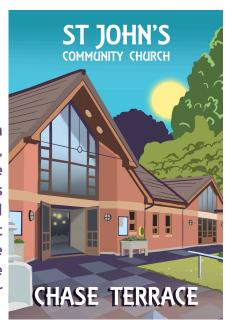
# **Sundays 4th & 11th August 2024**

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...

With summer upon us, we're covering a couple of Sundays with this newsletter! So in our 10am service on Sunday 4th August, Alex is leading, Kim is speaking, and Ellen and the band are leading our sung worship. On Sunday 11th August, Matt is leading, Mark and the band are leading our sung worship, and we'll be hearing from a few folks in our congregation about some of the charities in which they're involved and who we support as a church. On each Sunday, we've got prayer available with our prayer team, our joint Sunday Stars group for younger ones, and refreshments on offer after the service too!





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, with a stop off/comfort break halfway round at the playground/café/toilets! For those who fancy a gentler morning, the café at the station is a nice alternative for a cuppa and catch up! And if you'd

prefer to attend a service that Sunday, church services are on offer at St Anne's, Chasetown (10.15am), Christ Church, Burntwood or St John the Baptist, Hammerwich (both 10am start).



We had a fantastic time at Play in the Park in Chase Terrace Park last Monday - one a series of days across local parks put on by <u>Burntwood Town Council</u> - serving around 1000 hots dogs and burgers, putting on children's crafts and hosting a busy Drop Inn café too. Huge thanks indeed to all those who worked so hard for what was a really fun but full day in the sun! We're helping to host another day on **Monday 19th August**, providing a free **BBQ** and

children's craft activities, as well as running the Drop Inn café. Many thanks to those who have already signed up to help - if you fancy lending a hand 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 please, so if you're able to bake a cake or a buy a selection of cupcakes etc, again that would be much appreciated! Thanks very much - and if you're free, do come along to enjoy what is a great community day! Any questions, do please see **Matt or Nigel** - thank you.







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 music, ranging from timeless classics to the best show tunes. It's a fundraiser for our children's work here at St John's, and it'd be great to have your support! Tickets are £10 - bring your own drinks, with snacks provided. Please see Marie Hiley in the office or Marg Nicholls for tickets/more details - thank you!

We'll be holding a service of full-immersion baptism in the Autumn - a chance to be baptised or to re-affirm baptism vows in our baptistry pool. It's a life-shaping decision and experience which is open to all - a very special way for people to publicly declare their faith in Jesus and to pray for God's Spirit to be with them in a fresh way. If you haven't been baptised before, or if you've been baptised/christened in your



younger years and would like to publicly claim the promises made on your behalf for yourself, please chat with Matt, Nigel or Marg to find out more about what's involved. Thank you!



Giving financially is a key way in which we express our worship to God and through which we're enabled to do what we do as a church. A very big thank you to all those who already give, whether large or small amounts, regularly or as a one-off. If you see St John's as your church, do please consider starting or raising your regular giving. Many folks give regularly by standing order, make cash

donations, or use our contactless unit in the foyer. As a charity, we can reclaim tax through gift aid, so if you're a taxpayer, please fill in a gift aid form, available in the foyer or from our church website. To set up a standing order or make a transfer, our bank account details are:

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#### 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. A good number of our regular groups take a break during the summer holidays - to find our more about what's on offer from September, please speak to Matt, Nigel, Marg, Marie or a group leader.

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10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

#### **Monday 5th August**

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 6th August**

17.30, 18.30 & 19.30 Fitness Pilates

# **Wednesday 7th August**

09.30 - 10.30 Zumba

**Thursday 8th August** 

16.30 - 19.00 US Girls

Saturday 10th August

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba

## **Sunday 11th August**

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

13.00 - 13.30 Baptism of Matilda Grant

# **Monday 12th August**

10.00 - 10.30 10am Monday Service

10.30 - 12.30 The Drop Inn & Talking Point

11.15 - 12.00 Chase View Service

13.30 - 15.30 Bereavement Help Point

17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

### **Tuesday 13th August**

17.30, 18.30 & 19.30 Fitness Pilates

#### **Wednesday 14th August**

09.30 - 10.30 Zumba

**Thursday 15th August** 

16.30 - 19.00 US Girls

# Saturday 17th August

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba

Sunday 18th August - Church Walk @ Chasewater

(instead of 10am service)

Monday 19th August - Play in the Park

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 Favre

Sunday 15th December - Carol Service



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