

Sundays 8th February 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...



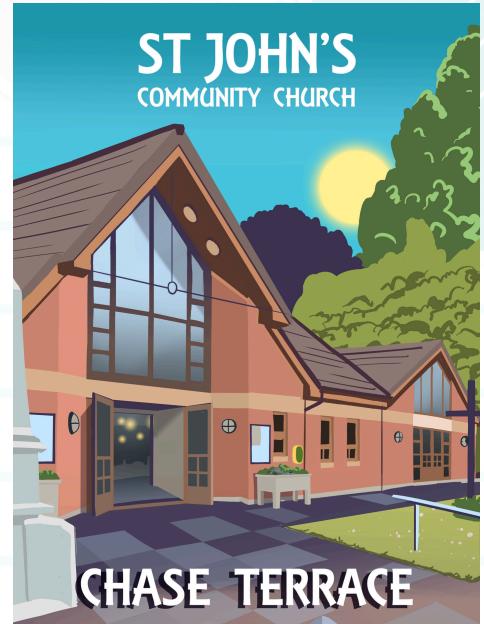
In our 10am service today, Marie is leading and Dave will be speaking as we start a new Sunday series called **One Body, One Church**. During this series, we'll be exploring our sense of

community, identity and belonging as the Body of Christ. We'll have time this morning for **sung worship** with Alex, Kat and the band, and time to **pray**, with the **prayer team** available. **Shooting Stars, Super Stars and The Mess** are on offer for children and young people, and there'll be **refreshments** served after the service too.



Just an **update on Matt**, our vicar, following another stay in hospital for him with back problems. He's home and recovering, but between physio, pain meds and taking things steady, he's been told it's likely to be **between 6-12 weeks** before he's fully mobile. **Many thanks indeed** for all of the prayers, messages and kindness shown to Matt, Gemma, Heidi and Bobby - and thank you to all those who'll be involved in covering various aspects of church life while he's off. In his absence, our Churchwardens, **Marg Nicholls** and **Nigel Procter**, our Curate **Laura Edwards**, and our Church Administrator **Marie Hiley** are all great first points of contact, while do please see **Sharon Broomhall**, our Pastoral Care Coordinator, if you have any pastoral needs or concerns. There are various phone numbers and emails on the back of this Newsletter, including the Church Office on **info@stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk** and **01543 670078** which is the best way to contact us for all general enquiries - 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 and would like to be, 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** - thank you.



Baptism Service

10am Easter Sunday 5th April

Please see Matt or Laura if you'd like to be baptised, reaffirm your baptism vows, or simply find out more...



The next **Games Club: Cakes & Ladders** takes place at **6pm on Sunday 22nd February** - a really 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.





We're really looking forward to hosting **Godspell: The Musical** - with **rescheduled dates** of **Thursday 21st May and Friday 22nd May** - both shows at 7.30pm. Any original tickets can be transferred to the new date of your choice, or if you can't now make it, do please get in touch with **Marie in the Church Office** (01543 670078) for a full refund. If you'd like tickets for the new dates (£10 each, with profits helping to fund our community work here at

St John's), do please see **Marie, or Marg and John Nicholls**. **Godspell is a musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew**, with some fantastic songs, a live band, and featuring various members of local musical societies. It promises to provide two thoroughly entertaining evenings!

Many thanks to all who supported the recent **Winter Warmer** event in aid of **Light for Children**. A fantastic **£350** was raised, which will all go towards helping the great work of Light For Children with young people in Romania. Thank you!



Giving financially is a key way in which we express our worship to God and our commitment to our church community. St John's Community Church is a **registered charity** (1131458), and we rely on people's giving to enable us to do everything that we do. All church members are encouraged to **give as part of their worship**, and all gifts, whether large or small, regular or infrequent, are **much appreciated and carefully managed** by the PCC. However, if you think of St John's as your church, **do please consider starting or raising your regular giving**, as having a regular income is really helpful for us as a church in setting our budget for future plans and activities. We don't take a collection during the service, but many folks give regularly by standing order. Others give cash, or use our contactless giving unit in the foyer. You can also give to St John's through this QR code. As a registered charity, we can reclaim tax on donations through the **gift aid** scheme. If you're a taxpayer, all of your giving can be boosted by an extra 20% (at no cost to you). **Do please therefore register for free by filling in a gift aid form**, available in the foyer or from the 'About-Forms' page on our **church website** and return that to **Marie** in the church office - thank you very much. For standing orders or one-off bank transfers, our church bank account details are:



Account Name: **St John's Community Church** Account Number: **20724548** Sort Code: **40-17-60**

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 9th February

- 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 Creative Community Choir
- 19.30 - 21.30 Godspell Rehearsal

Tuesday 10th February

- 13.30 - 15.30 Craft Group
- 13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Wellbeing
- 19.00 - 21.00 House Group

Wednesday 11th February

- 10.00 - 11.00 Zumba
- 12.45 - 14.45 Little Friends

Thursday 12th February

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

Friday 13th February

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

Sunday 15th February

- 10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

Coming Up:

- Sun 22nd Feb 12pm - English Academy
- Sun 22nd Feb 6pm - Games Club
- Mon 23rd Feb 11.15am - Chase View Service
- Sat 7th Mar 1pm - Prayer Hour
- Sat 14th Mar 10am - Watercolour Dabblers
- Mon 23rd Mar 7pm - PCC Meeting
- Thu 2nd Apr 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service
- Fri 3rd Apr 2pm - Good Friday Service
- Sun 5th Apr 10am - Easter Sunday Service + Baptisms
- Sun 19th April 10am - Annual Meeting (APCM)
- Thu 21st & Fri 22nd May 7.30pm - Godspell: The Musical

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