Sunday 21st April 2024

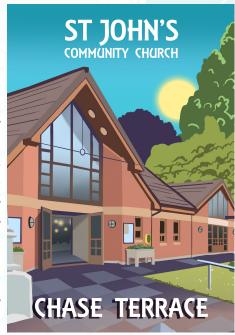
A very warm welcome to St John's Community Church. Whether this is your first time with us, or you've been part of our church for some time, it's great to see you...



Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Matt will be leading us through our time together, helping us to look back over our past year and to consider what might lie ahead for us with God. We'll hear a report from Jay, our church treasurer, on our church finances, and

there'll be a chance for folks to ask **any questions** they may have. Alongside spoken reports, our written **Annual Report**, which includes our accounts, is available on the church website under the 'What's On', then 'Annual Reports' tab. We'll also be **electing**



church wardens and **representatives to our PCC** - the 'Parochial Church Council' who are the Trustees of the church and work with Matt in seeking to lead St John's forward under God. We'll bookend our service with times of **prayer** and **sung worship** led by **Phil and the band**, while our **Sunday Stars** groups for younger ones are on offer as usual. With **refreshments** to close, the hope is it will be an encouraging and informative time together, and above all, a **chance** for us to give thanks for God's provision and guidance.



Our **Curry Club** is back tonight at <u>Aashiq's</u> (16 Cannock Rd, WS7 OBJ) at **6pm** - looking forward to seeing all those who have signed up, but if you'd like to join us, you'd be most welcome and we'll do our best to squeeze you in! The cost is £15 per person for popadom and dips, starter, main, side, and coffee/ice cream - it's bring your own drinks too. Please see **Matt Wallace** for more details, or if you can offer a lift to someone - thank you!

Our next **Creating Space** is taking place at 10am-12pm on **Saturday 27th April**, when Barbara Brindley will kindly be leading a session making 'Crystal Pictures'. Do please sign



up in the foyer for this and any future sessions, and please see **Lesley Boulton** for more info.



And then our next **Games Club: Cakes & Ladders** is at 6pm on **Sunday 28th April**. All are welcome for a fun evening of board games (and cakes!) in good company - see **lan McKeown** for more details.



We're really pleased to share that the fundraiser for **The National Forest** set up by **Neil Emery** following the recent 'Trees of Life' Lent Course has now reached its target of £150 - thank you to everyone who contributed! **10 new trees** will now be planted in the area, and visit www.nationalforest.org/about/what-is-the-national-forest for more info on the National Forest. And if you missed the Lent Course, do feel free to catch up with it on our **St John**'s YouTube channel!

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Watercolour Dabblers, our relaxed painting group for all abilities, is back for another Saturday morning session at 10am-12pm on Saturday 4th May. It's an opportunity to unleash your inner artist in a friendly and supportive environment, and a nice chance to get to know other folks at the same time. If you fancy coming along, do please sign up on the sheet in the foyer, and speak to Chris Hill (07888 730492) for more details - thank you.





The next session of Book Club is taking place at 6.30pm on Sunday 5th May, when we will be talking about 'The Silk House' by Kayte Nunn. All are welcome for a relaxed and enjoyable evening, with drinks, snacks and plenty of conversation! Please see Helen Emery if you'd like to borrow a copy of The Silk House to read, and see Helen or Sharon Broomhall for more details about the group. with future sessions on 2nd June and 7th July.

We've got two midweek groups for young people which we call 'F'n'F', and are a great mix of friendship, food, fun and faith! F'n'F#1 is at 6-7.30pm on Monday nights and is for those in Years 6-9, while F'n'F#2 is at 6-7.30pm on Wednesday nights for those in Year 10+. The evenings are a relaxed time with games, activities and chat - youth groups for those who are keen to explore questions of faith in a fun and friendly setting. All are welcome - please see Ellen and Jack for more info on F'n'F#1, and Ruth and James, Dave and Trish for more details on F'n'F#2.





St John's building is being used as a polling station for local elections on Thursday 2nd May between 7am-10pm. The Church Office will be open as usual from 9am-1pm, but there'll be no Little Friends or Singing For Health & Wellbeing that day - both back on 9th May. Wherever you're based, do vote if you can - our individual voices and votes can make a big difference to the priorities that our

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local councils and leaders adopt. Please pray for all elected representatives, that they will lead with integrity, compassion and wisdom. Don't forget as well, you'll need to take a form of photo ID with you to vote!

What's On...

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 or see our Facebook page.

Tuesday 23rd April

10.00 - 11.15	10am Sunday Service & APCM	09.00 - 12.00	BLAST Parents Support	09.15 - 11.15	Little Friends
18.00 - 21.00	Curry Club @ Aashiq's	10.00 - 12.00	Tuesday House Group	13.45 - 15.00	Singing For Wellbeing
Monday 22nd April		16.30 - 18.00 US Cirls Friday 26th April		April	
10.00 - 10.30	10am Monday Service	17.30 - 18.15	Beginners Fitness Pilates	09.40 - 10.40	Diddi Dance
10.30 - 12.30	The Drop Inn & Talking Point	18.30 - 19.15	Beginners Fitness Pilates	Saturday 27th April	
13.30 - 15.30	Bereavement Help Point	19.30 - 20.15	Improvers Fitness Pilates	10.00 - 11.00	Zumba
17.00 - 18.00	Slimming World	Wednesday 24th April		10.00 - 12.00	Creating Space
18.00 - 19.30	F'n'F#1	09.30 - 10.30	Zumba	Sunday 28th	April
18.30 - 19.30	Slimming World	12.45 - 14.45	Little Friends	10.00 - 11.15	10am Service
		18.00 - 19.30	F'n'F#2	18.00 - 21.00	Games Club: Cakes & Ladders



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19.00 - 21.00 House Groups

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