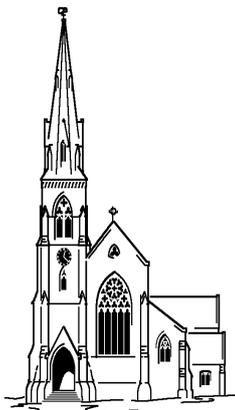


November 2017

# St John's and the Park Church



## Jottings

### Remember, Remember!

I like November. It's a beautiful time of year with amazingly colourful trees and crisp bright mornings. It's an exciting time of year with bonfires, parties and fireworks. It's a time of change; the heating goes on, the winter coat re-appears, the clocks have gone back and the nights draw in. It's also a poignant time of Remembrance.



We have two special services which will offer opportunities to remember and to give thanks. First, an All-Age Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> during which we as a church family will remember with thanks and honour those who have sacrificed their lives for others. Secondly a Time to Remember at 6.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> which is an opportunity to remember with thanks loved ones who have passed away.

Stopping and remembering is the right thing to do. It honours the memory of those who have lost their lives and enables us to show our respect and

appreciation for all who continue to work for peace and justice. Remembering helps us to be thankful for our freedom. It broadens our perspective and reminds us of the wider world in which we live. Remembering inspires us to live our own lives with selfless commitment to other people and to peace.

The Bible urges us on countless occasions to remember God, to remember each other and to remember the wider world. To do this leads to thankfulness for all we have and all that God has done and continues to do for us. It also reminds us to live for the good of those around us. Most amazingly ... God remembers us! We are created, known and loved by God and therefore He cannot - and will not - ever forget about us. So we remember with thankfulness and look forward with hope!

Tom

## Pause for thought ...

It was 539BC and all was not well. It is 2017AD and we are living in a country and world where all is not well. It can at times be a dangerous and frightening place. Only recently the media was telling us of 'an act of pure evil' with 59 dead and 515 injured. What can be done to make this world a better and safer place?

Back to 539BC when, for a ruler and his people, the writing was on the wall as they faced disaster. Perhaps for us in 2017 the writing could also be on the wall. Where does God come into our thinking and planning for the safety and care of our community, our country, our world?

In 539BC Belshazzar called

on all the clever people and leaders of his day and they had no answers – they were a godless lot! Only Daniel, the man of God, was able to read the writing on the wall. It was MENE MENE TEKEL PARSIN. What did it mean and what do the unpleasant and frightening things symbolic of the writing on the wall mean for us? What is God saying to us?

Belshazzar's words could be translated as their value – 1 POUND 1 POUND 5 pence 50 PENCE. Daniel, led by God, translated it by telling the king that he had been valued pound for pound and he and his efforts were not worth 5 pence and his kingdom like the pound would be divided (50 PENCE).

For Belshazzar and his people it was a disaster if he left God out of the picture. Perhaps for us it will be disaster if we do not turn to God, if we as individuals don't dare to be Daniels and speak up.

Perhaps the writing on our wall should be, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6)

*(If you want more warning read Daniel 5)*

John Downer



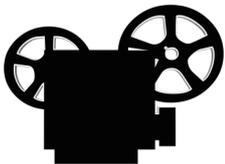
A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with:-

### Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are now at the back of church ready to take home and fill with the items listed on the 'How to pack your shoebox' leaflet, which is included in the box.

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

## Movie Evening



There will be a Movie Evening at St John's Church, to which all the Fellowship are invited.

This will be on Friday 10 November at 6.45 for a 7.00pm start. Light refreshments will be provided. Please come along, it will be a great evening.

For more information, please speak to Dave Moore.

## Street prayer in St John's district

Please continue to pray for the needs of the people who live and work in the streets of our district. If you don't know where the roads are why not find out, or even pray as you walk. This month please pray for these roads:-



**Hardwick Street**  
**King Street**  
**Kirtleton Avenue**  
**Lennox Street**  
**Lyndon's Close**  
**Lyndhurst Road**



## Congratulations to:-

**Daisy Flux**

**who has a birthday**

## Congratulations to

**Rev Pip Salmon**

who has been invited by Bishop Nicholas to be **Rural Dean for Weymouth and Portland** assisted by **Rev James Menzies** from All Saints, Portland.  
Please remember them in your prayers.

## Busy, Busy!

On a damp and drizzly Saturday morning lots of people gathered at church to do various jobs both inside and out. Because of the weather more worked inside. The extra workers enabled the wooden angels in the chancel to 'come down to earth' for a good dusting! Fortunately they were all returned to their correct place. This was probably the first time they had been cleaned for at least 10 years!

Brass was cleaned, shelves and sills dusted, carpets vacuumed, kneeler shelves on the chairs washed and books sorted. One lady from Emmanuel came to help and

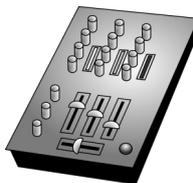


ended up cleaning the toilets as that was the next job on the list. What a brilliant and generous contribution this was!



Meanwhile in the drizzle a couple of people were bravely filling potholes, tidying the front border and cutting back vegetation. Work in the grounds is ongoing.

Also in the church the new sound system was being tested by musicians and technicians after being installed earlier in the week. The musicians now have



more useable space thanks to an extension to the dais.

At the same time the launch of SaturDads was taking place at the Park Church Centre with an encouraging number of volunteers and dads with their children.

A huge thank you to all those who helped in any and many ways. Working together was a real blessing. Thanks be to God!

(The regular voluntary cleaning of the church has just started. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

If you are able to join them please talk to Michael or Les.)



## David and Shelley visit St John's

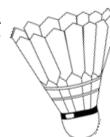
David and Shelley are our Mission Partners with CMS in Northern Argentina. They are in England for 6 months leave. During this time they will be visiting 11 churches which support them, one of which is on the outskirts of Glasgow.

At a morning service in October, David and Shelley shared news of the work they have been doing. David is very much involved with the training of new and existing church leaders whilst Shelley has been helping with AMARE, the Argentine branch of Mother's Union.

Following the service Shelley said grace in Wichi, which is the mostly used language where they live in Argentina. Then we enjoyed a delicious Bring and Share lunch. It was a great time of fellowship, renewing of friendships and learning more about their work and their prayer

Are you free on a Monday from 5.30 to 6.30? Have you ever played **badminton**? A small group of St John's folk try to play regularly but recently we have been short of players—broken leg, hand op, away etc. Would you like to join us?

If so please speak to **Pete Evans-Jones** who can tell you more.



## November Diary

Wed 1st	9am Weekly Morning Prayer	St.J
Thurs 2nd		
Fri 3rd	10.30am Frugal Food	PC
Sat 4th	9.30am Saturdads	PC
<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>10.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>St.J</b>
	<b>6.30pm Holy Communion</b>	<b>St.J</b>
Mon 6th	10am Little Fishes	PC
	7.30pm Elders	
Tues 7th	11.30am Parish Mission Initiative	
	Introductory Meeting	St.M
	7.45 for 8pm Parish Prayer	St.A
Wed 8th	9am Weekly Morning Prayer	St.J
Thurs 9th	7.30pm Pudding and Prosecco	St.A
Fri 10th	10.30am Frugal Food	PC
	2.30pm Missionary Prayer Meeting	
	6.45 for 7pm Movie Evening	St.J
Sat 11th		
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St.J</b>
	<b>10.30am All Age Remembrance</b>	<b>St.J</b>
	<b>6.30pm Together in Prayer</b>	<b>PC</b>
Mon 13th	10am Little Fishes	PC
	7.30pm DCC	St.J
Tues 14th		
Wed 15th	9am Weekly Morning Prayer	St.J
Thurs 16th		
Fri 17th	10.30am Frugal Food	PC
Sat 18th	Weymouth Choral Society Concert	St.J
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St.J</b>
	<b>6.30pm Time to Remember Service</b>	<b>St.J</b>
Mon 20th	10am Little Fishes	PC
Tues 21st		
Wed 22nd	9am Weekly Morning Prayer	St.J
Thurs 23rd		
Fri 24th	10.30am Frugal Food	PC
Sat 25th		
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>	<b>St.J</b>
	<b>10.30am Morning Worship</b>	<b>St.J</b>
	<b>6.30pm Witness</b>	<b>Eb</b>
Mon 27th	10am Little Fishes	PC
Tues 28th		
Wed 29th	9am Weekly Morning Prayer	St.J
Thurs 30th		
<b>Dec</b>		
Fri 1st	10.30am Frugal Food	PC
Sat 2nd		
<b>Sun 3rd</b>	<b>10.30am All Age Advent</b>	<b>St.J</b>
	<b>6.30pm Holy Communion</b>	<b>St.J</b>

St.J—St John's      PC—Park Church  
St.A—St. Aldhelm's    Eb—Ebenezer

## Leaders during Sunday Services

**Trailblazers**                      Val Collings  
(Reception -> Year 4)          Hazel Patterson  
Susie Coopey

**Ignite**  
(Year 5 -> Year 9)                  Elliot Bailey  
Elaine Galliot

## Home Group Contacts

Monday Morning	David Moore
Monday Morning	Pat and Roy Worrall
Wednesday Morning	Phyl Willshire
Wednesday Evening	Av Stanton
	Shirley Evans-Jones
Thursday Evening	Michael Miles

## Advanced dates for your diary

**Dec 10th** Cakes and Carols  
**Dec 12th** 7.30pm Christmas Unwrapped  
with J.John at St. John's  
**Dec 13th** 4pm Christmas Unwrapped  
with J.John at St.Aldhelm's  
**Dec 13th** 7.30pm Christmas Unwrapped  
with J.John at St. Mary's

## Who's Who?

Vicar	Rev Tom Coopey (01305777708)
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	Les Mould (01305835858)

## Next month's issue

Many thanks to all our writers. Please submit articles (of less than 250 words), dates or information to Anne Bond or Linda and Michael Miles by 25th November. (e-mail to miles.awey@gmail.com) Articles may be edited. Next edition available 3rd December.

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