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CONTACT



Philippians 4:6-7:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

SUNDAYS AT ST JOHN'S

**YOUR CHURCH,
YOU'RE WELCOME**

9:30am

BUBBLE CHURCH

10:15am

Morning Worship

11:15am

Holy
Communion

5:30pm

2nd Sunday of the month

Evensong

(British Summer Time only)



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to your February edition of The Parish of Hythe, 'CONTACT' magazine.

GIVING



Giving is part of our worship of God, and a way of showing commitment to His ministry in the Parish. If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish, please use the QR code on this page to find out how, or visit parishgiving.org.uk to set up regular giving.

In Church, we also have a card machine which is easy to use and saves us handling cash. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or if you require help with this.'

VICARS LETTER

I can't believe how quickly January has flown by! Welcome to February! This month is a strange month: we celebrate the ones we love on Valentines Day, using up the good things we have in the house on Shrove Tuesday, ready for the season of penitence and abstinence of certain things in order to focus on our relationship with God during the penitential season of Lent!

February also brings with it the end of our time here in Hythe, with our final service here being the 1st March! The last four years has been the best of times in some ways, and the worst of times in others. On a personal level, our time here has seen our children all grow into adulthood, finish A levels, Degrees and an MA. We've seen our eldest son married, and our first Granddaughter born. In ministry we've seen much change in our Parish, which is not always easy, but has born much fruit: seeing the amount of Baptisms and Confirmations in 2025, and the birth and growth of all three services at St John's has been a delight, and I pray they will grow from strength to strength.

Interregnums are never easy, but I pray that this will be a good season in the life of the Parish. A season of continued growth and fruitfulness. I pray for the body of Christ in Hythe to step in to the gaps that are left by our departure.

It's a long way to go: but if anyone would like to join us for my licensing on 28th March at 3pm, in Christ Church South Ossett, please do let me know. *Reverend Lee Davies, Vicar*



Little Footprints

Inside & Out



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**This group is run by the parish of Hythe & is donations only.
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YOUR CONTACT MAGAZINE



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CONTACT MAGAZINE

We love how contact magazine keeps people in touch who've either been part of the life of our Parish, or are housebound and unable to make it to Church.

From the next edition, Gary McMahon will be taking over the editing of Contact. But in order for the magazine to be successful, it requires articles, poems, stories, pictures. So maybe you can offer your gift, skill, joke or whatever you'd like, to future contact magazines?



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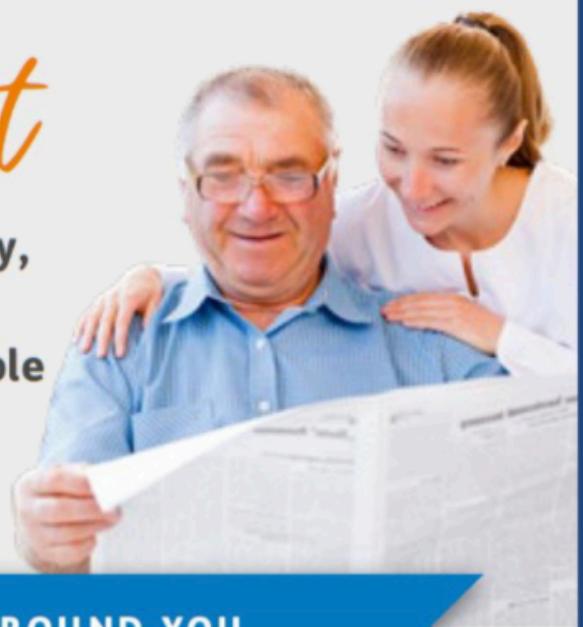
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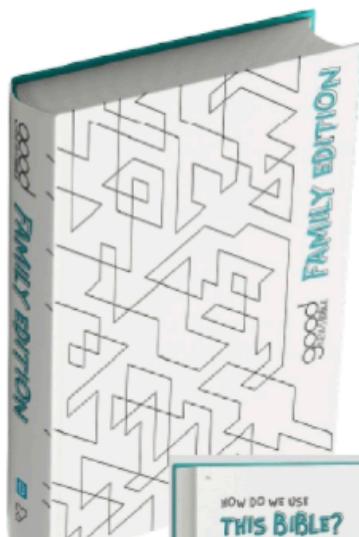
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APPEAL: BIBLES FOR BUBBLE CHURCH FAMILIES



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Would you be able to sponsor a new family in St John's & St Anne's to help them continue their faith journey?



£5.00

We are thrilled to have baptised children from two Bubble Church families, this year and have more children and adults coming forward for Baptism & Confirmation who are part of our fellowship.

Good News Family Bible - We have presented bibles to these families and will be offering them a chance to join together and explore them as a family with other families.

Bubble Church Truth Cards - a new resource to equip parents and children to keep growing in their faith at home, especially where they might be beginning a journey of faith together.

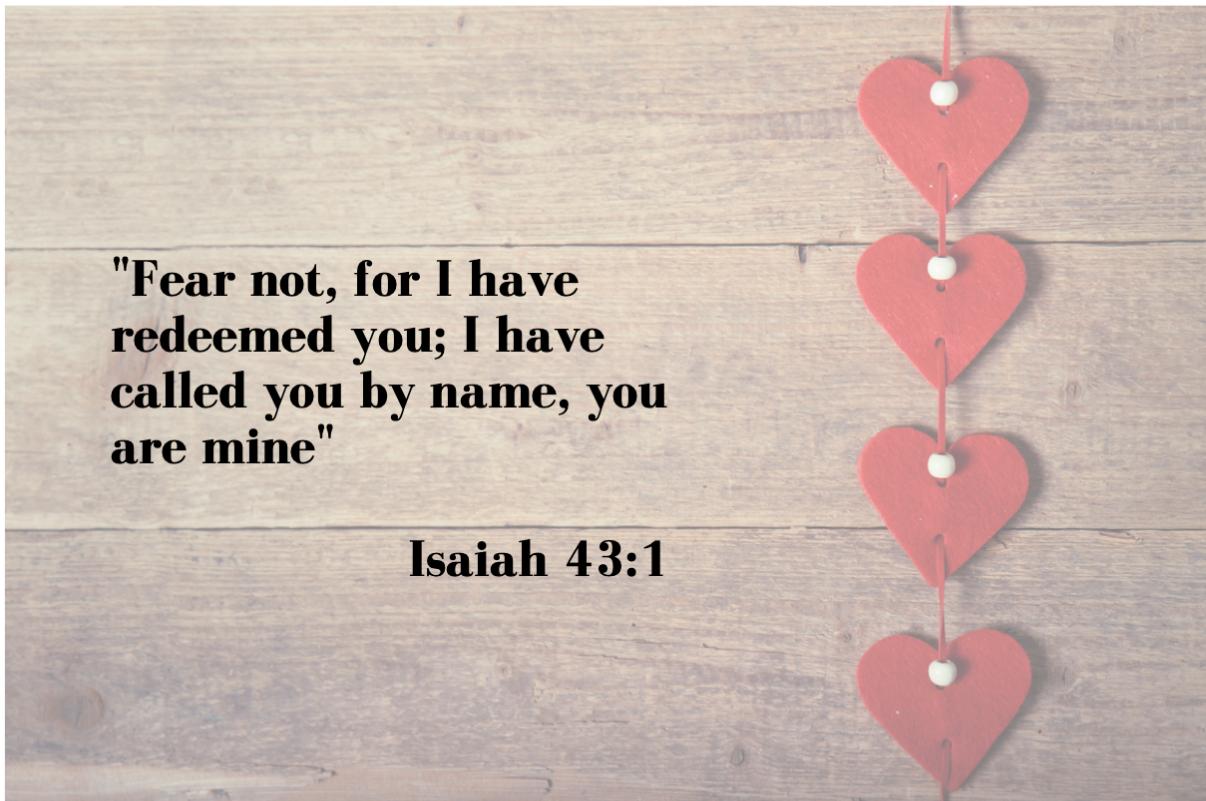
The idea is simple: a pack of cards in a drawstring bag that contain simple truths from God's amazing true story, the Bible, along with Bible verses that go with each of them. The truths will be familiar to Bubble Church families, as most are taken from the liturgy and songs.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family with either of these gifts please talk to Chris McMahon, Children's & Families Pastor, who can explain more how it all works.

Tel:02380844336 Email: families@stjohnshythe.org

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Notices and Diary Dates



Welcome to our February notices and diary dates.

If you have a notice to be included in future months, please email
office@stjohnshythe.org

In order to help us save on our printing costs, if you don't already
receive this by email and would like to, please email
office@stjohnshythe.org

Sundays in February

Sunday 1st February

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 8th February

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 15th February

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 22nd February

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Midweek Services

Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Holy Communion at St John's (including ashing on Ash Wednesday - 18th February)

Friday 6th February at 3:30pm - Messy Church at St Anne's

Friday 27th February at 3:30pm - Messy Church at St John's

Weekly Activities

Mondays

1:00pm Little Footprints Baby Group at St Anne's

Tuesdays

9:30am Coffee Shop in St John's Hall (10th and 24th only)

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's

Wednesdays

12:00pm Lunch Club in St John's Hall

Thursdays

1:00pm Toddle-Winks Toddler Group at St Anne's (term time only)

Fridays

6:00pm Youth Club in St John's Hall (term time only)

Saturdays

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's (in St John's Hall on Saturday 7th February)

Other Events in February

Saturday 7th February

10am-4pm Lego Display Extravaganza at St John's

Thursday 12th February

2:30pm Mothers' Union in St John's Hall

Tuesday 17th February

3:00pm-5:00pm Pancake Party at St John's

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



NOTICES

Lego Event

St John's Church will be hosting a Lego Event on Saturday 7th February. Please do come along and support this event and invite friends, family and neighbours along. Admission is £2.50 but children can come in for free.

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 17th February we will be holding a Pancake Day event in St John's Church. Come along and join us for pancakes and a range of toppings between 3:00pm and 5:00pm.

Lee and Emily's Last Sunday

Lee and Emily's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 1st March. That Sunday we will have Bubble Church as normal and then a combined service at 10:30am which will be followed by a bring and share lunch. We do hope that as many people as possible will be able to join us for this.

Our Next

games

crafts



**Friday 27th February 2026
at St John's Church, Hythe
or**

Friday 6th March 2026

St Anne's Church, Butts Ash

3.30pm till 5.00pm

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meal

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PANCAKE DAY

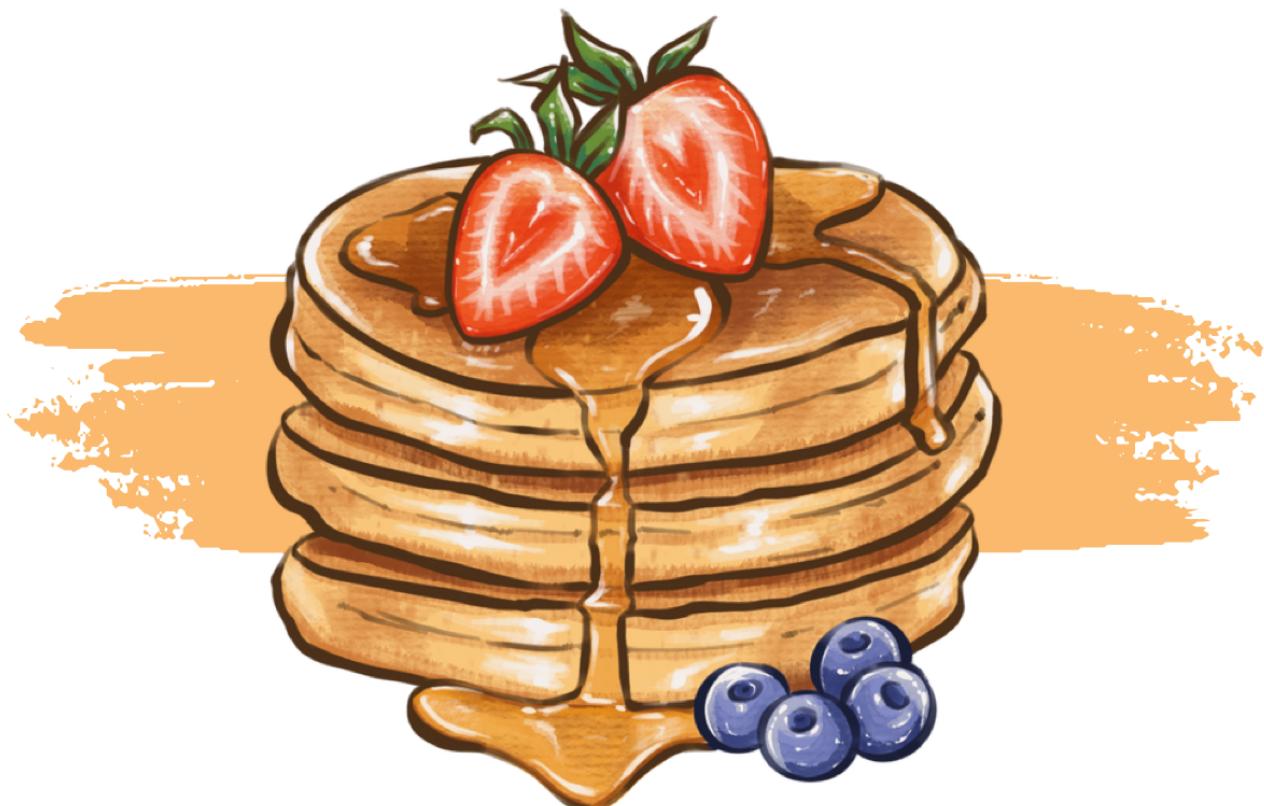
All are welcome to come and join us for delicious pancakes, fun and laughter!

Tuesday 17th February

3:00pm-5:00pm

St John's Church

This is a free event, but donations are welcome to cover the cost of the event.



Ash Wednesday Communion Service

**10:30am
18th February 2026**

St John's Church





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LEGO DISPLAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 7th February 2026

10am - 4pm

St John's Church, Hythe

Admission

£2.50

Children Free