

Sunday 30th November 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...



We're beginning the season of **Advent** - a time of waiting and preparation for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. In our **10am service** this morning, **Helen is leading, Laura is speaking, and Steve and**

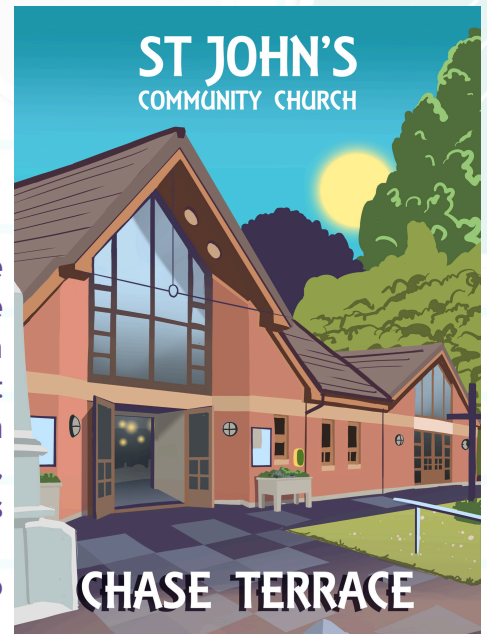
the band are leading our **sung worship**. We'll have time to **pray**, and the **prayer team** are available both during and after the service if you'd like to talk and pray with someone. Our **Sunday Stars** and **The Mess** groups for children and young people are on offer during the service, and then if you can, do stay around for **refreshments** after the service to chat and catch up with people - and if you're new, it's a good way to begin to get know folks!

We're very much looking forward to celebrating Christmas here at St John's, and there are a variety of services and events to come along to! At **6pm** on **Sunday 14th December**, we've got our atmospheric **Carols by Candlelight** service. All are welcome for what promises to be a special evening as we gather to sing and reflect on Jesus' coming to be God With Us. In order to enable and encourage as many who'd like to come as possible, **there's no 10am morning service that Sunday** - back to normal with our 10am service the following week on **Sunday 21st December** though!



On **Christmas Eve** at **4.30pm** all are invited to come along to our **Christmas Special** - a fun and festive time for all ages! All are welcome to join in (no pressure to, though!) with our **no-rehearsal, dress-up nativity**, so feel free to come in your own costume or borrow one from us on the day! It's a great way to get in the Christmas spirit, and with a few surprises thrown in, it'd be great to see you on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm!

On **Christmas Day** at **10am**, we'll be gathering for an hour for our **Christmas Day All Age Celebration** - a relaxed and joyful service which will include plenty of carols, time to pray, the invitation to share in Communion, and above all the chance to celebrate the birth of Jesus together! And if you fancy bringing along a present to show us what Santa has brought you, that'd be smashing! All are welcome, so if you're free, hopefully see you on Christmas morning!



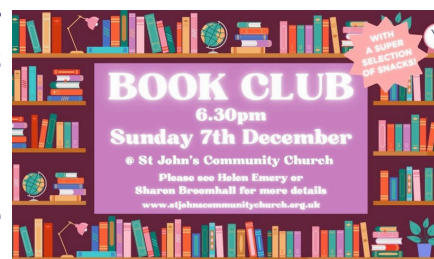


We're delighted to once again be hosting a **Christmas Day Lunch** for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. **A big team of helpers is always appreciated**, so whether you could offer an hour on Christmas Day morning from 11am, or stay for the day (the lunch runs from 1pm-3pm), that'd be great, and **all helpers get a Christmas lunch as well!** If you're up for helping in some way, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer, where there are also items you can put your name down to provide/donate - thank you! Equally, if **you or those known to you would like to come** as a guest on the day, we'd be really pleased to have you with us! and you'd be most welcome! If so, please give your details to **Marie** in the church office (01543 670078) or speak to **Kay Gascoigne** - thank you!



Prayer Hour meets for a final time this year at **1pm** next **Saturday 6th December**. It's an opportunity to share and pray for our church, community and beyond to which all are welcome, and please see **Karen Procter** for more info. And then **Book Club** is back for a Christmas-themed special on **Sunday 7th December at 6.30pm**.

There'll be food and festive games, and if you'd like to wrap up a book for our surprise gift book swap, then feel free! All are welcome - see **Helen Emery** or **Sharon Broomhall** for details.



We've bought **ten new chairs with armrests**, primarily with those with mobility needs in mind who might appreciate more support when seated. The chairs are dotted around our worship area and hall, but **if you'd like a chair with armrests**, please see our church wardens **Marg** or **Nigel**, and we'll gladly find you one so you can sit where you'd like to! Thank you.



On **Sunday 4th January 2026**, we're delighted to be baptising **Seth Chantler** as part of our 10am Sunday service! Following the service, **Emily, Mitch, Eva and Seth** are kindly providing a **buffet lunch** for us all, which all are invited to stay for - so do put the date in your diary as it'll be a lovely way to start 2026 together!

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 and songs - thank you.

Monday 1st December

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 2nd December

13.30 - 15.30 3C's Craft Group
13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Wellbeing
17.30 - 20.15 Fitness Pilates
19.00 - 21.00 House Group
19.30 - 21.30 Burntwood Heritage

Wednesday 3rd December

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba
12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends

Wednesday 3rd December (cont.)

19.00 - 21.00 Harvester's House Group

Thursday 4th December

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

Friday 5th December

09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance

Saturday 6th December

13.00 - 14.00 Prayer Hour

Sunday 7th December

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service
12.00 - 13.00 St John's English Academy
18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

Coming Up...

Sun 14th Dec 6pm - Carols By Candlelight Service
Mon 15th Dec 10.30am - Drop Inn Christmas Singalong
Tue 16th Dec 10am & 2pm - Chase Terrace School Christmas
Wed 17th Dec 10am & 2pm - Holly Grove School Christmas
Thursday 18th Dec 1.45pm - Boney Hay School Christmas
Wed 24th Dec 4.30pm - Christmas Special
Thu 25th Dec 10am - Christmas Day Service
Thu 25th Dec 1pm - Christmas Lunch
Sun 28th Dec 10.15am - Joint Service @ St Anne's
Sun 4th Jan 2026 10am - Baptism of Seth Chantler + Lunch
Fri 6th & Sat 7th Mar 2026 - Godspell - The Musical

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