



Useful Contact Details

People at St Joe's

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Regular at St Joe's: *You are warmly invited to all of our activities (when they start up again).*

Adventurers: for Primary School age. Every Wednesday, 4pm - 5.30pm. Come and have fun, be creative, find out more about following Jesus.

Joe's Cafe: every Saturday morning, 10am - 1pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast - a range of options - and meet friends.

Place of Welcome: every Tuesday afternoon. Drop in for a cup of tea and a chance to chat with friends. 2pm - 4pm.

Stay and Play: every Wednesday morning during term time, from 9.30am-11am, for parents and 'tinies'. Just turn up.

St Joseph's Playgroup: Tuesday and Thursday mornings during term time for children 2 - 4 years. Contact Caroline or Jayne for more details.

Wednesday Circle: twice a month at 2.00pm on Wednesday afternoons.

Five Ways Lunch: Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday 8th January 12.30pm. Please tell Rose Brettell if you wish to come.

Time Out: Tea and Coffee Afternoon, Mondays 1pm-2.30pm for parents, grandparents, carers. Informal chat with tea/coffee and cake.

Carpet bowls: Friday afternoons at 12.45pm.

www.saintjosephs.co.uk for more details.



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News from St Joseph's Church

In the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ....

A Warm Welcome to Everyone!



All good gifts around us....

The idea of setting aside certain times of the year to give thanks to God for His goodness goes right back to the early days of the Bible. The Festivals of the First Fruits, Pentecost and the Tabernacles go back to the Law of Moses and reflect the thanksgiving of an agriculturally based society.

In Western Europe, these developed into the four festivals of Plough Sunday (prayer over the fallow ground whilst it was 'resting', Rogation (prayer for the newly sown seeds) Lammas (thanksgiving for the fruit fruits of the season) and Harvest itself when we thank God that 'all is safely gathered in'.

The modern style Harvest Festival – filling the church with the fruit of the harvest, is a Victorian invention, but it makes a good point. We have much to be grateful for, and how important that we should make time to thank God for all that he gives us.

G. K. Chesterton wrote:

You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and

pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.

We will keep Harvest Festival on October 4th, in whatever way we can. We may not be able to blast out 'We plough the fields and scatter' this year, but we can still be truly thankful to God for what he has given us - the food he provides, and the privilege of being his children.

How long, O Lord....

The covid-19 pandemic seems to know no end, and planning continues to be uncertain. There is a said service in church, every Sunday at 9am, and midweek Communion on Wednesdays at 11.30am. You are very welcome to come along, but please respect social distancing rules, and bring your face mask with you.

For the time being, we will continue to meet via Zoom at 10.30am on Sundays. The link to sign in is available on the St Joe's WhatsApp Group, or by sending an email to Chris and Jo Strange: joandchrisstrange@gmail.com, who will be delighted to help you.

Please keep watching our website and Facebook page. Normal services will be resumed as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted in any way with our community lunches during August. They have been very well received. We intend to **continue** with lunches every Tuesday – as a part of Place of Welcome – outside for as long as the weather stays fine. Everyone is invited. It will cost 50p per person, maximum £2.00 per family, (under 5s free). Note the time: 1pm – 2pm every Tuesday.

Do come and share. Enjoy some socially distanced fellowship.

And thank you to Farrah. We have said a sad 'farewell' to Farrah, who has now moved on from her role as Children and Families worker. We wish Farrah and her family well.

Please pray for our children's work at St Joseph's. **Adventurers** will continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons: outside at 4pm for as long as the weather permits.

The ashes of Jo Collins will be interred in Minehead, Somerset on Thursday, 3rd September. Please pray for Mike and his family as they travel down for this ceremony.

Parish AGM

A little later than normal, but still important! Our parish AGM will be held on Sunday 27th September at 6.30pm, at St Joseph's Church. There will be a short Act of Worship to accompany the meeting, and everyone is extremely welcome.

Daily Prayers can be found on St Joseph's Facebook page every morning. Our weekly sermon is normally available on Facebook and on our website.

- **Please contact Tim** if you need help, we have people who are willing to go shopping or just phone you for a chat.
- **Make sure that Tim** has your email address. He is sending out information as and when appropriate.
- **St. Joseph's WhatsApp Group** shares prayer requests and morale lifting news. Please contact Tracey: 07718 791169.
- **The August Prayer Diary** is available now on St Joseph's website.
- **Keep up to date** with information on our website: www.saintjosephs.co.uk. Activities are beginning to start up again, as we are able to do so.