdays at 2.30pm (except August). The meetings vary and may consist of worship, a speaker, an outing, or something else - and always some refreshments! **Contact Jo or Chris Field (as below) for more information.**



## Lent Holiday/Retreat

This is a popular annual holiday for Compass members and others. Held in a nearby resort, with hotel accommodation, talks, activities and time to relax and reflect. It's a great chance to get to know some others from church and beyond.

***More information is available from Jo and Chris Field on 01929 459315 or contact the Church Office on 01202 842255***

## Lunch Club (Tuesdays at 12.30pm)

Every Tuesday for the over-70s. Lunch is prepared by a probation services cook assisted by offenders on a community payback scheme.

Friendships flourish amongst the 40 or so members from our local community and the helpers. New members are welcome.

**Contact Jane Rynne on 01202 885760**



## **Wimborne Carers' Support Group**

Are you caring for a relative or a friend? Would you like to meet people in a similar situation? Would you like to gather information and advice? Would you like some time for you? Come along and join us.

The group meets in the Youth Lounge on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10.30am.

**Contact Mary Morris (St John's) on 01202 883421 or Carol Davies (PramaLife) 01202 894858**

## **WOMEN @ ST JOHN'S**

The women of all ages at St John's enjoy getting together for group activities. Everyone is welcome to enjoy fellowship with others at events like women's breakfasts, suppers, and seasonal craft events. These are great opportunities to



make new friends. Look out for details of events coming up advertised in the Weekly News or on special programme cards.

The **Women's Book Group** meets on of each month to discuss the book they have been reading at home, usually a couple of chapters each month. Look out in Weekly News for the dates.

**Contact: Becky Lee on 07910 532590**

**Women Too** is an annual weekend break in Bournemouth, to worship, pray and learn together. Spiritual leaders, invited speakers and beach walks help create an atmosphere where Christian fellowship and strong friendships thrive.



**Contact: Doreen Vowles on 01202 884532**

**Fitness Fun** is held on Thursday evenings from 8-9pm during term time. Coffee and tea is available afterwards for those who wish to stay.

The emphasis is on fun, as well as fitness, and we use a mix of secular and Christian music. Some of the ladies don't go to church, so it's a great chance for them to listen to the gospel message while they exercise! They are also invited to all the events that happen in St John's Church.

**Contact: Doreen Vowles on 01202 884532**

The **Beth Moore Course** runs once a year and meets once a fortnight on a Tuesday from 7.30 – 9.30pm on alternate weeks to the Home Growth Groups. These studies are open to all ladies wishing to have a more in depth study of the Bible.

**Contact: Doreen Vowles on 01202 884532**

## MEN @ ST JOHN'S

The men at St John's also enjoy getting together to chat and encourage each other in their faith over breakfasts, suppers and drinks. Details of events coming up are advertised in the Weekly News or on special programme cards.



**Men's Big Night Out** is a relaxed, informal evening listening to some great speakers on how Jesus makes a difference in men's lives. It's held in the Youth Lounge on Monday evenings from 8pm mainly in Spring and Autumn.

**Men's Breakfasts** are an opportunity to wake up to a full English breakfast at 8am! Chat over coffee after breakfast and listen to a talk from a guest speaker. They are held in the Conservatory on Saturday mornings.

**Friday Fix-it and Saturday Sort-it** - opportunities for men to work together on some key tasks in and around the church, enjoy some welcome cake in the break and chat together as they work.

**Contact Keith at [kes.loveless@gmail.com](mailto:kes.loveless@gmail.com)** to register your interest .



**TABS (Tandoori and Beer Society)** is an occasional meal out for men at a local Indian restaurant. In the summer it might be an outdoor gathering with an Indian takeaway!

**Contact Phil Jones:**  
**[dieselhead47@gmail.com](mailto:dieselhead47@gmail.com)**

## OPTIONS FOR ALL



### **Church Weekend and Away Day**

On a Saturday in June or July we have a special day of teaching, activities and worship at a local church or school. This is a great way for the whole church to come together and get to know each other better. On the Sunday we share time together at St John's with a Celebration Service and lunch.

**Contact the Church Office to find out the dates of the next Church Weekend.**

## Lunches, Suppers and Picnics



These are an opportunities for the church family to join together. The Pentecost Picnic is usually held on Pamphill Cricket Ground, on summer Sundays picnics are held at St John's or at the Vicarage. There is time to relax and chat with friends and games for those who want to join in!

We also enjoy sharing lunches and suppers together - often at festival times like Harvest. Sometimes this will be a pre-booked cooked meal provided by a team from the church family, other times it will be a Bring and Share lunch.

## Church Walks

Walks are organised once a month for anyone wanting a bit of exercise, and opportunity to chat with others from the church family and something to invite friends to.

**Contact Hilary Paton on 01202 849443**

## Golf Competitions

For those who love playing golf there are two opportunities in the year for a golfing challenge, for all abilities and a great way to meet new people. Usually at Crane Valley Golf Course on a Saturday.

**Contact Gillian Mannouch on 01202 847910 or email [gillian@stjohnswimborne.org.uk](mailto:gillian@stjohnswimborne.org.uk)**



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



**There are lots of opportunities to serve in the church family!**

Pick up a leaflet from the Welcome Desk (also available on our website) to give you some ideas. Here are just two:

### **Flower Team**

Perhaps you have a special love of flowers and enjoy arranging them either on a rota or with others for special times of the year. The team and would love to hear from you. Please contact the Church Office.

### **Gardening**

If you love gardening and would like to join the enthusiastic team who help to maintain our grounds and gardens, please contact the Church Office.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

### **Coffee in the Conservatory**

#### **Fridays from 10am-12noon in the Conservatory**

Coffee in the Conservatory is designed to provide a gathering place for our church family and our community. Please do come, and if you can, consider bringing someone who might enjoy a warm welcome, cafetière coffee and lovely cakes!



As a church, we want to be salt and light to our community, we hope and believe that this meeting place might be an opportunity for conversation, friendship, and of course, sharing the love of Christ with others. *Meet the family-bring a friend.*

There are other events and activities planned through the year which enable us to invite friends or meet our community and share the love of Jesus. Look out for details in the Weekly News or on our website.

# OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



## Sunday Mornings

Children's (and youth groups) run during the 10.30am service. These groups are spaces where children learn and play together.

**Crèche:** is a great space filled with toys, books and snacks for children under the age of 3. Parents can feel free to leave their child if suitable or stay in. There is a live feed of the church service shown in the Crèche (held in the Small Lounge).

**Scramblers:** is a structured program of play for age 3 to Reception with stories, games, crafts, songs and prayer. Each week the children explore a different Bible story or character. Snacks and refreshments are also provided during Scramblers; (held in the School).

**Adventurers:** is a fun filled time for children in Years 1 to 5 to make friends and learn about God. With games, snacks, crafts, stories, videos, drama and more, children look at the stories in the Bible and learn what they mean for them; (held in the Hall).

## Kid's Groups and Activities

**TOTS AND TOYS** Tots and Toys is for 0-pre-school aged children and their parents, grandparents and carers. A fun mixture of toys, crafts, songs, play, snacks, tea and coffee. There is a small weekly charge per family to help cover running costs.

There are two groups: Mondays at St John's at 10am or Tuesdays at Leigh Park Community Centre at 10am. Monday's is a busy session, please drop in or contact us to check there is a space available. Tuesday's is a drop-in session for anyone to come to.



## KidsVenture

A fun packed summer holiday club week of adventure for 5-11 year olds with sports, crafts, challenges, quizzes, music, dancing. Each year we take a specific theme and explore stories in the Bible that help us think about life and

how we can grow and develop into all we can be.

Some family events are run in the evenings as part of KidsVenture and the week ends with a special prize giving celebration. KidsVenture normally takes place in the first full week after children finish school but please see check our advertising. Booking information is available a few weeks before the event.

### **Parents' Network**

An opportunity for parents to chat about parenting from a Christian perspective. Meeting from 9:30am on a Sunday, with separate activities for children while parent discuss and pray in smaller groups and have an opportunity to feed in ideas about what would help and encourage you in your parenting as a Christian. Dates of these events will be announced in the Weekly News.

### **Glow**

At Halloween St John's runs an exciting and unique event for families and young people with fun-filled activities: inflatables, games and crafts, plus food and then our unique **Firepit Outdoor Service at 6pm** with fireworks! Come for some or come for all and join us as we celebrate light in the darkness. Details and booking information are advertised a few weeks before the event.



***Contact for all children's and young family activities: Kev Metcalfe (Children and Young Families Co-ordinator) 01202 847912 or email: [children@stjohnswimborne.org.uk](mailto:children@stjohnswimborne.org.uk)***

## OPTIONS FOR YOUTH



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**ST JOHN'S**

**CORE** is a youth club for school years 5 - 8pm. It meets on Thursdays from 6.30 - 8pm - everyone is welcome. We play sport, pool, table tennis and computer games. We make crafty things and have a tuck shop. The high point of every week, just as we finish, is a little talk from the Bible, thinking about who God is and what that means for us. It's a great time, full of fun and friendship. We would love to see you there, but booking is required.

**CORE Sundays** meets during the 11am (or 10.30am) Sunday morning service. This is a really exciting time as we dive deep into the Bible together to uncover what God has to say to us, and what difference that makes in our lives. of us and we play games that help us unlock more of what we're learning too.

### **FUSE for older teens**

Please contact Matt Lee for information about when they meet.

## Youth Residentials

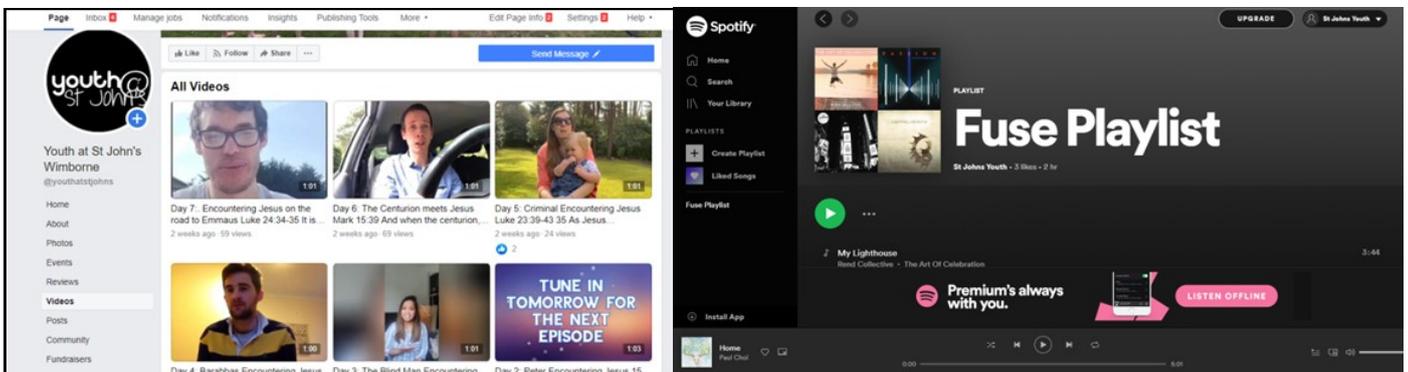
Going away is always a highlight of any youth programme, each year we go on a summer camp at Quantock 3 CYFA Venture & we also enjoy going on a night away or a night in at church.



## Social Media

St John's Youth Work has now also taken to an active online ministry. This varies from Zoom meetings, to Christian song playlists they can listen to online, to video series on social media.

Why not follow us on Facebook: [youthatstjohn'swimborne](#)  
Instagram: [stjohnswimborne](#)



**Contact for all youth activities: Kev Metcalfe or Matt Lee**

## SAFEGUARDING

St John's Church takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults who may be at risk very seriously, and works in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury to ensure that we work in accordance with best practice at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Policy can be viewed on our website.

If you have any Safeguarding questions or concerns you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Andrew Morris (ccs.andrewmorris@gmail.com or phone 01202 883421 or 07772 801117) or

Pat Loveless (patloveless18@gmail.com or phone 01202 880199 or 07980 490033).

Alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers Jem Carter (07469 857888) or Suzy Futchter (07500 664800) or email [safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org)

## FACILITIES



Parking is limited around the church, although on Sundays we use the school playground behind the church, accessible from Legg Lane. There is some space at the front of church for disabled parking or dropping-off.

The church and centre are all on one ground-floor level and access is easy for wheelchairs.



A loop system is installed in the main church for the hard of hearing.

If you have any comments or concerns about access please contact the Church Office.

**Hearing Loop**  
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

