

Sunday 21st July 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...



We're saying goodbye to **Ruth, James and Amara** this morning as Ruth's time with us as curate here at St John's comes to an end. There'll be very mixed emotions today - sadness at the need to say farewell, but also really happiness for them with Ruth's soon-to-be new role as vicar of **St James, Leckhampton and St Stephen's, Tivoli** - part of the South Cheltenham team of churches.

In our service this morning, Marie is leading,

Matt will interview **Ruth** about their time with us and what lies ahead, and **Phil and the band** are leading our **sung worship**. As well as a chance to **pray** in the service, our **prayer team** are available to meet with any who'd like a more personal time of prayer, while our **Sunday Stars** are on offer for younger ones during the service too. Following the service, there'll be a **buffet lunch** served, to which **all are welcome, so do stick around for that** if you can! Also, many thanks to all who have signed up for the coach trip to Cheltenham for **Ruth's licensing service on 8th September**. The coach is now full, but if you'd like to be on a reserve list, please speak to Marie in the church office - thank you.



We're very much looking forward to the **Play in the Park** fun days taking place this summer! Put on by Burntwood Town Council, we'll be helping to host days in **Chase Terrace Park on Monday 29th July and Monday 19th August**, providing a free **BBQ** and **children's craft activities**, as well as running the **Drop Inn cafe** on both days. **Many thanks to those who have already signed up to help** on the day - it'd be great to have a full team on board. So **if you fancy**

lending a hand on either/both days, with anything from setting up gazebos, flipping burgers and giving away hot dogs, to helping children enjoy craft activities or serving in the Drop Inn, that'd be brilliant - do please sign up in the foyer if so. **We'll also need plenty of cakes** for the Drop Inn on both days please, so if you're able to bake a cake or a selection of cupcakes etc, again that would be much appreciated! Please let **Jan Moss** know if you're able to bake, or if you're able to supply some bought cakes if baking's not your gift! Thanks very much - and do come along to enjoy the Play in the Park days if you can - they're great community days!

On **Sunday 18th August**, instead of a 10am service, we'll be taking a **Sunday morning stroll around Chasewater**! We've done this in the summer for a few years now, and it's a refreshing chance to meet together as church in a different way, with plenty of time for conversation in good company! We'll meet at 10am at Chasewater Heaths Station for a circuit of the lake, although if you fancy a gentler morning, the café at the station is a nice alternative for a cuppa and catch up!



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All are invited to 'An Evening of Songs' on Friday 13th September. The Nicholls' family and their Friends in Harmony are putting on a fine night of musical entertainment as a fundraiser for our children's work here at St John's, and it'd be great to have your support! Tickets cost £10 - bring your own drinks, with snacks provided. Please see Marie Hiley in the Church Office or Marg Nicholls for tickets and more details - thank you!

Little Friends is our pre-school baby and toddler group which meets every Wednesday and Thursday in term time, and has over 170 children on the books. Due to the significant responsibilities that come with overseeing such a large and important ministry, the PCC (the trustees of the church) felt the time was right to make the coordinator role a paid position, for 15 hours/week. We're delighted to therefore share the news that following a full application and interview process, Gemma Wallace has been appointed as our Little Friends Pre-School Coordinator. Please pray for Gemma, the team of helpers, and for all the children, carers and parents who attend the sessions, that this important ministry might continue to develop and serve our community over the coming years - thank you!



We have a new contactless giving unit in the foyer! It works slightly differently to the old one - so if the screen is blank, just touch the screen, or press the white button on the right hand side to wake it up. You can then use the keypad to enter the amount you'd like to give, press 'charge', and then simply tap your card/mobile payment app on the unit to make the donation. If you'd like to give regularly, standing orders are the best way as they enable us to budget and to reclaim gift aid wherever possible, but the contactless unit is a great way to make one-off or occasional donations. You can also give to St John's through the QR code on the right if you're familiar with that technology! Above all, and however you give, thank you very much for your generosity in giving to God's work by supporting the mission and ministry of St John's.



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.

Sunday 21st July

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service
12.15 - 14.30 Buffet Lunch

Monday 22nd July

10.00 - 10.30 10am Monday Service
10.30 - 12.30 The Drop Inn & Talking Point
13.30 - 15.30 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Tuesday 23rd July

09.00 - 12.00 BLAST Parent Support

Wednesday 24th July

09.30 - 10.30 Zumba

Thursday 25th July

13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Health & Wellbeing (not meeting in August - back in September)
16.30 - 18.30 US Girls

Friday 26th July

09.40 - 10.40 Diddi Dance

Saturday 27th July

10.00 - 12.00 BLAST Autism Support
10.00 - 11.00 Zumba

Sunday 28th July

10.00 - 11.15 10am Communion Service

Monday 29th July

No 10am Monday service or Bereavement Help Point today
11.00 - 15.00 Play in the Park, with Drop Inn starting at this later time of 11am
17.00 - 18.00 Slimming World
18.30 - 19.30 Slimming World

Selected Future Dates:

Monday 21st August - Play in the Park
Sunday 18th August - Church Walk @ Chasewater (instead of 10am service)
Sunday 8th September - Ruth's Licensing Service @ Cheltenham (No service here at St John's, but refreshments served in church at 10am before coach departs at 11am)
Friday 13th September - 'Friends in Harmony - An Evening of Songs' Fundraising Concert
Monday 23rd September - PCC Meeting
Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 30th November - Christmas Fayre
Sunday 15th December - Carol Service
Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Special

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