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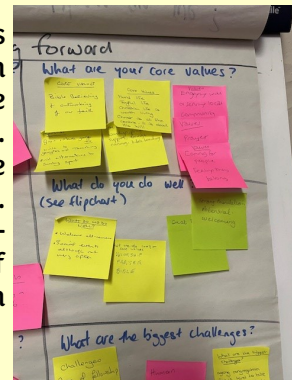
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A NEW SEASON

Currently St John's is in an interregnum which is church speak for 'no vicar'. Appointing a new leader is a lengthy process as we liaise with the Diocese to seek out the super-human person who can do everything!

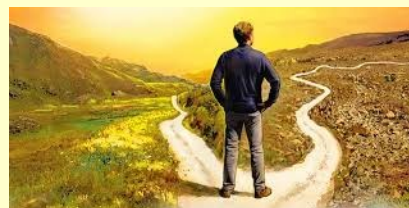
Earlier this month all church members were invited to a 'Vision Morning' to begin to get some perspective on where we are now and in which direction we might go. Current strengths and challenges were shared (see post-it notes produced). Aswell as Sunday services there are activities each weekday catering for a variety of people and needs. This only happens with the help of a lot of volunteers.



HOPES AND DREAMS

One area to be developed is worship. It would be good to have a new leader with a heart for worship and the ability to establish us as a worshipping community in the town.

It is clear that a major challenge is provision for teenagers. It has been difficult to forge links with our secondary school and NNCFE in the past. Our hope is that a new leader, along with gifted youth leaders, will be able to reach out to this age group.

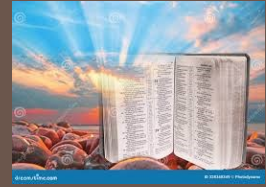


Church members continue to pray for the Lord to guide the right person to us to lead us into the next era for St John's.

Sue Ledger



Start the Day Well



St John's is an Evangelical Church which means we believe The Bible to be the WORD OF GOD and as such it is the perfect Manual for Living

GO ON THE INTERNET and ask for advice on how best to start your day and you will get sound ideas like drink some water (rehydrate) before coffee, Do not switch your phone on first thing! Gentle exercise, light breakfast, meditation, cold water dip (I think not) and other well-intentioned suggestions.

Personally, I think they generally miss out the most important discipline. namely, get a daily dose of God's word into your heart, mind and soul. Read a Bible? How can that help with situations to be faced this looming day? Quite simply, take your gaze off the issues before you and tune into heavenly help available. Many Christians can testify that a few minutes spent in Bible reading and prayer each day eases anxiety and helps us cope with some of life's problems.

A good way of doing this is to use prepared & planned, inspirational bible notes, that are readily available in booklet form or as phone downloads. Over the last few years I have used 3 particular versions that I can recommend, as follows;

Word for Today published by *United Christian Broadcasters* (UCB) available FREE. Daily readings, issued every quarter, or sent daily to your mobile phone.

Be Still and Know (Word of Hope) published by *Premier Christian Media Trust* same arrangement as UCB Word for Today notes.

Turning Points by Dr *David Jeremiah*. Monthly booklet of daily readings, available for a small subscription.

There are many others out there, and it would be good if you would drop us an email to *Beacon Magazine* (see back page) with your personal preferences and recommendations.



A Blessing from The Bible

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



What St John's Means to Me—

Chris and I were both on Christian Connection when we met. The Holy Spirit had asked me “If I message you tomorrow will you respond?” and I had answered “Yes” in my mind. The next day Chris had messaged me, which was unusual in itself as I was usually the first to message. The Holy Spirit knew. When I looked through his profile pictures, he was wearing a hat that the Holy Spirit had shown me previously, so I knew that he was the right one.

Chris felt that we got on the best from all the messages. We dated for six months, as Christians we knew that marriage was the aim from the outset. Both of my children took to Chris from the outset and although it seemed a fast marriage to some, to us it seemed a long while. We summered and wintered and then married. The family of St John's Church made it a truly joyful and loving day. We are so thankful.



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HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Our Harvest Sunday was on 13th October this year. Once again we welcomed Redlands school choir. People were asked to bring gifts for the **Bassetlaw Food Bank**. Regular Church members donate non-perishable goods throughout the year. These are bagged up at the Food Bank and delivered by volunteers to people in need throughout Bassetlaw.

In addition to this people can have subsidised 'Veg Boxes' delivered to their home (sponsored by Priory Fruit Shop). Those signed up for the scheme receive two boxes a month for £4 each. The contents will be worth about £15. Currently around 90 families receive these.



There is also a Community Shop which travels to several outlying villages



So far, In 2024 the total of people helped is 2,420 in 1,178 households



Tuesday @ 10.00

Occasionally our regular coffee morning has someone from the town to share things of interest.

November 5th - Citizens Advice Special with special focus on the Energy Team.

November 12th—Grant Cullen talking about Remembrance.

ALL WELCOME



TEAR Fund Quiz

Our Tear Fund Quiz Night is on Friday 15th November. This is an annual event to raise funds for the work of Tear Fund - a relief organisation which St John's has supported for many years.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30 Morning Service with Kids Church and Creche

6.00 Sunday @ 6 Informal time of worship, talk and prayer

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