

Sunday 21st & 28th December 2025

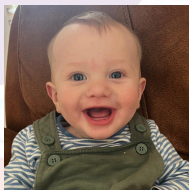
A very warm welcome to St John's Community Church. Whether this is your first time with us, or you've been part of our church for some time, it's great to see you...



This **Sunday 21st December**, we're 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 children and young people in their **Sunday Stars** and **The Mess** groups. And then 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** (Church St, WS7 3QL).



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!



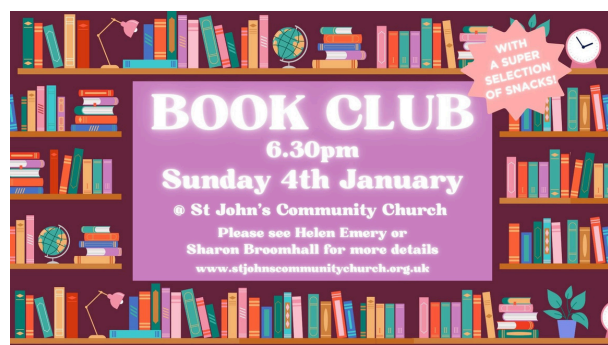
Before 2026 though, we've got lots of Christmas festivities to enjoy! On **Christmas Eve at 4.30pm** all are invited to come along to our **Christmas Special** - a really fun and festive time for all ages! All are welcome to join in (no pressure to, though!) with our **no-rehearsal, dress-up nativity**, so feel free to come in your own costume or borrow one from us on the day! With a few surprises thrown in for good measure, **it'd be great to see you on Christmas Eve!**

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 looking forward to hosting our **Christmas Day Lunch** for those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. **Many thanks indeed** to all who have signed up to help and/or bring food items in - there are a few bits left to offer to donate, but we're nearly there! **We've got a lovely crowd of folks coming as guests on the day** - always room for few more though! So if you or those known to you would like to come for Christmas lunch, do please speak to **Marie** in the church office (01543 670078) or **Kay Gascoigne** (07711 064053).





Book Club is back on the first Sunday of 2026 at **6.30pm on Sunday 4th January**, when we'll be sharing books we've enjoyed that are set in another country. All are welcome for a relaxed and friendly evening of conversation (with snacks and cakes!) For more info, please see **Helen Emery** or **Sharon Broomhall**. And then the next day, **Monday 5th January**, our **10am Monday Service** returns, followed by a new year of tea, coffee, cake and chat at **The Drop Inn** from **10.30am**. Again, all are welcome to the service or The Drop Inn - but many make a morning of it and come to both!



Some more dates for your new 2026 diary! **Light For Children** are hosting a **Winter Warmer** fundraising afternoon from **2pm-4pm on Saturday 31st January**. With hot chocolate, crumpets, toasted teacakes, tea, coffee and cake, it should be a delicious day! **Tickets cost £5**, and are available from **Brian Buckley** or **Mike Emery**, or please see **Marie** in the church office, And please visit www.lightforchildren.org.uk to find out more about the great work they do in Romania.

We're really looking forward to hosting the musical **Godspell** for two nights on **Friday 6th March** and **Saturday 7th March**. With some fantastic songs, a live band, and featuring various members of local musical societies all expertly coordinated by John Nicholls, it promises to provide two thoroughly entertaining evenings! **Tickets cost £10** and are available from **Marg** and **John Nicholls**, or **Marie** in the church office, with all profits helping to fund our community work as a church. Thank you.



What's On...

Most activities take a break for Christmas until the New Year, but 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 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 2026

13.00 - 14.00 Prayer Hour

Sunday 4th January

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service + Seth's Baptism

12.00 - 14.00 Buffet Lunch, courtesy of the Chantlers!

18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

Monday 5th January

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 6th January

13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Health & Wellbeing

17.30 - 20.15 Fitness Pilates

Tuesday 8th January (continued)

19.00 - 21.00 Tuesday House Group

Wednesday 7th January

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba

12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends

19.00 - 21.00 Harvesters House Group

Thursday 8th January

09.15 - 11.15 Little Friends

16.00 - 19.00 US Girls

19.30 - 21.00 F'n'F

Friday 9th January

09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance

Sunday 11th January

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

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