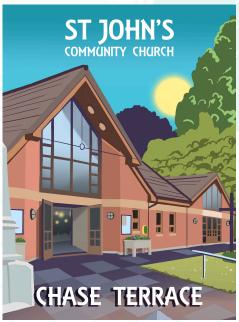
Sunday 4th May 2025

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...



In our 10am service today, Matt is leading us through, and is speaking on the significance of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. We'll have a chance to sing and to pray, with the prayer team available too. For younger ones, we've got our Sunday Stars and The Mess





groups on offer, with **refreshments** served after the service, so do stick around if you can for a drink and catch up. And then this evening at **6.30pm**, we've got **Book Club** - this month looking at **'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn**. All are welcome for a relaxed and enjoyable evening of drinks, snacks and literary conversation! Please see **Helen Emery** or **Sharon Broomhall** for more details - thank you.

In our 10am service next Sunday 11th May, 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 or 07855 960179, or drop them in to the Church Office in an envelope marked 'Question Time'. Thank you!





We'll be gathering at **Aashiq's** (16 Cannock Rd, Burntwood WS7 0BJ - off Swan Island) for **Curry Club** at **6pm** next **Sunday 11**th **May**. If you'd like to come, please sign up in the foyer. It's **£18** a head, payable on the night, and includes a popadom with dips, any starter, any main (including specials), a side of rice/nan, plus coffee or ice cream. Feel free to bring your own soft/alcoholic drinks too - hopefully see you there!

Watercolour Dabblers, our relaxed painting group for all abilities, is back for another Saturday morning session at 10am-12pm on Saturday 14th June. It's an opportunity to unleash your inner artist in a friendly and supportive environment, and a nice chance to get to know 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.





Our **refreshments** time after our Sunday service is great chance for folks to share, catch up and make friends. However, we could do with a number of **new people to join the refreshments team please**. 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!





Singing For Health & Wellbeing meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1.45pm-3pm. No singing skills required - it's more about enjoying the proven, all-round benefits of communal singing in a relaxed environment. All are welcome, do please feel free to just turn up, or get in touch with Barbara Langley (07583 531786) or Kat McHale who are overseeing the sessions for more details.





Little Friends is our baby and toddler group, with sessions at 12.45pm on Wednesday afternoon and 9.15am on Thursday morning, full of toys, crafts, singing and snacks! Although our Thursday session is at capacity, there are some spaces available to join on a Wednesday - if you'd be interested in bringing your little one(s) along, please speak to Gemma Wallace (07980 653083). Thank you.

As part of our **Annual Meeting** last week, **our treasurer J** gave a helpful report on our finances, which is available to catch up with on our **YouTube channel**, with the written Annual Report available on our **church website**. We're **very grateful indeed** to all who give money to St John's - as a registered charity (1131458), we're reliant on people's



financial support to enable us to do what we do! **Giving financially** is a key way in which we can express our worship to God and our commitment to our church community. All church members are encouraged to give, and all gifts, whether large or small, regular or infrequent, are **much appreciated and carefully managed** by the PCC. However, if you think of St John's as your church, **do please consider starting or raising your regular giving**, as having a regular income is really helpful for us as a church in setting our budget for future plans and activities. We don't take a collection during the service, but many folks give regularly by standing order. Others give cash (on the plate in the worship area), or use the contactless giving unit in the

foyer. You can also give to St John's through the QR code (right) if you're familiar with that technology! As a charity, we can reclaim tax on donations through the gift aid scheme. If you're a taxpayer, all of your giving can be boosted by an extra 20% (at no cost to you). Do please therefore register for free by filling in a gift aid form, available in the foyer or from the 'About-Forms' page on our church website and return that to Marie in the church office - thank you very much. For standing orders or one-off bank transfers, our church bank account details are:



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 - thank you.

Sunday 4th May

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

Bank Monday 5th May

17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Tuesday 6th May

13.30 - 15.30 3C's Craft Group

13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Health & Wellbeing

17.30 - 20.30 Fitness Pilates

19.30 - 21.30 Burntwood Chase Heritage

Wednesday 7th May 10.00 - 11.00 Zumba Wednesday 7th May (continued)

12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends

19.00 - 21.00 Harvesters House Group

Thursday 8th May

09.15 - 11.15 Little Friends

16.30 - 19.30 US Girls

19.30 - 21.00 F'n'F#2

Friday 9th May

09.40 - 10.40 Diddi Dance

Sunday 11th May

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

12.00 - 13.00 Understanding English Class

Sunday 11th May (continued)

18.00 - 21.00 Curry Club @ Aashiq's

Monday 12th May

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 - 14.30 Boney Hay School Visit

14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point

17.30 - 20.30 Slimming World

18.00 - 19.30 F'n'F#1



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