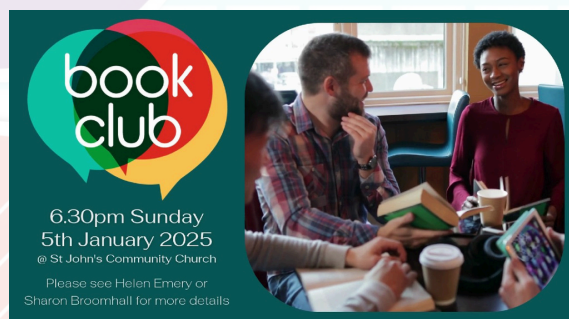
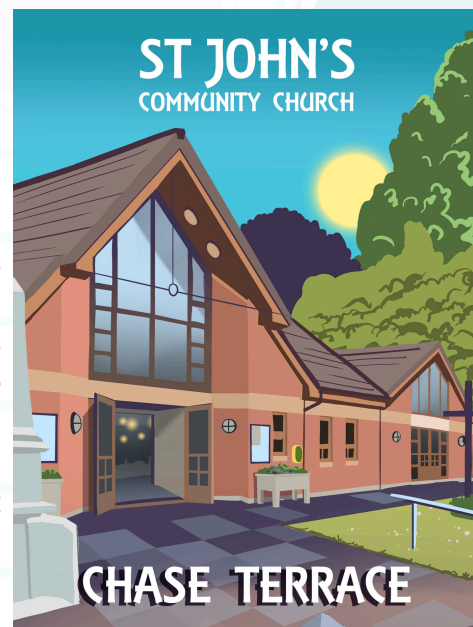


Sunday 5th January 2025

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...



Happy New Year for 2025! It's nice to be back together again (snow showers permitting this weekend!) In our **10am service** today, **Matt** is leading us through, sharing various updates, and offering us the chance to reflect on 2024 and look ahead to what the new year of 2025 might bring for us with God and each other. Alongside a chance to **pray** together, **Mark and the band** are leading our **sung worship**, and there'll be our **Sunday Stars** and **The Mess** groups for younger ones on offer. Do stay for **refreshments** afterwards too - still some mince pies left! :)



Book Club is back **tonight** at **6.30pm** for the first session of the new year, this time looking at **'The Whispering Muse'** by **Laura Purcell** - all are welcome, and please see **Helen Emery** for more details. And then for **Book Club** on **Sunday 2nd February**, we'll share books we've enjoyed by someone who isn't best known for writing books (celebrities, sports stars, musicians etc) - so do get your thinking caps on!

We've got lots of **groups and activities** on offer over the coming weeks to keep those winter blues at bay! **Creating Space** is at 10am-12pm on **Saturday 25th January**, with the return of crochet queen **Lisa McKeown** for another crafting session! Do sign up in the foyer, or see **Lisa** or **Lesley Boulton** for more details. The following day, **Games Club: Cakes & Ladders** takes place at **6pm** on **Sunday 26th January** - a great evening of table-top games and snacks in good company. Please see **Ian McKeown** for more information. And then **Watercolour Dabblers** makes



For more details, please see Lesley Boulton & sign up sheets in the foyer



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(or beginner!) artists. **Spaces are limited**, so do please sign up in the foyer for this popular group, and please see **Chris Hill** (07888 730492) for more details. And then some super-advance notice, as on **Saturday 5th April**, Irish folk band **Gan Teideal** will be playing a concert here at St John's in aid of **Light For Children**. Tickets will be available soon, costing £8, which includes light refreshments. For more details, and to find out more about Light For Children, please see **Brian Buckley**, **Mike Emery** or **Trish McElroy** - thank you.



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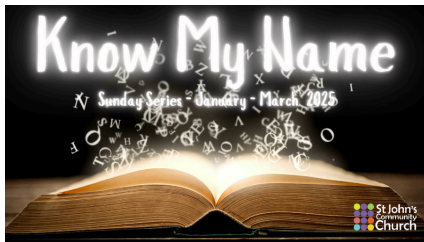
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Our **refreshments** time after our Sunday service is good time for folks to share, catch up, make friends and generally 'be' church together - it's therefore a valued and important part of our Sunday gathering. However, we could really do with a number of **new people to join the refreshments team please**, especially as many of the existing team are also committed to either playing in the band or leading children's groups. It involves helping to serve drinks and wash up on a rota'd basis, ideally every 6 weeks or so. If you could help by offering your time in this way, that'd be much appreciated - please let **Matt Wallace** know if so and we'll gladly add you to the friendly team! Thank you!



2025 brings with it the need for us to **renew our electoral roll**, which is the church membership scheme we have. All those who have been baptised and regularly attend services or live in our parish (Chase Terrace and Boney Hay) are welcome to be on the electoral roll, and it's a helpful way for us and the Diocese to keep tabs on the number of folks who consider St John's to be their church. Those on the electoral roll can **stand for election to the PCC** (the Trustees of the church) and vote at our **Annual Meeting**, and it's the way we collect contact details so that all those who wish to can be included in our printed **church directory** (a new edition will be out later this year). If you're happy to join the electoral roll, please **fill out a form** (copies are out on your chair, in the foyer, or available to download from the church website under the '[About-Forms](#)' tab) and give to **Matt, Nigel, Marg or Marie** - thank you.



We'll be starting a **new Sunday series** of talks from next week called '**Know My Name**', looking at the importance that names have in the Bible and in life in general. We'll explore, amongst other things, some of the names of God, the



significance of names given to people and places, and how names can inform our prayer life. The hope is it'll be a helpful series, and as usual, all the talks will be available on our [YouTube channel](#). And if you'd like to join or find out more about our **house groups** - small groups that meet regularly midweek to study the Bible, pray, support and generally share life together! - do please see **Sharon Broomhall** for more details. Thank you!

What's On...

For info on services and groups, please visit our website at www.stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk, or see our [Facebook page](#), and check out our [YouTube channel](#) for a range of talks from services - thank you.

Sunday 5th January 2025

10.00 - 11.15 Sunday Service
18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

Monday 6th January

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 7th January

09.00 - 12.00 BLAST Parents Support
10.00 - 12.00 Daytime House Group
13.30 - 15.30 3C's Craft Group
17.30 - 20.30 Fitness Pilates

Wednesday 8th January

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba
12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends
19.00 - 21.00 Harvesters House Group

Thursday 9th January

09.15 - 11.15 Little Friends

Friday 10th January

09.40 - 10.40 Diddi Dance

Saturday 11th January

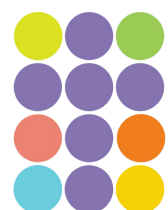
09.00 - 12.00 BLAST Club

Sunday 12th January

10.00 - 11.15 Sunday Service
13.00 - 13.30 Baptism of Reeva Webster

Coming Up...

Mon 13th Jan 6pm: F'n'F#1
Mon 13th Jan 7pm: PCC Standing Cttee
Wed 15th Jan 12.45pm: Little Friends
Thu 16th Jan 09.15am: Little Friends
Thu 16th Jan 7.30pm: F'n'F#2
Sun 19th Jan 10am: Baptism of David & Archer
Mon 20th Jan 1.30pm: Funeral for Rachel Williams
Sat 25th Jan 10am: Creating Space
Sun 26th Jan 6pm: Games Club - Cakes & Ladders
Sat 1st Feb 10am: Watercolour Dabblers
Sat 5th April 7.30pm: Gan Teideal Concert
Sat 28th July 11am: Play In The Park



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