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# **CONTACT**

## **JUNE 2026**



Some of our services are live-streamed to Zoom;  
If you would like to join us online, please contact the Parish Office,  
and we will send you the link!



The Parish of Hythe

# SUNDAYS AT ST JOHN'S

YOUR CHURCH,  
YOU'RE WELCOME

9:30am

**BUBBLE CHURCH**

10:15am

Morning Worship

11:15am

Holy  
Communion

5:30pm

2nd Sunday of the month  
Evensong  
(British Summer Time only)



## **Not the Vicar.....**

Dear all,

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, we were blessed to be able to welcome Bishop Rhiannon to the church. She arrived with us in time to join the Bubble Church prayer circle and stayed until after lunch. As I look back on the day, my overwhelming emotion is one of immense excitement about all that God is doing within our church community, and the opportunity to share that with the Bishop.

From joining in with our new favourite song at Bubble Church: “Father Abraham” (which gets increasingly energetic as it progresses!); to being interviewed about her understanding of prayer and God speaking to us at Morning Worship; to preaching and presiding at Holy Communion – Bishop Rhiannon threw herself into the vibrant life of the church all morning.

During Bubble Church, the Bishop surprised Chris by announcing that she had been nominated to receive a national award for her work with children and young people. This was accompanied by a certificate and cake - and is richly deserved!

The three services were followed by an impressive “bring and share” lunch, over in the hall, which was a lovely time for us to share food together and enjoy each other’s company.

Whilst it was exciting to have the bishop with us, and I think she is incredible at making people feel welcomed, cared for and valued, I was most heartened by the authenticity of the day. There was no sense of “putting on a show” or pretending to be something we’re not. What the bishop saw, experienced - and loved - was the raw, unadulterated version of St John’s which is so wonderful.

Over recent months the church has experienced some tough times. It's never easy to be without an incumbent, and we've said goodbye to some much-loved members of the congregation. In these times, however, St John's comes into its own – caring for those around us and looking out for those in need.

So, interregnum isn't something to be feared. Indeed, I'm confident that it will be a time of coming together and celebrating our faith – in the rich variety of ways we have developed. That said, when Edgar asked her directly about when we might be able to appoint a new incumbent, the Bishop was reassuringly clear that she wants the process to begin as soon as possible.

With love and blessings,

Tim

## **GIVING**



Giving is part of our worship of God, and a way of showing commitment to His ministry in the Parish. If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish, please use the QR code on this page to find out how, or visit [parishgiving.org.uk](http://parishgiving.org.uk) to set up regular giving.

In Church, we also have a card machine which is easy to use and saves us handling cash. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or if you require help with them.

## WHO'S WHO?



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## PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP

Did you know that we have numerous options for prayer here at St Johns?



Lectio 365

We have a monthly prayer diary that you can subscribe to by emailing the office on [office@stjohnshythe.org](mailto:office@stjohnshythe.org). But you can also receive prayer on Sundays. Just ask one of the service leaders, or someone you trust if they wouldn't mind praying for you, and I'm sure they'd be delighted!

Many of us follow our own routine for daily prayer, and over the next few editions, I'd like to highlight some of the resources that are out there to aid you in your prayer life and walk with God.

The origins

Created to help you develop a deeper, daily connection with God.

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Since launching in 2019, Lectio 365 has helped thousands of people make prayer a regular, life-giving habit – wherever they are and whatever their day holds.



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# The Children's Society

**A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported us in the last financial year. We were able to send over £2000 to the Society to support their work in the UK.**

Young people come to the Society when they have low self-esteem. When they are living in families who can't afford the next meal, the next size up in school uniform. Or when there's no one else to lean on.

Young people come to the Society when they need someone to talk to, for therapy, sometimes just a bite to eat. To help with their court case, to talk to their mum, social services, their teacher, to sometimes not talk at all. They work with young people for as long as it takes and are with them no matter what.

They also listen to their needs and campaign and lobby on their behalf. They want to make sure they are heard at local and nation government level. They know better than anyone what will make all the difference.

## **How did the Parish of Hythe raise this money?**

- Summer Tea Parties courtesy of Edgar and Annette £350
- Two coffee mornings £578.50
- Christingle. £83.04
- House collecting boxes. £862.89
- Sale of greetings cards. £202

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

**Trish Murphy – on behalf of the Parish Fundraising Committee**

# Welcomers/sides people needed

Hi everyone St John's Church are in need of individuals who would be willing to help out at our Services. We are looking for people who would like to welcome on entrance to our services or anyone who would be willing to be a sidesperson. If you are interested please come and see us at any of the services or contact the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated by all at St John's.

God Bless

Craig Fowkes

Churchwarden



## Blanket Basket



**Wanted - clean & cosy blankets**

To have available in case you feel a bit chilly whilst in church



**must be washable**



# MOTHERS UNION REPORT

We had no official meeting in May as members had been invited to celebrate at “Cornerstone”. The 110th anniversary of their women’s guild. The service was delightful, and much enjoyed. Refreshments were served after the service, when we were able to catch up with old friends.

At our June 11th meeting, 2.30pm at St John’s hall, we were hoping to hear about the Prison fellowship, but we have no confirmation as yet, from their speaker. Please come, as we can enjoy the company of other members, and of course, we may have the speaker as planned. All are welcome.

The sales table will be Pink.

Sue Harvey  
*June Smith*



## **CHRISTMAS ANGELS.....**

Dear friends, we're coming close to that time of year when we begin to turn our thoughts to Christmas angels. Again, I thank you for all the hard work you did in 2025 when we gave out 1700 angels. We couldn't do this without all your help, if you are new to the idea, I can send you patterns, knitting or crochet, by email, or deliver them to you, so you can join the growing gang of crafters. With many thanks for your continued enthusiasm, The angel lady (Sue Blomley)



[sue.blomley@gmail.com](mailto:sue.blomley@gmail.com).

# Supporting Our Church's Future with the Parish Giving Scheme

Our church relies entirely on the generosity of our community to care for our building, support our clergy, and continue our worship, mission, and outreach. To make giving simpler, more secure, and more efficient, St. John's offers the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

The Parish Giving Scheme is a free, secure, and easy-to-use Direct Debit service designed specifically for local churches. It helps provide our parish with a reliable and predictable income, enabling us to plan confidently for the future.

## Why use the Parish Giving Scheme?

### You're in Control

You decide how often you would like to give — monthly, quarterly, or annually.

### Automatic Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, the scheme automatically claims the additional 25% Gift Aid on your donation and passes it directly to our parish.

### No Hidden Fees

Unlike some online giving platforms, the PGS is completely free to use, meaning 100% of your donation — and any Gift Aid reclaimed — comes directly to our church.

## Helping Your Gift Keep Its Value

The scheme also offers the option to increase your gift annually in line with inflation (CPI). By opting in, your generosity can continue to have the same impact year after year without requiring manual changes.

## How to Sign Up

Joining the Parish Giving Scheme only takes a few minutes. You can set up your regular gift in any of the following ways:

- **Online** - Visit the secure [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk) website to register.
- **By Phone** - Call the dedicated PGS team on **0333 002 1271** (Monday to Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm). Quoting code 416011181
- **By Post** - Ask Sue, our Parish Treasurer or Hannah for a paper gift form.

**Please note:** Whichever method you choose, you will need our parish's unique PGS code: 416011181

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and generosity. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to serve our community and thrive for generations to come.

Martin Deadman

# The visit of Bishop Rhiannon





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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



*Continuing our series from deanery leaders, Revd Canon Professor Liz Stuart, Area Dean of Winchester, writes...*

On Ascension Day, in some churches, that powerful symbol of the resurrection, the paschal candle, is extinguished after the Gospel is read. The wisps of smoke recall the cloud that received Jesus and took him from his disciples' sight. But vanishing is not void. The cloud is the Shekinah, the manifestation of God's presence that went before Israel in the wilderness, which hovered over the Temple and appeared at Jesus's baptism and transfiguration.



In the Ascension the risen Christ is gathered into the life of God, he carries our humanity across the seam between heaven and earth and in the process tears it open. That breach releases the Holy Spirit into the world, that feral, unpredictable presence of God which brings the Church to birth and then leaves it, leave us, huffing and puffing in its wake as it seeks to lead us into greater and greater truth. The Church has one job, to discern where the Spirit is leading and to follow. Stasis will not do. Fear will not do. The days between Ascension and Pentecost are a holy interval, time to drop what drags, to unlearn fear and gloom, so that when the Spirit comes, we are ready to move.

# WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

St John's Hall, Hythe

10am - 12 noon

First Saturday of the month

Fun &  
friends

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Lots of  
toys

Games &  
activities

Bacon  
Butties





# ST JOHN'S CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ST  
JOHN'S CHURCH FOR OUR PATRONAL  
FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2026

9:30am Bubble Church Celebration  
outside in the churchyard

10:30am Combined Service with  
guest speaker, Andy Saunders, from  
Lighthouse Ministries



12:00 noon Bring and Share Lunch

**Would you be able to sponsor a new family in St John's & St Anne's to help them continue their faith journey?**



**£30.00**



**£5.00**

We are thrilled to have baptised children from 3 Bubble Church families and have more children and adults coming forward for Baptism & Confirmation who are part of our fellowship here.

**Good News Family Bible** - We have presented these to those families and will be offering them a chance to join together and explore them as a family.

**A massive thankyou to those of you who have sponsored Bibles or part of a Bible for a family.**

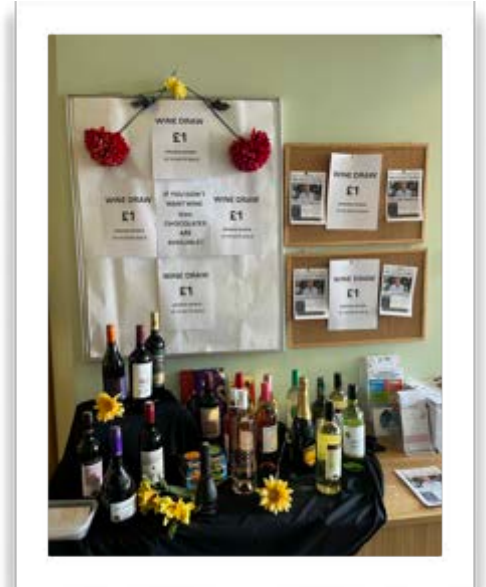
**Bubble Church Truth Cards** - a new resource to equip parents and children to keep growing in their faith at home, especially where they might be beginning a journey of faith together.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family with either of these gifts please talk to Chris McMahon, Children's & Families Pastor, who can explain more how it works.

Tel:02380844336 Email: [families@stjohnshythe.org](mailto:families@stjohnshythe.org)

# St John's May Fair

May Fair – Many thanks to everyone who volunteered or helped in any way for the Fair, it was a lovely day of friendship, fellowship, laughter and fun, where we raised a total of £635.98. It was lovely to see so many of our Church family supporting and helping, here are a few pictures of the morning's activities.





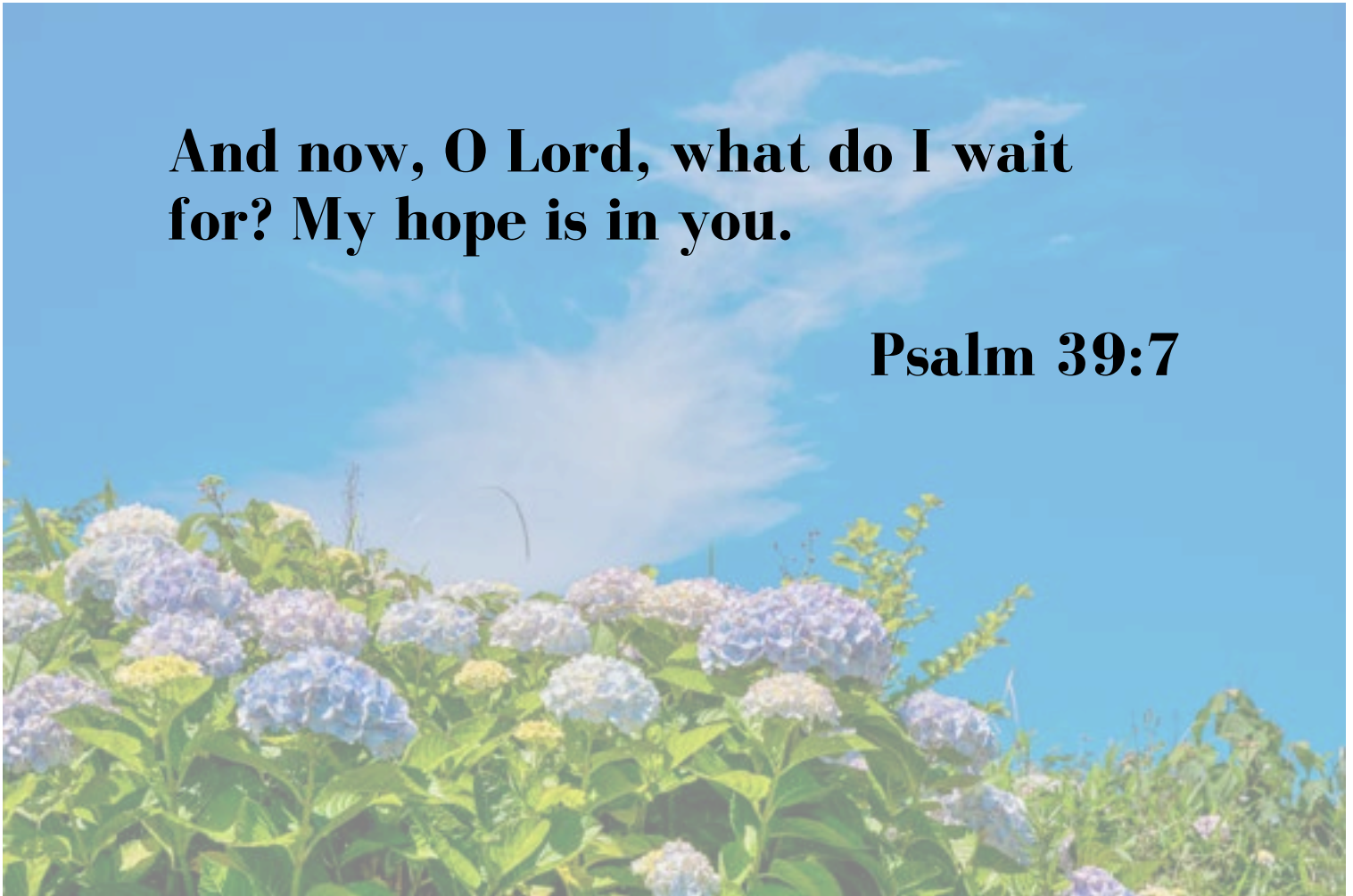
Parish of Hythe

# ***JUNE 2026***

## ***Notices and Diary Dates***

**And now, O Lord, what do I wait  
for? My hope is in you.**

**Psalm 39:7**



Welcome to our June notices and diary dates.

If you have a notice to be included in future months, please email  
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## **Sundays in June**

### **Sunday 7th June**

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's  
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's  
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

### **Sunday 14th June**

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's  
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's  
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's  
5:30pm Evensong at St John's

### **Sunday 21st June**

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's (in the churchyard)  
10:30am Combined Service at St John's followed by a bring and share lunch

### **Sunday 28th June**

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's  
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's  
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

## **Midweek Services**

Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 5th June at 3:30pm - Messy Church at St Anne's

Friday 26th June at 3:30pm - Messy Church at St John's

## **Weekly Activities**

### **Mondays**

1:00pm Little Footprints Baby Group at St Anne's

### **Tuesdays**

9:30am Coffee Shop in St John's Hall

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's Church

### **Wednesdays**

12:00pm Lunch Club in St John's Hall

### **Thursdays**

1:00pm Toddle-Winks Toddler Group at St Anne's

### **Fridays**

6:00pm Youth Club in St John's Hall

### **Saturdays**

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's Church

## **Other Events in June**

### **Saturday 6th June**

10:00-12:00am Who Let the Dads Out in St John's Hall

### **Thursday 11th June**

2:30pm Mothers' Union in St John's Hall

God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



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## *NOTICES*

### **Patronal Festival**

We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival at St John's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. That Sunday we will have a special Bubble Church celebration outside in the churchyard (if the weather is nice!) at 9:30am. We will then have a Combined Service at 10:30am followed by a bring and share lunch. Andy Saunders from Lighthouse Ministries will be our guest speak for this service. Please do come and join us!

### **Baptism Opportunity**

We have a number of people who are going to be baptised on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm at Calshot. If you would be interested in being baptised, baptism preparation classes start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please speak to Hannah or Tim for more information.



**No Greater Adventure:  
Find your Edge...  
at Spring Harvest 2027**

Every Spring Harvest event has a theme - we always explore this theme together throughout all of the different seminars, celebrations, and kids and youth sessions. In 2027, our event theme is **NO GREATER ADVENTURE - FIND YOUR EDGE**. Inspired by Acts 1:8, it's about taking the gospel to the edges of the world - and discovering what your personal "edge" looks like.



**A couple of sample quotes**

**1 ADULT 1 CHILD QUOTE**

**CATERED ACCOMMODATION**

Comfort Room, 2 bedrooms - 1 double, 1 single - Upstairs	£807.00
Spring Harvest Child Discount	£20.00
<b>ACCOMMODATION TOTAL</b>	<b>£787.00</b>
Premium Dining	£219.60
Savings	£54.90
<b>DINING TOTAL</b>	<b>£164.70</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF YOUR HOLIDAY</b>	<b>£951.70</b>

**2 ADULT QUOTE**

**CATERED ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation	
Comfort Room, 2 bedrooms - 1 double, 1 single - Upstairs	£807.00
Premium Dining	£279.60
Savings	£69.90
<b>DINING TOTAL</b>	<b>£209.70</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF YOUR HOLIDAY</b>	<b>£1016.70</b>

**SELF CATERING**

2 Bedroom Comfort Apartment - 1 Double, 1 Twin - Upstairs	£1276.00
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<b>ACCOMMODATION TOTAL</b>	<b>£1256.00</b>
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Spring Harvest Child Discount	£20.00
<b>ACCOMMODATION TOTAL</b>	<b>£1416.00</b>

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If you are interested, I can send you an electrical copy of the booklet.

We already have a St Johns Party Booking in place which I can add you too.

Please come and chat to me if you are interested or would like more information.

**Blessings**

**Chris McMahon**  
Children & Families Pastor



games

Our Next



crafts



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
at St John's Church, Hythe

or

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
St Anne's Church, Butts Ash

3.30pm till 5.00pm



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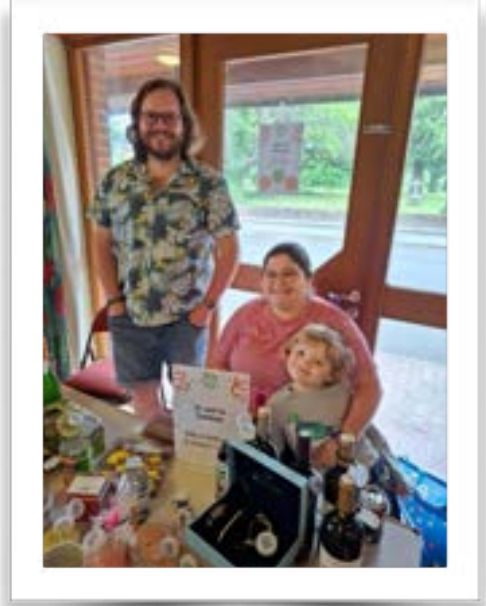
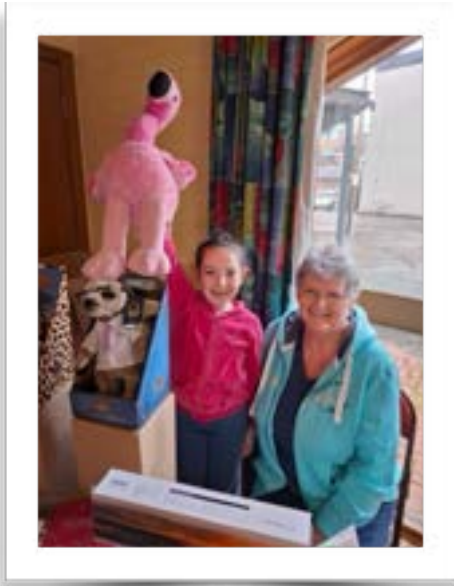
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# St John's May Fair

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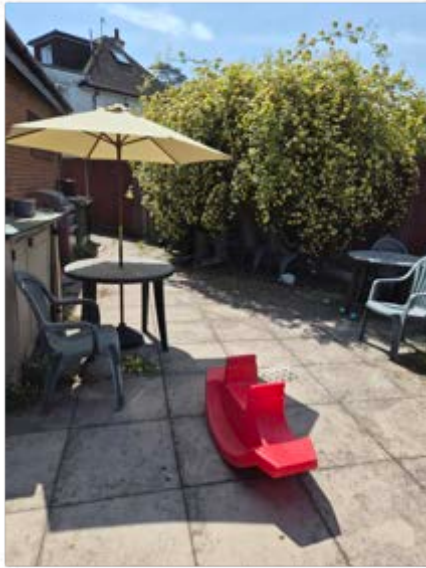


# WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

We meet again the first Saturday in June, and had dads return and a new dad join us, a good range of activities were provided for a range of ages, along with bacon butties. The weather was good so we were able to venture outside where pity was taken on a bee, and it was given water and foliage to hopefully help it. Any dads, uncles, grandfathers and children are very welcome to come along, any male volunteers would be welcome to join the team, If you can spare a Saturday morning, once a month, please talk to James Burden or Chris McMahon.

Chris





## **Steve's Piano Tuning and Repairs**

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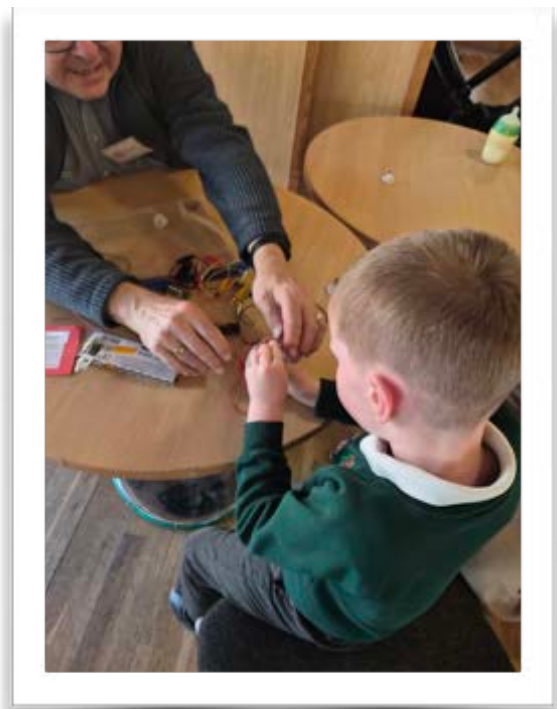
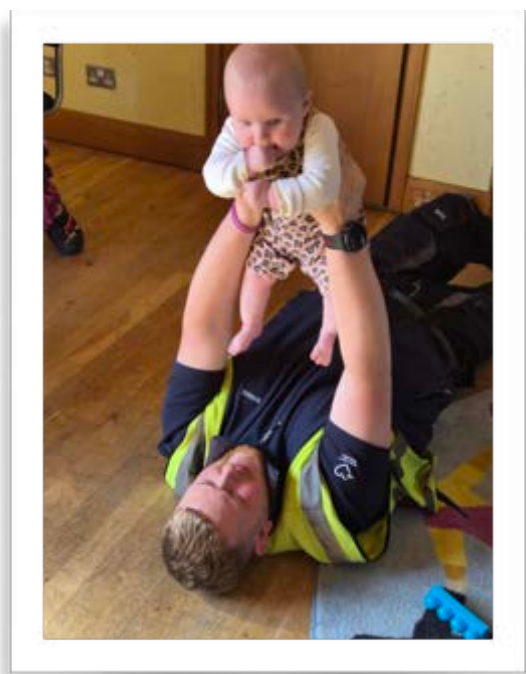


So in Messy Church last month we were thinking about no matter who we are, how old we are, and whichever service we attend at either of our Parish Churches, we all make up the Church that we are. We looked at activities and crafts that explored how we need each other to be who we are, and how we all support and work together. The banner we made, you can see in the photos, is up in St Johns for all to see. So, whether you are part of Messy Church, Bubble Church, the 10.15, 11.15, mid-week communion, or Evening Song services, we are all one fellowship together, worshipping at a service we feel comfortable in.



Chris





# BUBBLE CHURCH

Over several weeks we have been hearing and thinking about the old testament story of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Esau. Lots of fun 'Response' times, welcomed new families and even Bishop Riannon paid us another visit, with her husband Phillip, who had heard of Bubble Church but this was the 1<sup>st</sup> time he attended a service. We have added to our team both adults and children, which is very exciting. We have had a work out each week whilst singing and doing the actions to the song 'Father Abraham', if you know it you will know where I am coming from

Chris



# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

L E I S T C A M J K K R A M H  
U P R D I M U C F K E A W D T  
K J O N A H J U D G E S B E U  
E D P S S V A E I D X K I Z U  
R W J O S H U A S M C V H E P  
O M J L A I S A I A H K F K M  
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S R J E T A H O E J E B C E E  
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V R O M A N S F V E Z R A U P

## WORD LIST

ACTS  
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ESTHER  
EXODUS  
EZEKIEL

EZRA  
GENESIS  
HEBREWS  
HOSEA  
ISAIAH

JOB  
JOHN  
JONAH  
JOSHUA  
JUDGES

LUKE  
MARK  
PSALMS  
ROMANS  
RUTH

# PRAY WITH US

**Almighty God,**

We turn to you as we witness the rising of conflict  
and the fear laid upon ordinary lives.

Trusting in your steadfast love,  
we hold before you our friends and partners across  
the Middle East,  
in communities already stretched beyond  
endurance.

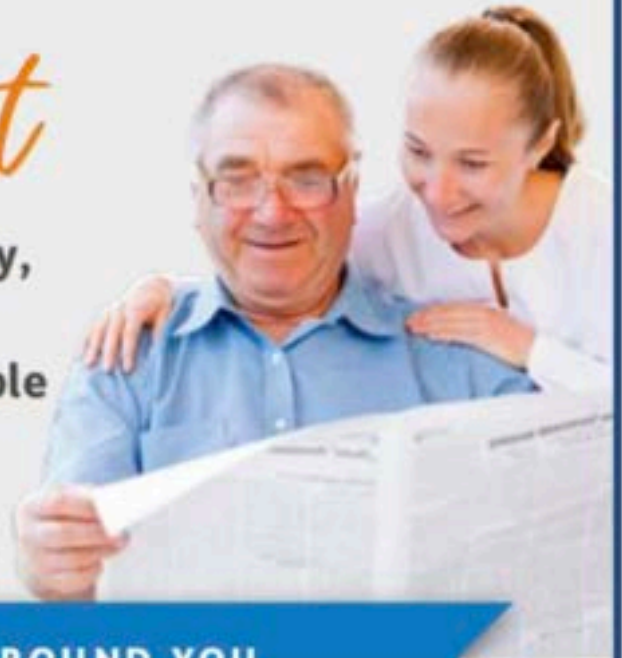
We remember before you all whose hearts are  
filled with dread today.  
Surround them with your protection.  
Be a fortress for those who cannot flee  
and a shield for those whose work is to heal and to  
hope.

Open paths for wisdom, restraint, and justice  
where none seem possible.  
Give courage to peacemakers  
and teach us to stand with those who suffer,  
to pray without ceasing  
and to hope, even now, in your redeeming love.

Amen.

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Applemore Scout Hall

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St Johns Hall Hythe

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Marchwood Scout Hall

#### TAI CHI

Mon Colbury Memorial Hall 09.30

Tues Royal British Legion Barley 09.30

Tues Dibden Purieu Scout Hall 09.30

Fri Dibden Purieu Scout hall 09.30

All enquiries please to:  
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