

St John's News from the Pews – 23 February 2021

Dear friends,

The warmer weather, together with yesterday's announcement for the Prime Minister, has kindled a new feeling of optimism around Elmswell. Lockdown may be lifted in gradual stages, but we can be reassured that these difficult months should soon be behind us.

We have decided to remain online for the month of March, but aim to be back in the church on Easter Sunday for a short service to celebrate the resurrection and promise of new life. We can easily safely accommodate 50 worshippers under the social distance guidance. I know it is still a number of weeks ahead, but it would be great to have you join us as we restart worship in the church on such a special occasion.

In the meantime, don't forget we can still all see each other at our times of "Coffee and Chat" on Saturdays at 10:30am and after the Sunday services using Zoom.

These are enjoyable times, where we can chat away happily without worrying about masks and distancing. Details of connecting are below.



Quiz Night – 27 February 7:00pm



Don't forget our family Quiz Night is this Saturday at 7pm via Zoom. There is still time to join in the fun. Teams can be up to 6 and across households (we will use breakout rooms so teams can confer together). But small teams are just fine as well. It promises to be an enjoyable evening and all are welcome. The cost is £7.00 donation.

Please note you need to **register with John Evans by 24 February** – contact him on 01449 781251 or email Johnlevans2020@outlook.com

Last Sunday's Service

In case you missed the Sunday's service, you can access it by clicking [here](#):



Coming up this week:

Tue 23 Feb 8:00pm	Compline online (Facebook only)
Wed 24 Feb	Various Home Groups
Thu 25 Feb 8:00pm	Celtic Prayer online (Facebook only)
Sat 27 Feb 9:00am	Church prayer meeting (using Zoom)
Sat 27 Feb 10:30am	Coffee and Chat (using Zoom)
Sun 28 Feb 9:30am	Sunday School over Zoom (Please contact Lisa for details)
Sun 28 Feb 10:30am	Sunday Worship online on Facebook & YouTube followed by "Coffee and Chat" on Zoom.

How to connect with us online:

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnselmswell/live>

St John's

<http://www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk/>

YouTube

Accessed from home page of St John's web site

Zoom

Click <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6852951296> or, load Zoom and use Meeting ID: 685 295 1296 and Password: 816262

Stowmarket and Area Foodbank

Remember we continue to support the work of the Stowmarket and Area Foodbank. The Foodbank provides for individuals and families who are in crisis with emergency food parcels. This need is now greater than ever before. In particular, tins of flat fish, potatoes and rice pudding and any sort of instant noodles (just add hot water) would be greatly appreciated. Simply drop anything off at The Rectory on Church Road and we will pass it on.

And finally,

*Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable
– if anything is excellent or praiseworthy –
think about such things.*

Philippians 4:8

With every blessing in Him,
Peter