



St John's & St Andrew's
Sunday 11th December
Web site: www.sjyeovil.org.uk

Welcome to all our Sunday services

St Andrew's 9.30 am

Morning Worship Leader: Tom Putt Preacher: James Dudley-Smith

St John's 10.30 am

Holy Communion Leader & Preacher: James Dudley-Smith

6.30@St John's

Leader: Tom Putt Preacher: Doug Johnson
Simeon's Song

Visitors: Thank you for joining us. Feel free to ask for any information you need, and do introduce yourself to us.

Babies/Toddlers: St. John's has a supervised crèche for 0-3 from the start of the 10.00 am service. Please ask for directions.

Groups for children begin after the first part of the 10.30 am service at St John's. If your children prefer to stay in the service, that is fine too.

Christmas cards to the Parish - Please can you help? Our invitation cards are ready for distribution. There is a list at the front of St John's and in St Andrew's, showing the streets and roads in St John's and St Andrew's Parish with approximate numbers. Please sign the list indicating which streets you will cover. If you discover new developments or roads missed please feel free to take more cards and cover those areas! Thank you.

Gone Fishing Café – important notice!

Christmas opening times 1st, 8th, 22nd. **NO** café on 15th December.

Special Charity Café morning on Thursday 22nd December: to raise funds to twin the toilet in the church with one on the other side of the world! Toilet twinning funds the work of international relief and development agency, Tearfund.

Families, children, grandparents, uncles, aunties- **all welcome!**

Help with Flyers. We distribute flyers around the town centre prior to the Lunchtime carol service - Friday 16th December. Help with this would be very much appreciated. Please meet in St John's at 12.30pm.

Christmas card board As in previous years there will be a Christmas card board at the back of St Andrews & St John's. Instead of sending individual cards, a greeting may be pinned on the board.

St Andrew's will send this year's donations to St Margaret's Hospice.

St John's donations are sent to The Children's Society.

Sock Tree (at the back of St John's) - Gifts of warm socks, gloves, scarves, hats and shoes - in good condition - will be greatly appreciated and passed on to homeless and needy people.

CAP Steve Hart would like to thank the St Johns' family for all the commitment and support given to the CAP Debt Centre over the past year. We have seen 10 make first time commitments, 17 go debt free and 39 Christmas Boxes have been or are being delivered in December, thanks to many of the fellowship groups in St Johns, along with other church families and Yeovil Radio Cabs. If you would like to receive a regular update throughout 2017 or would like to know more about the work, please contact Steve on stevehart@capuk.org Thank you and a Merry Christmas to St Johns from Steve & Mary, your Yeovil CAP Debt Coaches.

Baby Hats

Thank you to everyone who knitted baby hats for Tabora and to those who gave towards postage. Sixty-five hats have been sent to Ruth, and the postage came to within a few pennies of the sum donated! The Lord is good.

Help needed! Tiny Toes parent & baby group - is run by St John's for parents with babies up to 1 year old every Thursday morning in term time. We need one or two more helpers to join our team from January - either regularly (weekly, fortnightly, or monthly) or on a more occasional basis. Helpers set up, welcome & chat to the parents, serve refreshments and tidy away and pray together. Our heart is to show Christ's love in action. Please speak to Joy Neville (321672) to find out more. Helpers need to complete the DBS / Safeguarding process. Alternatively, if you could help at Footprints Toddler group on a Monday morning, this may release a helper from that group to support Tiny Toes.

Saturday stewards We are looking for volunteers to help on a Saturday morning in St John's. The task involves opening the church by 10.00am and being available there for visitors until 1.00pm. During this time the stewards also fold the notice sheets and prepare the books for the Sunday service.

With sufficient volunteers this would only require approximately three times a year. Please see Kath if you might be able to help.

No collection plate: At St John's we do not take a collection during services but offerings can be left in the wooden box by the door on the way out. If you would like to become a regular giver by standing order, then these forms together with gift aid forms are available by the door as you enter the church.

You can now give on-line at www.give.net/20038243

Correction! *Together on Tuesday* on December 20th will be at the URC in Princes Street – not the schoolrooms, as stated in Focus.

We need helpers to run craft and refreshments for the children's' craft morning. Weds 21st Dec 10:30-12pm. Craft will be prepped and ready to go. We would like any spare bits of green wool if anyone has any? Also bakers for biscuits, cakes and mince pies. There will be a sign up sheet at back of church for cakes!
Please let Becky D-S know if you can offer any help.

Don't forget to pick up a *Social calendar* – available at both churches.

Christmas Festive Fun for Seniors

We are holding an afternoon of Christmas fun for Seniors, at St Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday 20th December from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be craft, activity, refreshments, singing and a 'Thought for Christmas' from James Dudley-Smith.

Forms available from Helen Peace or the Church Office: cost £2.

Please note – Holy Communion next Tuesday 13th December at 10.30 am will be in the Schoolrooms.

Prayers for Westfield We meet every 2nd Monday in the month to pray for our neighbours & the local community. Do join us if you have a heart for Westfield. 14 Westfield Avenue BA21 3DG at 6.30pm. Bring your own supper (fish & chips or other) or just come at 7pm to pray. If you cannot make it but have items for prayer, please phone them to 01935 476086 or email rosiekeynes@hotmail.com.

St John's Christmas services in December

Fri 16th	1.15 pm	Lunchtime Carol Service
Sun 18th	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Main Carol Service
Sat 24th	4.00 pm	Children's Carol service
	11.00 pm	Late Communion Service
Christmas day	10.30 am	Family Celebration

St Andrew's

Sun 18th	3.00 pm	Carol Service
Christmas day	9.00 am	Communion service

Also at St John's

Tues Dec 13th	7.00 pm	Westfield School
Wed Dec 14th	6.30 pm	Preston School
Thurs Dec 15th	2.00 pm	Park School
Wed Dec 21st	10.30 am	Craft morning

And at St Andrews

Mon Dec 12th	6.30 pm	Scouts Carol Service
Thurs Dec 15th	9.30 am	Oaklands School

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Activities - what's on at St John's & St Andrew's this week

Mon 12th	9.00 am	Staff Meeting	St John's
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing	St John's
Tues 13th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St John's
	12.30 pm	SALT	St Andrew's Hall
Wed 14th	9.45 am	Genesis	41 The Park
	7.30 pm	18 – 30's Christmas Social	
Thurs 15th	12.30 pm	Lunchtime Prayer	St John's
	7.30 pm	Creative Craft	Schoolrooms
Fri 16th	1.15 am	Lunchtime Carol Service	St John's
	7.30 pm	Pathfinders/CYFA	Schoolrooms

Services on Sunday 18th December

St John's 10.30 am

Morning Worship Leader: James Dudley-Smith Preacher: David Upton

St Andrew's 3.00 pm

Carol Service Leader: James Dudley-Smith Preacher: Tom Putt

St John's 6.30 pm

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