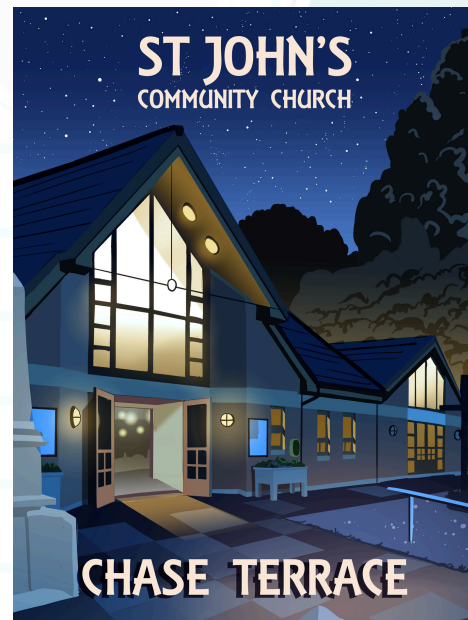


Sunday 14th December 2025

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...



Although there's no 10am morning service today, we'll be getting well and truly into the Christmas spirit at 6pm this evening as we gather for our atmospheric **Carols by Candlelight** service!



All are welcome for what should be a special evening as we

sing together and reflect on Jesus' coming to be God With Us. **Matt** is leading us through, with **Ian** sharing a seasonal reflection, and **John** and the band leading our sung worship. Do stay for drinks and mince pies straight after the service... And then all are invited to pop down the road to **The Victoria Inn** for our **Pub Club** tonight, meeting from around **7.30pm** or so for a pre-Christmas drink or three! If you can make it, hopefully see you there!



There's no Monday service tomorrow (15th December) as we've got school concerts all this week, but we're very much looking forward to **The Drop Inn** at 10.30am! Alongside all the usual drinks, cakes, snacks and friendly faces, we'll be having a **Christmas singalong** of carols and yuletide favourites! All are welcome for a fun morning at what will be the last Drop Inn of the year - we'll be back on **Monday 5th January 2026!**



On **Christmas Eve** at 4.30pm all are invited to come along to our **Christmas Special** - a really 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 cracking way to get in the mood for Christmas, 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, it'd be lovely to see you on Christmas morning.





We're really pleased 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

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 delighted to have you with us, although spaces are filling up quickly, so do please give your details as soon as possible to **Marie** in the church office (01543 670078) or speak to **Kay Gascoigne** (07711 064053) - thank you!

On **Sunday 21st December**, we'll be gathering for our regular **10am Sunday service**, with Laura leading, Kim speaking, Hazel and the band leading our sung worship, and special Christmas parties for our Sunday Stars and The Mess groups for children and young people. On **Sunday 28th December**, there's **no service here at St John's** as instead we'll be meeting with other churches from our local team for a joint service at **10.15am at St Anne's, Chasetown**. We're back here at St John's to start the new year together at **10am on Sunday 4th January**, when alongside time to



look back at the past year and think about 2026, we'll be baptising Seth Chantler. Following the service, Emily, Mitch, Eva and Seth are kindly providing a **buffet lunch** for us all, which everyone is invited to stay for - lovely stuff! And then our **Monday service has now finished for 2025**, but we'll be back for a new year at **10am on Monday 5th January**, so if you fancy a gentle, relaxed half hour service on Mondays in 2026, we'd love to see you! For more info, do please check out our [website](#), see Matt, or give Marie a ring in the church office on 01543 670078.



Dates for your new 2026 diary! **Winter Warmer** - a fundraising afternoon of cakes and crumpets on **Saturday 31st January**, and the musical **Godspell** on **Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March!** Tickets on sale in the new year!



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.

Sunday 14th December - *No 10am Service*

18.00 - 19.00 Carols By Candlelight Service
19.30 - 22.00 Pub Club

Monday 15th December - *No 10am Service*

09.30 - 15.00 Chase Terrace Rehearsal
10.30 - 12.30 The Drop Inn & Singalong!
14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Tuesday 16th December

10.00 & 14.00 Chase Terrace School Concert
17.30 - 20.15 Fitness Pilates

Wednesday 17th December

10.00 & 14.00 Holly Grove School Concert

Thursday 18th December

13.45 - 14.45 Boney Hay School Concert
16.30 - 19.30 US Girls

19.30 - 21.00 F'n'F

Friday 19th December

09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance

Sunday 21st December

10.00 - 11.15 - 10am Sunday Service

Monday 22nd December

14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Christmas Eve - 24th December

16.30 - 17.30 Christmas Special - Nativity

Christmas Day - 25th December

10.00 - 11.00 Christmas Day Service
13.00 - 15.00 Christmas Day Lunch

Sunday 28th December

10.15 - 11.15 Service at St Anne's, Chasetown
Monday 29th December

17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Saturday 3rd January

13.00 - 14.00 Prayer Hour

Sunday 4th January

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service with Seth's Baptism
12.00 - 14.00 Buffet Lunch, courtesy of the Chantlers!
18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

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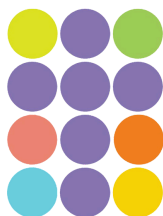
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