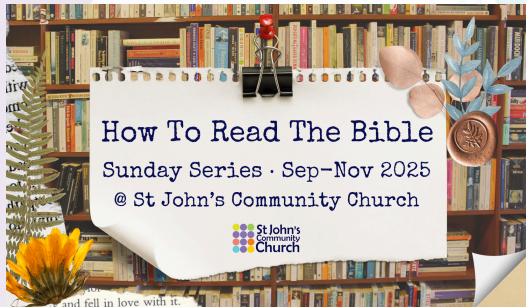


Sunday 5th October 2025

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 this morning, **Matt** is leading as we share in **Communion**. We're continuing our Sunday series on 'How To Read The Bible', with **Laura** speaking, while we'll also have the chance to **pray** and **worship** in song together. Our regular **Sunday Stars** and **The Mess** groups for children and young people are on offer, as well as the **Prayer Team** being on hand to pray with folks. And then do stay for refreshments after the service too. This evening, **Book Club** is back at



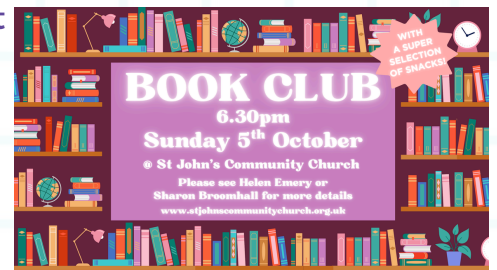
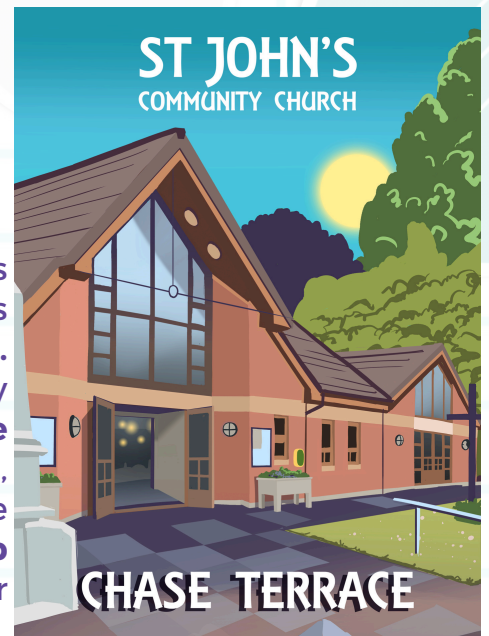
6.30pm. All are welcome, with the topic being favourite **autobiographies**, so do feel free to come and share yours, or be inspired by the choices of others! And then in a connected



option, all are invited to join in **The Big Church Read**, which is a national project which draws people together to read

through the same book at the same time, and their book for October is '**The Greatest Story Ever Told**' by **Bear Grylls**. **November 2nd's Book Club** will be chatting about it - however, if you prefer your reading in smaller chunks, then there will be **five Thursday evening meet ups** at **Helen and Neil Emery's house**, using The Big Church Read video to discuss one chapter at a time. Dates are **16th, 23rd, 30th** October, and then **6th** and **13th November**. All are welcome - please let **Helen Emery** (07939 810516) know if you'd like to come along. Thank you!

The Orchard Conference aims 'to empower women to love, follow and serve Jesus boldly in every age stage and season of life'. Held at **The ICC in Birmingham** next **Saturday 11th October**, some women from St John's are going along for this one day event. If you'd like more details, or want to arrange to meet others at the event, please speak to **Helen Emery** - and if you'd like tickets, please visit theorchardwomen.com - thank you!



THE ORCHARD



Light For Children, who do great work with children and young people in Romania and are one of the charities we support, are hosting a **Quiz Night** here at St John's at **7.30pm** on **Friday 17th October**. With quizmaster John Nicholls, it's sure to be a top time of teasing team trivia! Tickets are £8, and available from **Brian Buckley** or **Mike Emery** - cakes and hot drinks included, or bring your own soft/alcoholic beverages!

All of our **Sunday** and **Monday service talks** are available on our St John's Community Church **YouTube channel**, including this latest Sunday series on 'How To Read The Bible', so do feel free to catch up if you miss a service. Likewise, you can download a range of talks from various series on the [Media](#) page of our [church website](#).



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We know it's only just October, but our plans for Christmas(!) are gearing up, with our **Christmas Fayre** taking place from **12-3pm** on **Saturday 29th November**. It's always a fantastic day, so if you fancy helping out this year, whether with setting up, on a stall, in the kitchen, or with serving, that would be great! There's a **Christmas Fayre planning meeting** taking place at **7pm** on **Tuesday 14th October**, to which all are welcome, so do feel free to just turn up, or please see **Kay Gascoigne** for more details. Other diary dates include evenings for **wrapping gifts** on **Tuesday 18th November**, and **sorting donations** on **Tuesday 25th November**. If you can begin to sort out and put aside at home any **donations** of gifts, books, toys etc, that would be much appreciated, and these can be brought into church from **Sunday 16th November** please. Most of all, do come along for all the festive fun of the fayre on 29th November!



Some advance dates for your diary of groups coming up: **Games Club** returns at **6pm** on **Sunday 26th October** for another night of friendly and fun games (and cakes!) - please see **Ian McKeown** for details. **Creating Space** is back at **10am** on **Saturday 1st November**, this time with a morning of wreath making, so please sign up on the sheet in the foyer, or see **Lesley Boulton** for more info. And then our next **Watercolour Dabblers** is at **10am** on **Saturday 8th November** - all abilities are welcome for a morning of artistry, so again, please see sign up in the foyer or see **Chris Hill**. Thank you!



Our monthly **Prayer Hour** is back at **1pm** on **Saturday 1st November** - a chance to gather to pray for the needs of our church and community. Whether said out loud or in the quiet, all are welcome to come for a relaxed but focussed time of prayer. It takes place on the first Saturday of each month, so feel free to just turn up, or speak to **Karen Procter** for more details - thank you.



What's On...

For info on services and what's happening in general, please ring Marie in the Church Office on 01543 670078, visit our website www.stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk, our [Facebook](#) page, and check out our [YouTube channel](#) for a range of talks - thank you.

Sunday 5th October

10.00 - 11.15 10am Service
12.00 - 13.00 Understanding English Class
18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

Monday 6th October

10.00 - 10.30 10am Monday Service
10.30 - 12.30 The Drop Inn & Talking Point
14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Tuesday 7th October

13.30 - 15.30 3C's Craft Group
13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Health & Wellbeing
17.30 - 20.15 Fitness Pilates
19.30 - 20.30 French Lessons

Tuesday 7th October (cont.)

19.30 - 21.30 Burntwood Chase Heritage
19.30 - 21.30 Tuesday House Group

Wednesday 8th October

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

Thursday 9th October

09.15 - 11.15 Little Friends
16.30 - 19.30 US Girls
19.30-21.00 F'n'F

Friday 10th October

09.40 - 10.40 Diddi Dance

Sunday 12th October

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

Coming Up...

Mon 13th Oct 11.15am - Chase View Service
Fri 17th Oct 7.30pm - Light For Children Quiz Night
Fri 24th Oct 7pm - Deanery Prayer Drive @ Christ Church
Sun 26th Oct 6pm - Games Club
Sat 1st Nov 10am - Creating Space Wreath Making
Mon 3rd Nov 7pm - PCC Standing Cttee
Sat 8th Nov 10am - Watercolour Dabblers
Sun 9th Nov 10.45am - Remembrance Sunday
Mon 17th Nov 7pm - PCC Meeting
Sat 29th Nov 12-3pm - Christmas Fayre
Sun 14th Dec 6pm - Carol Service
Wed 24th Dec 4.30pm - Christmas Special
Thu 25th Dec 10am - Christmas Day Service
Thu 25th Dec 1pm - Christmas Lunch

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