

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL FROM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOUTHBOURNE!**

All Saints Reverse Advent Calendar

The challenge was to support Southbourne Food Bank by donating one item each day during Advent. Initially we planned to collect all the items and deliver them after Christmas, but the food bank is in such demand that we decided to take our gifts each Monday instead. As a church, we certainly rose to the challenge and at the time of writing, we have delivered twenty-one very heavy bags of food.



Thank you everyone. Well done.

Thank you too for signing the postcards which are being sent to our MP asking what MPs are doing to address the root causes of food insecurity and eradicate the need for charities like Southbourne Food Bank.

But the Southbourne Food Bank is not just for Christmas.

They do need our support throughout the year. It would be really great if we could donate something each week. The box for regular donations is at the back of church. Below is a reminder of what Southbourne Food Bank does.

We at Southbourne Food Bank try to reflect the love and grace of Jesus by supporting people in our local community who, for whatever reason, are struggling to get by. Southbourne Foodbank is supported by a team of volunteers from local churches.

We help the community by offering short-term support in the way of providing sufficient food parcels to households for as long as it takes to help them out of their current situation. Through the generosity of churches, individuals, local shops, and schools, we are able to provide food parcels to both individuals, couples, and families.

We work closely with [Churches Together](#) in Southbourne and [Faithworks Wessex](#).

For further information and items generally needed see their food donations page at southbournefoodbank.org.

Tinned food: fruit, soup, tomatoes, vegetables, custard, potatoes, meat/fish, sponge puddings, rice.

Other: cereal, pasta sauces, jellies, dried rice, instant mash potato, biscuits/snack bars, sugar, instant whips/Angel Delight, toiletries.

At time of writing, specific items currently needed are:

Tinned Fruit, Tinned meat (not meatballs!), Tinned tomatoes, Soup, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shower gel, NO PASTA PLEASE.

Pokesdown Community Primary School

When I was a headteacher, the school Christmas Carol Service was always the moment when I began to feel it was Christmas, so, after two years of lockdown, it was a great delight to welcome Pokesdown Community Primary School to All Saints for their Carol Concert on Thursday 15th December.



For the first time in my time at All Saints, there was not an empty seat to be had. The church was packed with over four hundred children and their families. Many standing at the back and down the sides. So full that Mary, Joseph and the donkey, not to mention angels, shepherds and wise men, had to squeeze through.

The afternoon was led by Year 5 who re-told the story of the first Christmas, with a few modern touches such as Airbnb, to remind us all of the real meaning of Christmas. They were supported by each year group contributing songs that added to the story. Some we would all know, such as “Little Donkey” and “When a child is born” and others we might not, such as “Midnight” and “We are wise men”. The woodwind group also played “Good King Wenceslas” and the angels danced. At the end, everyone joined in with “O come all ye faithful”.

It was a real privilege to be able to speak at this brilliant event and to share some thoughts about Christmas with everyone there. I hope that this is the first of many opportunities to welcome the school community to All Saints.

John Kidney

Betty Knight's Christmas Newsletter 2022

Mum has had quite an eventful year! In February, having lived at 6 Beresford Road for 65 years, Mum moved to a very nice care home near Ringwood. A combination of the pandemic, a long waiting list and Storm Eunice destroying a roof meant that our first choice of home was not available. She was only supposed to be in Ringwood for 3 weeks, but it turned out to be 8 months! Then a place became available in our first choice in Tuckton - just down the road from Southbourne where she used to live - and she has settled in there really well. Mum has taken all this in her stride. She is appreciating being waited on with lovely meals, there are people to talk to, activities to join in with if she wants to, and no worries for her whatsoever! The staff at both homes love looking after her, and we are so proud of her.

The 2 flats in Beresford Road have been sold to a couple who are restoring it back to the family home it used to be in 1956. The family photo is a celebration of Mum's 104th birthday at the end of June, the first time we had been all together in 4 years. A lovely occasion. We are sure you will understand that Mum does not expect you to reciprocate with a card this year. If you would like to send a message via our email addresses are below.



Together with Mum, we wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year. Stephanie, Richard & Leonie

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Uniform Groups



Guides did Christmas craft, a Christmas Party planned and run by Rangers who had a pizza takeaway evening as their party the week before.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers went to the Girlguiding private screening of Matilda the Musical at Odeon B2 which we all loved. The Rainbows were a little bit scared but apparently it was 'good scary'! Our newest Guides made their promise after the film.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year
Christine, Emma, Ffion, Krysti, Molly & Irene



In the last few weeks we have been to Christchurch Fire Station, a lovely lady Laura came in and spoke to the Scouts about Recycling, and an evening spent making crafts and icing biscuits.

But to finish the term we had an evening of Ice skating at the BIC, and also invested Henry and Eddy on the Ice!

We look forward to a New Year with lots more adventures and challenges together with new faces, both children and adults.

From Alex and the team.

Happy New Year to you all, may 2023 be a good year for everyone.

Fellowship Group



We finished the year with 12 of the Group enjoying our Christmas Lunch at the Miramar. It was so nice that this year we could all get together once again.

We would like to thank Rose for all the organising that she does on our behalf, it is very much appreciated.

Our lunch dates for the following months are as follows. ALL on a THURSDAY at 12.30pm

19th January - will be at the Iford Bridge Inn

20th April - venue T.B.A.

16th February - venue T.B.A.

18th May - venue T.B.A.

16th March - venue T.B.A.

15th June - venue T.B.A.

We hope you will be able to join us on any, or all of the months. Please notify Rose beforehand so she can reserve the table.

Rose and Margaret

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We finished our term with a Christmas Party for our children when we had a very special visitor! Thank you Santa for coming along to see our children and making the morning so special! The children had a lovely time with games and, of course, 'special treats'.

Our new term begins on Tuesday 10th January at 10.00 am until 11.30 am. and we are looking forward to welcoming all our little ones back. If there are parents or grandparents out there looking after pre-school children, why not come along and join us in our Lower Hall located in Oxford Avenue, Southbourne, BH6 5EH. Cost is £1.50 per family. Contact our Church Office on 01202 253983 or email allsaintschurch2@gmail.com for more information.

Crafty Sunday

Well, what a treat we had on Sunday 18th December. The Younger members of our Church led our service with something totally new, 'Not a Nativity' and 'A Chocolate Nativity'. The children led the whole service which included some lovely singing, drumming and cello playing from our children. We have had some lovely comments from our congregation so thank you to you all for taking part in this we look forward to next year!!!

A big 'THANK YOU' to Catherine for all her hard work in putting the whole event together for us and to Ellen, Jacob, Lucas, Izzie, Matthew, Megan, Annie, Matilda, William & Thomas for giving up your weekend to give us such a special service.



We will be back with our next 'Crafty Sunday' event on Sunday 15th January in the Church Centre at 9.30am. All children welcome so do come along and join us.

All Saints Dramatic Society

Pantomime - Dick Whittington, Fri 6th Jan - 15th Jan 2023



Depending on when you are reading this article we are now either deep into rehearsals, making props, painting scenery and finalising costumes for our forthcoming Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' or we are already into the first few shows.

Rehearsals are going well and it is looking to be a fun filled show for all the family packed with songs for every age-group, mood and lots of comedy that will give you all a happy boost after Christmas to combat those January blues.

If you are not yet a member of the 'ASDS Friends' scheme you can still get tickets via the online booking link - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/asds>

Dates are: 6th to 15th January 2023. Total of 9 shows over 2 weekends, including 4 matinees!

Book Today!! - We are looking forward to welcoming you to 'Corpus Christi Parish Centre' for some great FUN soon.

I hope you had a good Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Mark

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