



**St John's & St Andrew's  
Noticesheet for 29th October**  
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**Welcome to all our Sunday services**

**St John's 10.30 am**

**Together for Holy Communion**

Leader: Tom Putt

Preacher: James Dudley-Smith

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Galatians 4: 21 - 31

**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.

**Newcomers** buffet supper on Saturday 4th November 7.30pm at the Rectory. *You may have been coming to St John's & St Andrew's for some time or still feel very new – either way, if you haven't attended a newcomers' supper before please join us* for a very informal evening. We would really appreciate the opportunity to meet and chat with you: you will meet others who are new to St John's and St Andrew's and begin to make friends. There is a sheet to sign at the back of St John's and please help yourself to an invitation card – directions are on the back of the card. Alternatively speak to Kath Upton or leave a message at the church office if you would like to come. (01935 427745) or e-mail: [office@sjyeovil.org.uk](mailto:office@sjyeovil.org.uk)

**The next Women's breakfast** is on November 4th at the Yeovil Court Hotel (9.00 am - 10.30am). Our speaker is Helen Wilcox and her title is 'Time for Second Thoughts'. A signup sheet is at the back of the Church. Do come and any friends are welcome. Caroline Armitstead 01935 862785

**Our next First Wednesday**, the main parish prayer meeting will be on November 1st at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Hall. All welcome.

**Please pray** for George A'Court and Christina Stroud who are to be confirmed at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 4th November at 2.00pm.

**At St John's** we do not take a **collection** during services but there is an offering plate as you leave the church and all donations towards our significant running costs will be gratefully received.

**CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY** The 'Music for CAP' event was a great success where 200 gathered to worship our Lord God at the GateWay. Steve Hart wishes to thank the St Johns' worship group for leading us in worship and to thank those who baked the amazing cakes eaten during the interval. We raised approx. £1,500, which will go towards the work the local Debt Centre carries out bringing hope to those in poverty.

**Weekly Envelopes:** Boxes for use from the 1st Sunday in November will be available for collection on Sunday 29th October. Please could you contact Anne Wicks on 01935 432535 if either you will not need a box this year, or you would like your box delivered, otherwise I will assume that current users will collect a new box on the 29th. Thank you so much for your faithful giving to the work at St John's. *Anne*

**Operation Christmas Child.** For the second year running we are supporting this charity to show God's love to needy children around the world. **Please remember to bring your filled shoeboxes to our family service on Sunday 5th November at 10.30am.** If you have any questions or would like more leaflets, please speak to Melissa Cary.

**Christmas Carol Service.** Rehearsals start today for the Christmas Carol Services at 12.00 pm in the vestry. (access around the back if the wonky stairs are a challenge!). All welcome! Enjoyment of singing required!

There will be a **Meeting for those who are caring for elderly relatives** on Tuesday 31st October at 7.30pm at 9 College Green.

**Friday 17th November at 7.30pm in the church** – An event organised by the Friends of St John's, with an opportunity to donate towards the upkeep of the building. John Beauchamp, our church architect, is giving a talk on the challenges and joys of looking after a magnificent building like St John's.

**Christmas Lights-On Event: Saturday 18th November** St John's is holding an open church event between 5pm - 8pm, when the Christmas lights are turned on in Yeovil and the lantern parade will be taking place .

Helen is looking for people to serve cakes and drinks, make cakes, wash up, supervise people up and down the stairs to the bell tower. We'd like to run a nativity photo booth and some children's craft activities, give out Christmas flyers and talk with the people of our town about our carol services, help with puppets/props. It will be a busy and fun-packed evening and not one to miss! Come along and bring family and friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

**Anyone that can help on the evening please contact Helen Peace asap**

**25th November is... "A Taste of Christmas"**. An event for you to invite friends to. In groups you'll go round blind taste testing Christmas food from various supermarkets - (some savoury, some sweet, some liquid). At the end you'll get the results so we can all serve up a delicious Christmas! There will be a short talk between the tasting and the results inviting people to join us over Christmas and to get a taste of true Christmas joy. Tickets will be available from November 5th.

**William Tyndale – "Bible Translator, Hero and Martyr"**. A talk by Brigadier Ian Dobbie in the St John's Schoolrooms, on Wed: 29 Nov:7.30-9.00pm. Ian Dobbie is a regular preacher and speaker and a member of General Synod. His talk on William Tyndale is a result of detailed research and it has been much acclaimed on the many occasions on which he has been asked to give it, especially this year, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**Advance reminder: Sunday November 12th is Remembrance Day**

At St John's there will be a service in the Schoolrooms at 10.00am, finishing in time for those who wish to, to gather at the war memorial in The Borough at 11.00am. This is followed by a Civic Service of Remembrance in St John's.

**Cards for Good Causes** are now selling Christmas cards in St John's.

There is an urgent request for anyone who can volunteer to help run the stalls – a few hours/ a day/ a morning or afternoon. They will appreciate support from our churches.

**Lord's Larder-at Christmas time we give out 300 special food parcels.**

The shopping list is below if you are interested in donating CHRISTMAS food.

**Christmas shopping list**

Christmas puddings, Slabs of Christmas cake, Mince pies (in date for Christmas)  
Chocolate Biscuits Fingers, Coffee, Drinking Chocolate, Tins of Fruit /Cream,  
Custard, Large Tins of Ham, Tins Salmon, Fray Bentos Pies, Peanuts / Nuts  
Trifle mixes /Meringue nests, Cheese Biscuits, Cake / Cake Slices (in date), Jam,  
Honey, Fruit Juice, Sweets, Chocolate.

Please note!

Food needs to have a sell by date beyond Christmas, if we are to include it in a parcel. We start packing parcels at the beginning of December so, if possible, send in your donations by the end of November.

Please let us know in advance if you would like help carrying heavy food donations.

Please label your bags/ boxes of food donations with the name of your church.

**Focus magazine will be published later this week. The first week of the Parish Prayer Diary for November 2017 is printed below**

**Wed 1st** 'First Wednesday' Parish Prayer and Praise meeting tonight.

Muyunda & Cynthia Simangolwa (Zambia). Thank God for the four youth groups in their Livingstone churches. Pray for the youth, the leaders teaching these groups and also for Muyunda's own children, especially Agnes sitting important exams this year.

**Thur 2nd** Pray for Tom Putt and Lin Hann at training days for chaplains in the diocese today. Pray for Christians working at YDH and for the Communion Service for staff tomorrow afternoon.

**Gone Fishing Café.** Pray for Helen and the team who serve at the café this morning. Pray for good conversations with visitors.

**Fri 3rd CYFA and Pathfinders** Bonfire Night. Pray for a safe and fun evening together and for understanding as they read the Bible. Pray for the Women's Breakfast tomorrow, for Helen Wilcox speaking and for good discussions about the talk.

**Sat 4th** Pray for the Confirmation Service in Wells Cathedral this afternoon, especially for George A'Court and Christina Stroud from St John's who are being confirmed.

**Newcomers' Evening** tonight. Give thanks for the new people who have joined St John's recently. Pray for a relaxed and enjoyable evening where everyone feels welcome.

**Sun 5th** Pray for other churches in our deanery - James is preaching at Brympton this afternoon. Pray too, for Doug and James Maitland preaching today and Keith serving with the YDH Chaplaincy team. Pray for a good response to the Samaritan's Purse 'shoe box' appeal and that these gifts would bring joy to many needy children.

**Sunday 5th November**

**St Andrew's 9.30 am**

**Holy Communion**

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