

# Sunday 25th January 2026

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** today, **Marie** is **leading** and alongside **Laura** will be helping us to think and pray creatively around the whole area of encouragement. We'll have a chance to worship God in **song**, and the **prayer team** are available to share and pray with. Our **Sunday Stars** and **The Mess** groups are on offer for children and young people. **Refreshments** are served after the service too, so do stick around for a chat and catch up over drinks and snacks if you can!



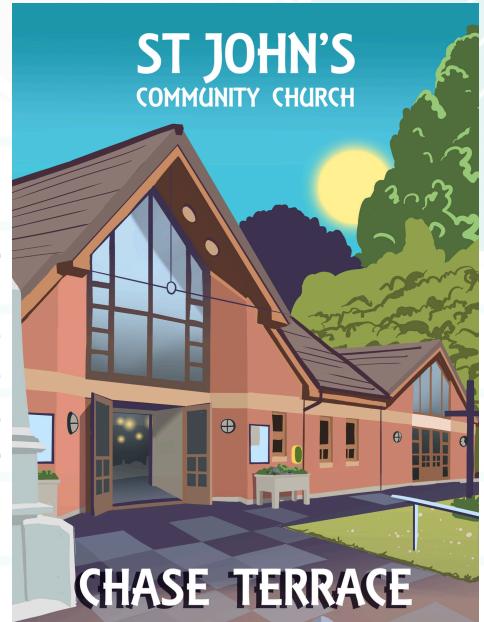
And just an update on **Matt Wallace**, our vicar - he's planning on being back back with us next Sunday following a couple of weeks recuperating from back problems, when we'll be starting a new series exploring what some of our **Values** as a church will hopefully be going forward.

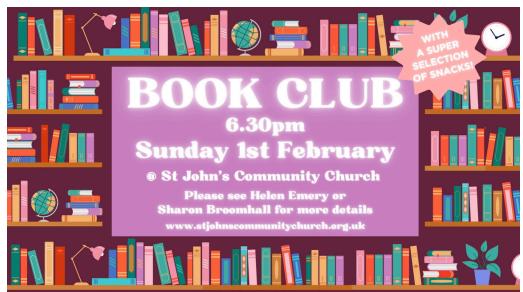
**Games Club: Cakes & Ladders** is back tonight at **6pm** for another fun evening where a warm welcome awaits! A variety of board and card games of different themes and styles will be on offer for all tastes and abilities, along with the finest of cakes and snacks to keep people fuelled! It's a relaxed and friendly evening - feel free to just turn up, or please have a chat with **Ian McKeown** (07494 913670) for more details.



**Light For Children** are hosting a **Winter Warmer** fundraising afternoon from **2pm-4pm** this **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**. **Light for Children** are also holding their **AGM** here at St John's at **7.30pm** on **Monday 2nd February** - an opportunity to hear about the great work they do in Romania, and find out about plans for the year ahead. All are welcome - and in the meantime, please visit [www.lightforchildren.org.uk](http://www.lightforchildren.org.uk) to find out more about **Light For Children**. Thank you.

We're really looking forward to hosting **Godspell: The Musical** for two nights on **Friday 6th March** and **Saturday 7th March**. **Godspell** is a musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew, focusing on Jesus' teachings and parables through an energetic, modern lens, featuring a troupe of colourful players who learn about love, kindness, and community while encountering Jesus - culminating in his crucifixion and resurrection themes. 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.





**Book Club** is back at **6.30pm** next **Sunday 1st February** - our monthly chance to gather to chat (and snack!) around a particular book or literary theme. This coming session, we'll be reflecting on '**Lessons in Chemistry**' by Bonnie Garmus (which is also available as a mini series on Apple TV). All are welcome - please just turn up, or see **Helen Emery or Sharon Broomhall** for more details.

**Prayer Hour** takes place on the **first Saturday of each month**, with the next gathering happening at **1pm-2pm** on **Saturday 7th February**. It's a chance to meet together to pray for the needs of our church and community. All are welcome for a relaxed but focussed time of prayer - please see **Karen Procter** to find out more. Thank you.



**Singing For Health & Wellbeing** is our group that meets each **Tuesday afternoon** from **1.45pm-3pm** here at St John's. No singing skills are required or expected - it's more about enjoying the proven, all-round benefits of communal singing in a relaxed, friendly environment. Please just turn up, or feel free to get in touch with **Barbara Langley (07583 531786)** or **Kat McHale** who are overseeing the sessions for more info - thank you.

We'll be offering **full-immersion baptism** as part of our **10am service on Easter Sunday 5th April** - a chance to be baptised or to re-affirm baptism vows in our baptistry pool, or if you'd prefer, at the font. It's a life-shaping decision and a special experience which is open to all - a unique way for people to publicly declare their faith in Jesus and for us to pray for God's Spirit to be with them. If you haven't been baptised before, or if you've been baptised or christened (it means the same thing) in your younger years and would like to publicly claim the promises made on your behalf for yourself, do **please have a chat with Laura, our curate, or Matt, our vicar** - 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](http://www.stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk), our [Facebook](#) page, and check out our [YouTube channel](#) for a range of talks and songs - thank you.

#### Sunday 25th January

- 10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service
- 13.00 - 13.30 Baptism of Kayce Andrews
- 18.00 - 21.00 Games Club

**Monday 26th 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
- 19.00 - 21.00 PCC Meeting
- 19.30 - 21.30 Creative Community Choir
- 19.30 - 21.30 Godspell Rehearsal

**Tuesday 27th January**

- 13.30 - 15.30 3C's Craft Group
- 13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Wellbeing

#### Tuesday 27th January (continued)

- 17.30 - 20.15 Fitness Pilates
- 19.00 - 21.00 House Group

**Wednesday 28th January**

- 10.00 - 11.00 Zumba
- 12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends

**Thursday 29th January**

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

**Friday 30th January**

- 09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance
- 13.00 - 15.00 Mind Matters Burntwood

**Saturday 31st January**

- 14.00 - 16.00 Winter Warmer

#### Sunday 1st February

- 10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service
- 18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

**Coming Up:**

- Mon 2nd Feb 7.30pm - LFC AGM
- Sat 7th Feb 1pm - Prayer Hour
- Sun 22nd Feb 12pm - English Academy
- Mon 23rd Feb 11.15am - Chase View Service
- Fri 6th & Sat 7th Mar 2026 - Godspell: The Musical
- Sat 14th Mar 10am - Watercolour Dabblers
- Thu 2nd Apr 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri 3rd Apr 2pm - Good Friday Service
- Sun 5th Apr 10am - Easter Sunday Service + Baptisms
- Fri 15th May 7.30pm - Lichfield Rock Choir Concert
- Mon 27th July 11am-3pm - Play in the Park

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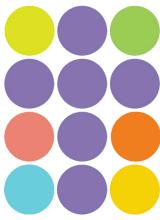
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