

The weekly Newsheet for St Johns



Welcome to Flourish which is replacing Focus. You will notice some changes, if you are concerned about any of them, please do have a chat with me.

My thanks for Chris and Dave Burrows for their hard work in ensuring that a weekly Newsheet continued during the vacancy and for keeping hold of the reins while I started to settle in.

This week is Bible Sunday and this year, 2026 is the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's 1526 New Testament. It was the first time the whole of the New Testament was translated from Greek and made available in English. Tyndale wanted the Bible in a normal language to make it relevant for everyday faith to everyone, not just the educated priests and monks.

The joy of being able to read Holy Scriptures in your own language continues to remain possible to this day, aided by the work of the Bible Society. With every blessing for the week ahead. *Claire*

Services in Church this week:

Sunday 25th October

0800 Eucharist – Rev Claire Mitchell

1000 Sung Eucharist – Rev Claire Mitchell

Wednesday 28th October

1000 Eucharist - Rev Collette Jones

Readings for Sunday 25th October 2026 - Bible Sunday

Nehemiah 8.1-4a(5-6)8-12

Colossians 3.12-17

Matthew 24.30-35



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What's on this week

Please note: Stay and Play and Church Brigade will not meet during half term.

Date	Day	Time	Event
26 Oct 26	Monday		
27 Oct 26	Tuesday		
28 Oct 26	Wednesday		
29 Oct 26	Thursday	19:30	Choir Practice
30 Oct 26	Friday		
31 Oct 26	Saturday	10:00	Charity Coffee Morning

Charity Coffee Morning – Saturday 31st October 10am is in aid of 'Flynn's Port in the Storm' which is a Mental Health Crisis Cafe in Ellesmere Port offering a supportive space for anyone suffering with mental health distress as an alternative place of safety to A&E. Thanks, Diane

For your Prayers: Prayer intentions for our parish and the world

Date	Day	Intention
25 Oct 26	Sunday	For our parish: for all who volunteer
26 Oct 26	Monday	Families during half term
27 Oct 26	Tuesday	Church growth
28 Oct 26	Wednesday	Deepening discipleship
29 Oct 26	Thursday	All who work in retail
30 Oct 26	Friday	All who travel
31 Oct 26	Saturday	All in the medical profession

We pray for all those who are unwell at this time or suffering with any other adversity.

We pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died:

Betty Bowen, Ron Burgess, Marjorie James

And those whose years mind falls this week: Alma West, Leigh Rowlands, Lilly Gowler, Donald Foxall, Peter Richard Johnstone, Jean Margaret Perry, Gerrard Evans, Edna May Sanderson, Herbert James, Russell Wilson, Lynne Pritchard, Patricia Mary Mills, Barbara Jean Joyce, Norma Bentley, Irene Maddox, William Franklyn Evans



New Bible Study: Starting from 2nd November two Bible study groups will be starting. These will be on a Monday evening from 7-8:30 at The Vicarage and on a Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-4 at the Eleanor Hall. We will be starting with the Gospel of Matthew, we will be using the bible society's resources as a basis for our sessions. The sessions will be mirrored so you do not need to attend both. All you will need is a bible, a notebook and a pen. Sign up sheet at the back of Church

New Weekly Prayer Hour: Starting from 3rd November we will be having a weekly hour of prayer meeting from 1-2 at Eleanor Hall. The purpose of this is to explore ways of praying together and to support one another in our spiritual lives. will part discussion about different ways of praying and part practice of the method discussed. Sign up sheet at the back of Church or contact Rev Claire

All Souls Service: If you would to add anyones name to the list of names that is read out during our All Souls Service please add them to the list at the back of Church.

Prayers: We will be renewing our prayer list each month. The list for November is at the back of Church – please note we need the person who is being prayed for to give permission if we are using their full name. If not please just give their first name – God knows the intentions of our hearts and knows for whom we pray.

Home Visits & Home Communions: If you know of anyone who would like me to visit them at home, whether they would like to receive Holy Communion or not; please do let me know. There are some cards are the back of Church, please fill in the name, address and contact telephone number and either give it to me directly ask whoever is on duty that day to pop it in my drawer in the vestry.

New Book Club: Do you enjoy reading? Our new book club is starting soon. Each month we will read a new book and then we will meet up at the start of the following month to have lunch and chat about the book. If you would like to join and are not confident in order books on line, don't let this put you off. Rev Claire can order a second hand copy of the book on your behalf. Our first book will be **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce and we will meet up at the start of December for lunch and discussion. Sign up sheet is at the back of Church.

Mark 5

Each week we will share an idea or tip for us to help us keep the fifth Mark of Mission: *to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

Greening your home this Autumn. Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian

Church Unpacked

This section will address an aspect of Church life.

What is the purpose of the water stoup by the door of church?

The stoup contains water which has been blessed. As you come into church and as you leave church you can dip your finger into the water and make the sign of the cross.

This simple physical act of prayer can act as:

A reminder of our Baptism – the starting point of our journey of faith.

A symbol of purification - helping us to transition from the world outside into the sacred place of prayer.

A way of asking for a blessing, for God's protection and grace.

Chuckle Corner

A sign outside a Church:

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If you have any notices to go into next weeks Flourish please email Rev Claire with the details by Wednesday evening.

Please note that Rev Claire is unavailable from Monday 26th October until Saturday 31st October.