

Dates

January

Sun	14	9.30am	All age service and baptism.
Sat	20	7.00pm	Barn Dance (see www.stjohnsnewport.org for details)
Sun	21	9.30am	Junior Church starting in church
		6.30pm	Walk in the Light
Sun	28	9.30am	Junior Church starting in church, Older group join the adults in church

February

Sun	4 th	9.30am	Junior Church starting in the hall
		6.30pm	Walk in the Light
Sun	11 th	9.30am	All Age service
Sat	17 th		Film Club – more details nearer the time.
Sun	18 th	9.30am	Junior Church starting in church
		6.30pm	Walk in the Light
Sun	25 th	9.30am	Junior Church starting in church Older group join the adults in church

March

Sat	3 rd		Film Club – more details nearer the time.
Sun	4 th	9.30am	Junior Church starting in the hall
		6.30pm	Walk in the Light
Sun	11 th	9.30am	Mothering Sunday All Age service

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A belated Happy New Year to everyone!

St John's Junior Church Choir

Attendance award and Chorister of the month for November: Rhiannon. She was the only chorister with full attendance, she is extremely loyal and enthusiastic and leads the younger children very well. She is a truly valued member of St John's Church Choir. Well done Rhiannon!

Attendance award for December: Lucy, Katie, Erin, Hallam, Daniel, Joe and Naomi, who all had full attendance.

Chorister of the month for December: Daniel. He is making such good progress, he tries so hard and is beginning to lead the other members of the Junior Choir.

Congratulations to **Lucy** for passing her Grade 6 recorder and Gold Jazz dancing exam.

December was obviously a very busy month for the Choir, which began with our Advent Carol Service on 3 December. The following children sang at this service: Lucy, Hallam, Rhiannon, Daniel & Victor - and they had to attend special practices beforehand, which was hard work and showed great commitment. The whole choir then sang two slots at our Angel Festival. We had a great audience, which included choirs from Newport Primary School and Carisbrooke Primary School, which was a good opportunity for their children to see our children and the important role that they play in our choir.

17 December was of course our Carols by Candlelight service, for which the choir worked so hard. Many congratulations to **Erin** who sang the solo for Once in Royal David's City - she sang beautifully in front of hundreds of people. We are very proud of her.

In the week following this service, the whole Choir sang at 4 residential homes and a selection of children sang and read poems at three of the homes. **Lucy and Hallam**

managed to come to all three (Medina Court, Homewight House and Somer's Brook Court). Attendance at Medina Court: Lucy, Katie, Hallam & Victor; attendance at Homewight House: Lucy, Hallam & Rhiannon; attendance at Somer's Brook Court: Lucy, Katie, Morgan, Erin, Rhiannon, Hallam, Victor, Daniel, Naomi and Phoebe. This shows great commitment by the children, especially as they were still at school that week, and it is very important to the elderly residents to see the smiling faces of our children! Thank you to all the parents for getting the children to the various venues, we do appreciate it.

A very Happy New Year to St John's Junior Church Choir and their families.

Chatterbox

31 Chatterbox young people eagerly returned after the Christmas break with their carers.

The final session for 2017 was a Christmas service in church led by Rev Roger Whately. Hearty Christmas singing, accompanying music making and a lively talk by Roger plus a birthday cake preceded our Christmas party in the hall with an appearance by our special visitor who distributed presents.

Everyone left with extra nibbles and a Bible Society booklet of the Christmas story. New faces continue to appear and are very welcomed. We look forward to an eventful 2018 every Monday 930-1130 during term time.



Junior Church

Junior Church made a great start back on Jan 7th and joined the rest of the church at the end of the Covenant Service. A great start to the New Year.

This term Junior Church will be running every week except for the 2nd Sunday of the month, when we invite everyone to join us for an

All Age service in church. This really is suitable for all ages so bring all the family.

The service in March 11th will be extra special as it's Mothering Sunday. All Junior Church will be taking part in the service so please come and support us as well as celebrate the fantastic work mums do.

Walk in the Light

We welcomed another new member for the first meeting of this term which takes us to 9 young people in total!

During this term Allie will join us for some sessions to run 'Growing St John's' sessions so everyone in the group can take part. The rest of the sessions will focus on single issues as we have done in the past. If there is anything you'd really like us to look at please tell Pete or Ethne.

As we go to press we're waiting to see if we will be able to have a trip to Sweden to visit the church we met last summer at Westbrook. This is a great opportunity to explore another country, visit a different church and spend time with God. Please pray that this will be possible.

Film Club

We are trialling a Film Club in St John's on a wide screen (4m!) and surround sound. In February and March we aim to show a children's film (U or PG) late afternoon and an adult film which may be suitable for older children too in the evening. The films will have a simple meal in the hall between them. This will be funded by donations and any profit made given to 2020Vision.

Please watch the church website (www.stjohnsnewport.org) or Facebook page (stjohnschurchnewportisleofwight) or see the weekly Newsheet for more details.

If there are any films you would particularly like to watch please let Pete, Ethne, John or Andy know.

We are running this with very few people so please can all children be accompanied by an adult.

For parents

Thank you to all parents who've filled in registration forms, but we are still missing some! If you haven't filled in registration forms for your children please could you do it as soon as possible? We really need to have up-to-date information, especially contact and allergy information.

Also we would love to be able to email this newsletter and other information to you so it doesn't get used as a paper aeroplane, scribbled over or lost. Please fill in your details on the registration form and we'll send a copy straight to you so you know what's really happening!