

Social News for Westbourne Parish Church St John the Baptist and Woodmancote Church

Supporting The Children's Society- the Christingle service



Christingle on 14th January was a lovely service for all ages, where we shared in the making of Christingles and acknowledged that *The Light of Christ has come into the world*. Thank you for raising £294 for The Children's Society!

Spring 2024



**St John the Baptist Church,
Westbourne**
*Open to all for peace,
worship and fellowship*

Focus on Prayer

This year's Lent Courses are looking at "prayer" based on themes from The Lord's Prayer.

There will be Prayer Journey drop-in at Church 1-4pm on 17th February and 16th March - sensory journey for children and adults.

Church Roof Appeal

Part of the church roof needs repairing at a cost of £90,000. We have some money promised already and are applying for grants but look out for fundraising plans. We need to ensure bats are not nesting before the work begins - more information soon.



Our wonderful Choir gave us a treat over the Christmas period, and especially at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

New joiners welcome - pop along to choir practice on Mondays at 5.30 or ring Stewart on 023 9258 0672.

Pancake Party!



Food, Fun and Reflection
5 – 6 pm Tuesday 13th
February

Marmalade Festival

Make, donate, purchase and eat!
2nd March 9.30-11.30am in the
Parish Hall



EVENTS

Regular Events

Date	Event
Every Monday 10-12am	Drop into Parish Hall for hot drinks & cakes. Donation welcomed.
Friday lunches	2 nd February and 1 st March in the Parish Hall
Sunday after 9.30 service	Tea and coffee in the Parish Hall. All welcome!
Second Saturday of the Month	Monthly Market in Parish Hall

Spring Events Calendar

Date	Event
13 th February	Pancake Party!
17 th February	Prayer Journey 1 (1 - 4pm)
2 nd March	Marmalade Festival
26 th March	Passover Meal
31 st March	Easter Sunday
8 th June	Deanery Walk
22 nd June	Trip to the Life of Christ at Wintershall
20 th July	Summer Fete

EasyFundraising

Did you know you can donate to the Church at no cost to you when you shop online? Sign up here to get started & search for "St John the Baptist- Westbourne":

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

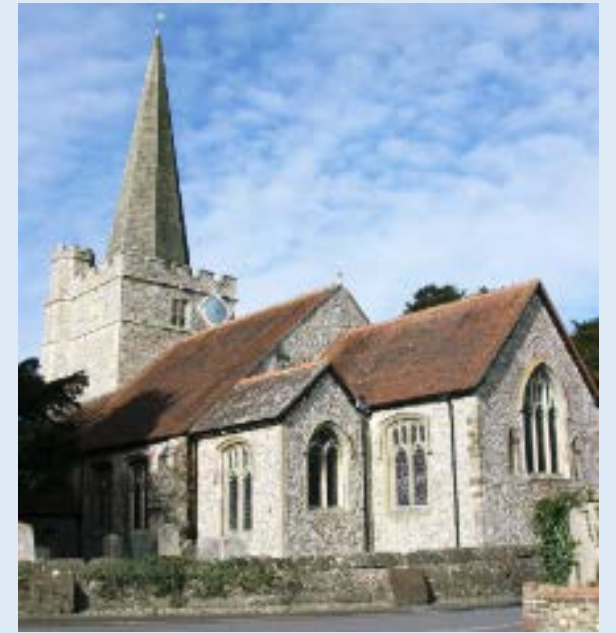
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you volunteer to help the PCC? Please do think about what skills and time you could offer - we particularly need those who are good with money matters, secretarial skills and minute taking.

Stay in touch... and check out our new website:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnswestbourne/>
www.Westbourneparishchurch.org.uk

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Donations to the church enable us to:

Contribute our Parish Share of £83k to support mission & ministry of the church in the Diocese of Chichester

Meet church running costs (£12k on heating, lighting & upkeep of buildings)

Make building repairs (£48k in 2023)

Support missionary and charitable causes

Run church events and music

Some charities the church is fundraising for this year:

The Children's Society

Stonepillow and Food Banks

RNLI Home Start

Christian Aid

UK Harvest Poppy Fund

The church also gave 10% of its donated income to charities at home and overseas