

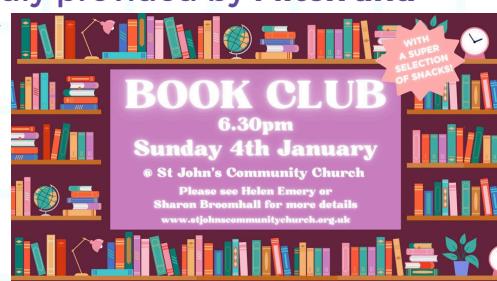
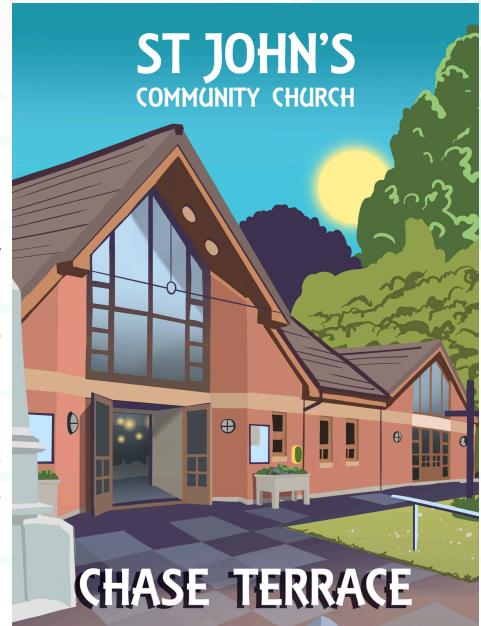
# Sunday 4th January 2026

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...



**Happy New Year** to you, and may you know God's love in new and deeper ways as 2026 unfolds. It's good to be back together as we start a new year of services! In our **10am service** today, Matt is leading us through, and we're delighted to be **baptising Seth Chantler** as part of our time this morning. Matt will also be helping us to reflect on the year we've had and what might lie ahead for us, both individually and collectively. Al and Kat are leading our **sung**

worship, and there'll be time to **pray**, with the **prayer team** available too. We've got a joint **Sunday Stars** session on offer for those up to Year 8, while those usually in The Mess will be staying in our service - Shooting Stars, Super Stars and The Mess are all back to normal next week. And then **do stay for lunch after our service** too - all kindly provided by **Mitch and Emily Chantler** as we celebrate Seth's big day - a lovely way to start the year! This evening, **Book Club** is back at **6.30pm**, with a chance to share books that we've enjoyed that are set in other countries, and sample some tasty snacks too! All are welcome tonight - please see **Helen Emery** or **Sharon Broomhall** for more details, with Book Club taking place on the first Sunday of each month going forward. Thank you.



## Values

### Kindness

Aspiring to live in ways of grace, empathy and compassion

### Humility

Acknowledging that we are all very much a work in progress

### Integrity

Trying to ensure that our conduct matches our character

### Openness

Aiming at being open to God, one another, and our wider community

### Generosity

Seeking to follow Jesus' command that it is more blessed to give than to receive

### Inclusion

Working to ensure everybody is not just welcomed but included in our shared life



The **PCC** (the elected Trustees of St John's) have been busy over recent months thinking and praying through what our **Values** as a church might be for 2026 and beyond. These values are broad principles of **who we want to be under God** - qualities and practices through which God can shape our identity and guide our shared life together. This morning, Matt will briefly introduce the **Six Values** we've settled on - **Kindness, Humility, Integrity, Openness, Generosity and Inclusion** - before unpacking each

one in more detail as part of our Sunday morning services during January and February.

**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](http://www.lightforchildren.org.uk) to find out more about the great work they do in Romania - thank you.



Members of local musical societies & Friends in Harmony present...



**7.30pm**  
**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**St John's Community Church**  
**Tickets: £10**  
**available from Church Office**  
A fundraiser for the work of St John's in our community  
**Godspell**  
Conceived and Originally Directed by JOHN-MICHAEL TEBELAK  
MUSIC AND NEW LYRICS BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

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.



Our **Monday service** is back at **10am tomorrow** (Monday 5th January) - a gentle half hour of music, reflection and prayer to which all are welcome. Following the service, **The Drop Inn** returns from **10.30am-12.30pm** - a lovely time of hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and friendly conversation. Again, all are welcome to the service or The Drop Inn - but many make a morning of it and come to both! **Talking Point** with Kathy Coe will also be available during Drop Inn, offering support to anybody with concerns about domestic violence and abuse.



**Little Friends** is our pre-school **baby and toddler group** which takes place every **Wednesday afternoon** and **Thursday morning** during term time. It's a great mix of **toys, crafts, singing, snacks and chat**, and is a friendly, fun session for parents, carers and their young ones! We've got a **handful of spaces available on each day**, so if you'd like to come or to find out more, do please speak to **Gemma Wallace** (07980 653083).



The funeral for **Gina Fowler**, a much-loved member of our congregation, is taking place **here at St John's at 1pm on Monday 12th January**. The church service will be followed by a short service of burial at Hammerwich Cemetery, on Burntwood Way, WS7 4XE. All are welcome as we give thanks for Gina, and commend her to her eternal home with Jesus. Do please keep all the family in your prayers at this sad time. 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 4th January

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

11.30 - 14.00 Shared Lunch

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

19.30 - 21.30 Godspell Rehearsal

#### Tuesday 6th January

13.30 - 15.30 3C's Craft Group

13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Wellbeing

#### Tuesday 6th January (continued)

17.30 - 20.15 Fitness Pilates

19.00 - 21.00 House Group

#### Wednesday 7th January

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba

12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends

19.00 - 21.00 Harvester's House Group

#### Thursday 8th January

09.15 - 11.15 Little Friends

16.30 - 19.30 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

#### Coming Up...

Mon 12th Jan 1pm - Funeral for Gina Fowler

Mon 12th Jan 7pm - PCC Standing Ctte

Fri 16th Jan 11.30am - Funeral for Carolyne Kent

Mon 19th Jan 11.15am - Chase View Service

Mon 26th Jan 7pm - PCC Meeting

Sat 31st Jan 2pm - Winter Warmer

Sat 7th Feb 1pm - Prayer Hour

Fri 6th & Sat 7th Mar 2026 - Godspell - The Musical

Fri 15th May 7.30pm - Lichfield Rock Choir Concert

Mon 27th July 11am-3pm - Play in the Park

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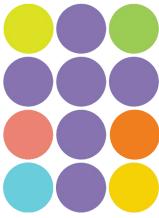
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