



St John's Weekly News

10th January 2021

From Fr Christopher's desk.

Happy New Year everyone! It may not feel like a time to celebrate particularly, what with Lockdown 3, a sequel none of us wanted, and the awful news from the United States; and yet, as Christians we are a people for whom new beginnings are in our DNA. We have a fresh start every Sunday when we repent of our sins and receive God's forgiveness. So, while with 2021 we are not putting all the awfulness of 2020 behind us as quickly as we might have hoped, we have hope just by knowing that God is with us, and, come what may, all will be well. I hope this message finds you well, and may God bless you in 2021, and bring us together again in church soon, as we remain together in spirit now.

With all my love to you and your families, Fr Christopher



A huge thank you to everyone who supported this charity. Yet again this year your generosity exceeded our expectations. Together we raised £280 from the raffle and £120 from the JustGiving page. A total of £400 which provided 14 places over Christmas.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christingle Service this year. Although we had a very small service, we still managed to raise a huge £45. Well Done



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Many thanks for everyone who supported this charity through our JustGiving page, together we raised £120. Well Done

Sadly, last Sunday we said 'Goodbye' to Jo Bensted and her son John. We thanked Jo for all that she has done for St Johns over her many years and sent her off with a lovely bunch of tulips and some vouchers to spend on something for her new home from everyone. We wish them both all the very best as they start this new chapter in their lives.





Huge thanks to Jack and the choir for all the music they have delighted us with over the Christmas period. You all made us feel as if Christmas was truly happening. Thank you so much.

Also thank you for being in church and providing us with music every Sunday and especially during this current lockdown.

Church Closure.

As many of you already know we have closed St Johns during the current lockdown. This was not an easy decision but needed to be done to help prevent the spread of Covid, keep our congregation safe and to protect ourselves. All churches within our parish are now closed along with many across the Diocese. We will continue to stream all of our services, as will St Barnabas and St Lukes & St Marks.

St Johns streamed services during the current lockdown:

Sundays 10.30am Sung Mass.

Wednesdays 10.00am Said Mass.

Thursdays 7.30pm Said Mass.

Monday - Friday Morning and Evening Prayer 8am & 5pm

Sundays Morning Prayer 9am.

A Prayer as we remember the Baptism of Christ.

Everlasting God, we give thanks for this new day and as we focus on the Baptism of our Lord, let us remember our own Baptisms and our calling to follow Christ. May we be filled with joy as our hearts overflow with love for you and all who we meet along our journey. May we walk in your way, live our lives for you and be mindful of your presence each day. Amen



Please pray this week for:

David H, Linda, Kay, David; Jo and Johnny as they settle into their new home, All the staff who work at our school, anyone who had a birthday last week and all those celebrating their birthday this week.

Please also pray for: Josephine Akrofi's family as they prepare for Josephine's funeral.

(If you would like to send the family a card please send it to the church and we will pass it on.)

All those living in Beachborough Road.