



St John's & St Andrew's
Sunday 4th December
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Welcome to all our Sunday services

St Andrew's 9.30 am

Holy Communion Leader: Tom Putt Preacher: Beth Farrington

St John's 10.30 am

Together for Worship - to include pre-Christmas performance by Junior Church and the Youth band Leader James Dudley-Smith

6.30@St John's Leader: James Dudley-Smith Preacher: Rob Dean
The Angel'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.

“Celebrating 10 Magical Years with the Dudley-Smiths”: a church family party for all at St John's and St Andrew's on Saturday 10th December.

Venue: St John's Church, gates open at 7.30pm for a prompt start.

Smart Dress (black tie optional), adults only. Admission by ticket – which cost £2 and can be obtained from Helen Peace or Kath/Terry in the church office. Canapes and drinks will be served throughout the evening.

The next FIRST WEDNESDAY - our main parish prayer meeting - is 7th December at 7:30 pm in the hall at St. Andrew's. All welcome!

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! Please return any unused cards. Thank you.

St Andrews on Sunday 11th December - As mentioned in Focus, St Andrews will **not** be having a Toy Service on 11th December this year but there will be the opportunity to give a donation, instead of toys, to the Children's Society. This Christmas, as with every Christmas, the Society will be working with the many children and young people who will find themselves away from home, alone, at risk and living on the streets. Please look out for special donation envelopes which will soon be available in church. 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!**

December men's breakfast will be joining friends at the Methodist Church, Vicarage Street at 9 am on the 10th December for the Mayor of Yeovil Charity Big Breakfast. They are supporting two charities - St Margaret's Hospice and the Piers Simon Appeal- School in a Bag.

The cost is £5 for a full English with tea/coffee with toast. All welcome.

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 6th and 20th will be at the URC in Princes Street – not the schoolrooms, as stated in Focus.

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.

Thank you "Eileen and Peter Lynch would like to thank the church family for all their cards, visits, phone calls, food and most of all their prayers during Eileen's rather sudden stay in hospital.

The operation to remove part of the small bowel went extremely well but as it has been proved to be cancerous there will be more scans to see if it has spread.

They are seeing the oncologist early in December to discover if any further treatment is needed. To date, Eileen has made an almost miraculous recovery which we are sure is the result of all the prayers. Thank you so much from both of us."

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 on Tuesday 13th December at 10.30 am will be in the Schoolrooms.

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

Mon Dec 5th	6.15 pm	Huish School
Fri Dec 9th	7.30 pm	People's Choir Yeovil Concert
Sat Dec 10th		Youth Charity Christmas Concert (Judy Juggins) –
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 5th	9.00 am	Staff Meeting	St John's
	10.00 am	Footprints Christmas party	Schoolrooms
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing	St John's
Tues 6th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St John's
	2.00 pm	Together on Tuesday	URC Princes Street
Wed 7th	9.45 am	Genesis	41 The Park
	7.30 pm	First Wednesday	St Andrew's Hall
Thurs 8th	10.00 am	Tiny Toes Christmas party	Schoolrooms
	10.00 am	<i>Gone fishing cafe</i>	St John's
	12.30 pm	Lunchtime Prayer	St John's
Fri 9th	7.30 pm	Pathfinders/CYFA	Schoolrooms
	7.30 pm	Yeovil People's Choir Christmas Concert	St John's
Sat 10th	9.00 am	Men's Breakfast	Vicarage Street Methodist
	11.00 am	Charity Concert – proceeds to Clic Sargent	St John's
	7.30 pm	Celebrating 10 years with JDS – Church family party	St John's

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Holy Communion Leader & Preacher: James Dudley-Smith

6.30@St John's

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