

# Sunday 24th March 2024

A very warm welcome to St John's Community Church. Whether this is your first time with us, or you've been part of our church for some time, it's great to see you...



It's **Palm Sunday**, which marks the beginning of what's known as 'Holy Week' - the time when we remember Jesus' final days leading up to his crucifixion, and then celebrating his resurrection next week on Easter Sunday.

In our **10am service** this morning, **Marie** is **leading**, **Dave** is **speaking**, and **Ellen** and **Sam** are leading our **sung worship**. **Prayer** is available with the prayer team during and after the service, and our **Sunday Stars** groups for younger ones are on offer too. Do stay on for **refreshments** and a chat over a cuppa/can after the service if you're able, and please take a palm cross home with you to mark this special day!

As part of our reflections and celebrations for this **Easter season**, we've got a **number of services** coming up over the next few days, which you'd be most welcome to come along and share in:

**10am Monday 25th March** - Our Monday Service, with prayers, music, and a chance to share in bread and wine, followed by **The Drop Inn** at 10.30am for coffee, cake and good company!

**7pm Maundy Thursday 28th March** - Our Maundy Thursday Communion service, reflecting on the story of Jesus' Last Supper.

**2pm Good Friday 29th March** - 'An Hour At The Cross' meditative service on Good Friday afternoon, dwelling on the significance and meaning of Jesus' crucifixion.

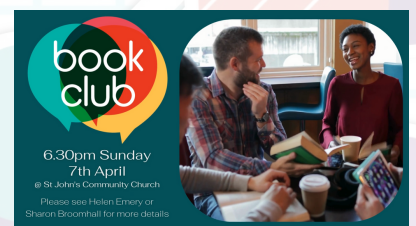
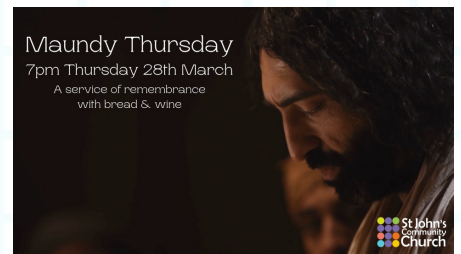
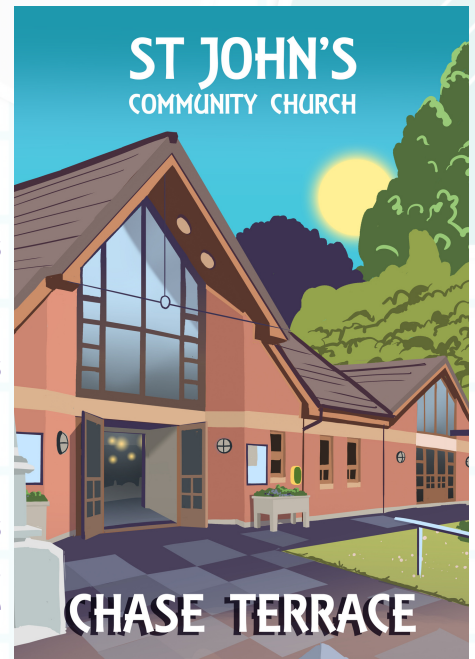
**6.30am Easter Sunday 31st March** - Sunrise Service at Castle Ring - an outdoor service for Burntwood churches to celebrate Jesus' resurrection (parking available at the Park Gate Inn)

**10am Easter Sunday 31st March** - Our Easter Sunday morning resurrection celebration service, with worship music, prayers, a talk, Communion, children's activities and refreshments.



In our 10am service on **Sunday 7th April**, we'll be having a **Question Time** instead of a talk. **Matt** and **Ian** will be up front discussing any questions folks may have on God, faith, church - anything at all! All questions are welcome (no questioners will be identified from the front), so do please begin to send them through. **Please email/message Matt** at [matt@stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk](mailto:matt@stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk) or 07855 960179, or drop them in to the Church Office in an envelope marked 'Question Time'. Thank you!

And then later that same day, **Book Club** is back at **6.30pm** on **Sunday 7th April**. All are welcome to come along for friendly chat and literary reflections! This month we'll be discussing books written for children and young people, so plenty of scope to bring along memories of classic or current favourites! Please see Helen Emery or Sharon Broomhall for more details - thank you.



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We're very sad to share the news that **Kaye Sheils-Houston** has died. Kaye's been part of St John's life for number of years, and our hearts and prayers are with her family and friends as we grieve her passing. Kaye's funeral will take place here at **St John's** at **2.30pm** on **Thursday 4th April** - all are welcome, with a special request please to wear bright colours in memory of such a vibrant lady, especially yellow as the 'warrior against cancer' colour. Please remember Gerry, Doug, Emily and Jamie, along with best friend Kim, in your prayers - thank you.

Our next **Curry Club** is back at **Aashiq's** (16 Cannock Rd, WS7 0BJ) at **6pm** on **Sunday 21st April** - all are welcome for what's always a top night! The cost is £15 per person for popadom and dips, starter, main, side, and coffee/ice cream, plus it's bring your own drinks too. Do please sign up in the foyer if you'd like to come - please see Matt Wallace for more details, or if you can offer a lift to someone - thank you!



Following on from our '**Trees of Life**' Lent Course, **Neil Emery** has set up a [JustGiving](#) page to raise funds to plant oak, lime, hazel, birch, alder or hornbeam saplings in the **National Forest** of the Midlands. To support this great cause, please see Neil or Helen Emery for details, check out the link on our Facebook page or use the **QR code** on the right - thank you!



We'll be holding our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** during our **10am service** on **Sunday 21st April**. It'll be an opportunity to look back over our past year as a church, to hear reports on our income and expenditure, and to consider what might lie ahead for us with God. We'll also be **electing church wardens and representatives to our PCC** - the 'Parochial Church Council' who are the Trustees of St John's. All are welcome to attend the APCM and the service as a whole, although only those on the church electoral roll (the official church membership scheme we have) can stand for the PCC or vote for PCC members. If you've been coming to St John's for a little while, and you'd like to **join the electoral roll**, do simply **fill out a form** which can be found in the foyer or on the [church website](#) under the 'About - Forms' tab. Nomination forms for the PCC are also available from the church office, and if you'd like to find out more about what's involved with being on the PCC, please have a chat with **Matt** our vicar, or **Nigel and Marg**, our churchwardens - thank you.

### What's On...

With schools breaking up for Easter and a bank holiday ahead, many of our groups are taking a break for a week or two. For the latest info on services, groups and bookings, please speak to Marie in the Church Office on 01543 670078, visit our website at [www.stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk) or see our Facebook page.

#### Monday 25th March

10.00 - 10.30 10am Monday Service  
10.30 - 12.30 The Drop Inn  
10.30 - 12.30 Talking Point  
13.30 - 15.30 Bereavement Help Point  
17.00 - 18.00 Slimming World  
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#### Tuesday 26th March

10.00 - 12.00 Tuesday House Group  
17.30 - 18.15 Beginners Fitness Pilates  
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19.30 - 20.15 Improvers Fitness Pilates

#### Wednesday 27th March

09.30 - 10.30 Zumba

#### Maundy Thursday 28th March

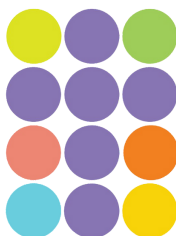
19.00 - 20.00 Maundy Thursday Service

#### Good Friday 29th March

14.00 - 15.00 An Hour at the Cross

#### Easter Sunday 31st March

06.30 - 07.15 Sunrise Service @ Castle Ring  
10.00 - 11.15 10am Easter Sunday service



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