

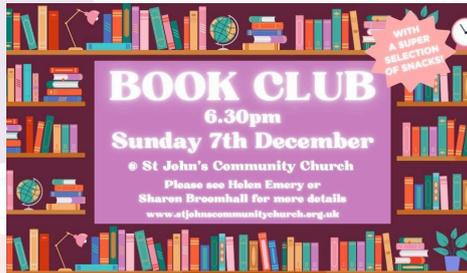
Sunday 7th December 2025

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...

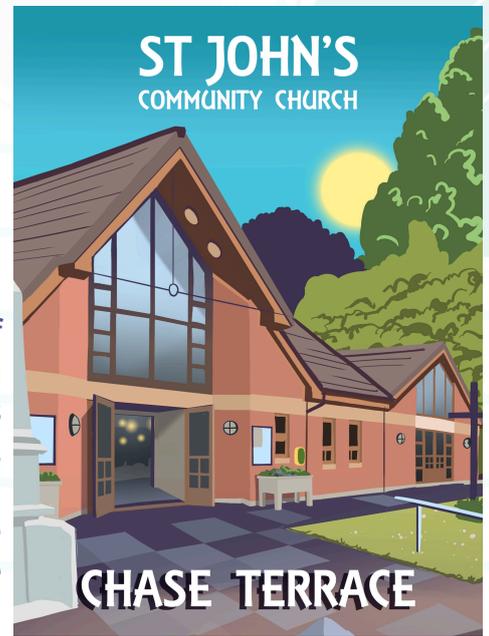


We're in the season of **Advent** - a time of waiting and preparation for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. In our **10am service** this morning, **Matt is leading and speaking, with Al, Kat and the band** leading our

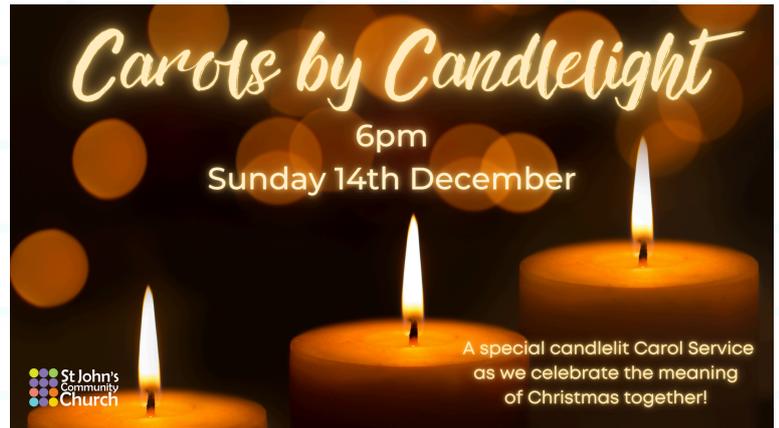
sung worship. We'll also be sharing in **Communion**, with time to **pray**, and the **prayer team** are available during and after the service if you'd like to pray with someone. Our **Sunday Stars**



and **The Mess** groups for children and young people are on offer during the service, and if you can, do stay around for **refreshments** after the service too! And then **tonight at 6.30pm, Book Club** is back for a **Christmas-themed special!** 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.



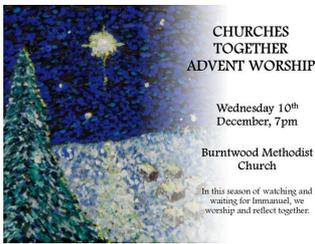
We're very much looking forward to celebrating Christmas here at St John's, and there are a variety of services and events to come along to! At **6pm next Sunday 14th December**, we've got our atmospheric **Carols by Candlelight** service. All are welcome for what promises to be a special evening as we gather to sing and reflect on Jesus' coming to be God With Us. After the service, we'll be popping down the road to **The Victoria Inn** for a suitably festive



Pub Club, so if you fancy making a night of it, it'd be great to see you there from around **7.30pm** or so! And just a reminder that in order to enable and encourage as many who'd like to come to the Carol Service as possible, there's **no 10am morning service next Sunday 14th December** - but we'll be back with our 10am service the following week on **Sunday 21st December** for our last Sunday service of the year at St John's!

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 Christmas spirit, and with a few surprises thrown in, **it'd be great to see you on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm!**





Churches Together In Burntwood are holding a joint service of **Advent Worship** at **7pm** this **Wednesday 10th December** at **Burntwood Methodist Church** (Cannock Road, near Swan Island, Burntwood WS7 0BJ). All are welcome to a special service of unity and praise as folks from various churches across our town gather to mark the Advent season together. For more details, please see **Linda Hood** - thank you.

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... And then 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 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** - thank you!



We're really looking forward to baptising **Seth Chantler** as part of our 10am Sunday service on **Sunday 4th January 2026!** Following the service, **Emily, Mitch, Eva and Seth** are kindly providing a **buffet lunch** for us all, which everyone is 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 8th December

10.00 - 10.30 10am Monday Service
10.30 - 12.30 The Drop Inn & Talking Point
11.15 - 12.00 Chase View Service
12.30 - 14.30 Wardens & Clergy Meeting
14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World
19.30 - 21.30 Creative Community Choir

Tuesday 9th December

13.30 - 15.30 3C's Craft Group
14.00 - 16.00 Mothers' Union Meeting
13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Wellbeing
17.30 - 20.15 Fitness Pilates
19.00 - 21.00 House Group

Wednesday 10th December

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba
12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends
19.00 - 21.30 House Group Meal

Thursday 11th December

09.15 - 11.15 Little Friends
16.30 - 19.30 US Girls
19.30 - 21.00 F'n'F (Bowling trip)

Friday 12th December

09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance
14.00 - 15.15 Holly Grove Concert - Rehearsal

Saturday 13th December

09.00 - 16.00 BLAST Christmas Event

Sunday 14th December - *No 10am Service*

18.00 - 19.00 Carols By Candlelight Service
20.00 - 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 Christmas 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 Christmas Concert
16.30 - 19.30 US Girls
19.30 - 21.00 F'n'F

Friday 19th December

09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance

Coming Up:

Sun 21st Dec 10am - Sunday Service
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 Service + Seth's Baptism

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