



# St John's & St Andrew's Noticesheet for 17th December

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## Welcome to all our Sunday services

**St John's 10.30 am**

**Morning Worship**

Leader: James Dudley-Smith

Preacher: Tom Putt

Luke 1: 57 - 80

**St Andrew's 3.00 pm**

**Carol service**

Leader & Preacher: James Dudley-Smith

**St John's 4.00 pm  
and  
6.30 pm**

**Carol service**

Leader: Tom Putt

Preacher: James Dudley-Smith

**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 10.30 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 Festive Fun** for our seniors!

At St Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday 19th December from 2pm – 4pm

There will be singing, entertainment, festive refreshments, Christmas crafts and a thought for Christmas. Booking forms at the back of both churches.

Cost £2.00 per person. Completed forms to Helen Peace or Beth Farrington.

***Any offers of transport to and from the event will be hugely appreciated. Please contact Helen if you can help.***

## **GONE FISHING CAFÉ:**

On 21st December we are having a Festive Christmas Fundraiser supporting the work of the charity Tearfund. Wear something Christmassy (optional) and enjoy great coffee and cakes. All donations will go to the TEARFUND 'your money matched' Christmas Appeal and every pound given will be doubled by the UK government. This money raised will change the lives of people living in the Central African Republic and around the world who have suffered unimaginably due to conflict and poverty. So come along, have fun and give generously!

We are sorry to announce the death of the Rev. Alan Conley – a member of our church family at St John's. Please pray for Jean and family and friends.

**Christmas cards to the Parish** – There are still some cards to deliver. A list at the front of St John's, shows the streets and roads in our Parish with approximate numbers. Can you help with delivering these invitations? 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! Please return any unused cards. Thank you.

**Please use our Christmas invitation cards** to invite friends and family to the many events and services.

**Tiny Toes** are a small, friendly group reaching out to mums and babies, on Thursday mornings during term time. The group urgently **needs one or two more helpers to go on the rota to help** a couple times a month or to be on a reserve list for when they are short. Helpers will need to be DBS checked. Please contact Joy Neville on 01935 321672 if you can help.

**CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY** The Yeovil CAP Team would like to thank everyone in St Johns for their support and commitment to the work of CAP in 2017. In the past year, 15 have gone debt free, 7 making commitments to Jesus and 2 being baptised! In the New Year there is the annual spike in calls for help as the pressure of debt drives people to breaking point. Please continue to pray for CAP and the local debt centre and if you would like to know more details, please contact Steve (or Mary) on [stevehart@capuk.org](mailto:stevehart@capuk.org) Thank you.

**Thank you from the Lord's Larder Food bank** for supporting the work with our Harvest donations. This year St John's donated 382 food items to the food bank. This is much appreciated by all the people that can be helped by providing emergency food parcels.

Two Women's conferences:-

*Ready for heaven* - Bristol Women's Conference on the 3rd March 2018.

[www.bristolwomensconference.org](http://www.bristolwomensconference.org) OR

Bath Women's Conference on the 14th April.

[www.bathwomensconference.org](http://www.bathwomensconference.org) Both need early bookings!

Caroline Armitstead 01935 862785

**Giving at St John's** - At the end of October our income from collections and pledged giving was £10,000 behind our breakeven budget. Next year we are facing a £12,000 increase in our Parish Share. Please help us to meet our budget by reviewing and hopefully increasing your giving to St John's. If you do not give by standing order then please join our planned giving scheme. Forms are available by the door.

**Christmas 2017 –**

**Please pray for these events at St Andrew's and St John's**

**At St John's**

Sunday 17th December	St John's Carol Service	4.00 pm
		and 6.30 pm
Tuesday December 19th	Westfield School Carol service	7.00 pm
Wednesday 20th December	Lunchtime Carol service	1.15 pm
Sunday 24th December	Children's Carol service	4.00 pm
	Late Communion service	11.00 pm
Christmas Day	Family Celebration	10.30 am

**At St Andrew's**

Sunday 17th December	St Andrew's Carol Service	3.00 pm
Wednesday 20th December	Oaklands Carol service	9.30 am
Christmas Day	Communion service	9.00 am

**Please note:-**

**Christmas Day**

Yeovil Community Church will not be joining us 'en masse' on Christmas Day this year. There should therefore be less of a throng, but we hope no less joy! Please come along, bring family and friends, and start Christmas Day with Christ and his people. All are welcome; feel free to bring a present you've opened!

**Boxing Day**

There will be no Holy Communion on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>**

There will be one service that day. *Together for Holy Communion* at 10.30 am at St John's to include both congregations.

There is no 6.30 service.

**Important notice – we have been informed that Church Street will be closed from 15<sup>th</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> February.**

Gas pipes are being upgraded on Church Street and High Street. It will not be possible to bring a car round to the church, though pedestrian access will be maintained.

**Prayers for Wider Westfield** will be meeting at St Peter's Hall, Coronation Avenue on Monday 8 January at 6.30pm for BYO supper, 7pm for prayers. Please bring your own cutlery, sauces etc. All who have a heart for this part of Yeovil are very welcome. Prayer requests/answers to prayers to Rosie Keynes ph 476086 or rosiekeynes@hotmail.com.

### **Advance notice for 2018**

Holiday Club 2018 is planned in the diary for the week.

Monday 30th July – Friday 3rd August.

#### **Sunday 24th December**

**St Andrew's 9.30 am**

**Together for Worship**

Leader: James Dudley-Smith

Preacher: Doug Johnson

*Luke 2: 1 - 21*

**St John's 10.30 am**

**Morning Worship**

Leader: Tom Putt

Preacher: Doug Johnson

*Luke 2: 1 - 21*

**St John's 4.00 pm**

**Children's Carol Service**

**St John's 11.00 pm**

**Late night Holy Communion**

Parish Office, St John's Schoolrooms, Church Path, BA20 1HE

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A diary of future events and contact details for staff are published in Focus, and on line.