

Palm Sunday 29th March 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...



It's **Palm Sunday** today - the beginning of what's known as 'Holy Week' - when we reflect on and celebrate the significance of Jesus' final journey to the cross, his crucifixion and his resurrection. In our **10am service**

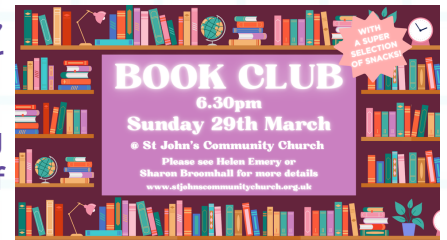
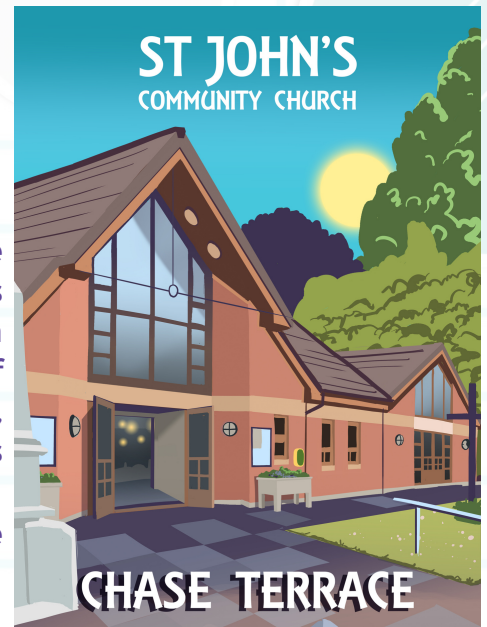
this morning, **Matt** is **leading** **Laura** is **speaking**, and we'll have time to worship God in song and prayer. As well as the prayer



team being available, our **Sunday Stars** and **The Mess** groups for young people are meeting, and then

do stay on for **refreshments** after our service too. Later this evening, we've got a double-portion of options, with **Games Club** kicking off at **6pm** for a night of table-top game fun, and then

Book Club is taking place from **6.30pm** for an evening sharing thoughts on 'The Housemaid' by Freida McFadden. Plenty of cakes and snacks on offer at both groups, and all are welcome!



As **Holy Week** unfolds, **Matt** is leading our **Monday 10am service** on **Monday 30th March**, in which there'll be time to reflect, pray and share Communion. At **7pm** on **Thursday 2nd April**, **Linda** will be leading our **Maundy Thursday**

service - a chance to gather and share as we remember Jesus' Last Supper through prayer, music, reflection, worship, bread and wine. The following afternoon at **2pm** on **Good Friday 3rd April**, **Laura** is



leading us through '**An Hour At The Cross**' - a gentle and meditative

service of led reflections, silence and music to engage with the experience and significance of Jesus' death on the cross and all that it means today. On **Saturday 4th April** at **1pm**, all are welcome to join in with **Prayer Hour**, and then on **Easter**

Sunday 5th April, for early-birds, there's the offer to join with other folks from local churches for an **Easter sunrise service** at **Castle Ring** at **6am**... And then at **10am** on **Easter Sunday**, we'll be



celebrating Jesus' resurrection here at St John's with our **Easter Sunday service!** **Matt's** leading us through, with worship led by the band, prayers, time to reflect on the wonder of the resurrection, the offer of **Communion**, and activities for children and young people. We'll also be enjoying some baptisms, both at the font and in our baptistry pool, as **Elicia, Heidi** and **Claudia** are **baptised** or **renew their**

baptism vows. If you'd like to join them in being baptised, there's still time, so do please have a chat with **Matt** or **Laura** if so. As always, all are welcome on **Easter Sunday!**





We'll be holding our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** during our **10am service on Sunday 19th April**. It'll be an opportunity to look back over our past year as a church, to hear reports on our finances, and to consider what might lie ahead for us with God. We'll also be **electing church wardens and representatives to our PCC** - the 'Parochial Church Council' who are the Trustees of St John's. All are welcome to

attend the APCM and the service as a whole, although only those on the church electoral roll (the official church membership scheme we have) can stand for the PCC or vote for PCC members. If you've been coming to St John's for a little while, and you'd like to **join the electoral roll**, do simply **fill out a form** which can be found in the foyer or on the [church website](#) under the 'About-Forms' tab. We currently have around **200 people on our electoral roll**, so you'll be in good company! If you'd like to **stand for election to the PCC** (or Deanery Synod, with elections also taking place this year), nomination forms are available from the church office - do have a chat with **Matt, Laura, Nigel or Marg** to find out more. 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...

Sunday 29th March

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service
18.00 - 2100 Games Club
18.30 - 20.00 Book Club

Monday 30th March

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 31st March

13.30 - 15.30 Craft Group
13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Wellbeing
17.30 - 20.30 Fitness Pilates

Wednesday 1st April

10.00 - 11.00 Zumba

Thursday 2nd April

19.00 - 20.00 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 3rd April

14.00 - 15.00 Good Friday Service

Saturday 4th April

10.00 - 13.00 Burntwood Repair Cafe
13.00 - 14.00 Prayer Hour

Sunday 5th April

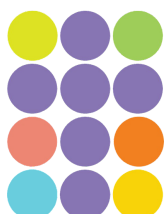
06.00 - 06.30 Sunrise Service @ Castle Ring
10.00 - 11.30 10am Easter Sunday Service

Monday 6th April

No Monday service or Drop Inn - Bank Holiday

Coming Up:

Sun 19th April 10am - Annual Meeting (APCM)
Thu 21st & Fri 22nd May 7.30pm - Godspell: The Musical
Sat 20th June 4pm - Laura's Priesting @ Lichfield
Mon 27th July 11am-3pm - Play in the Park
Fri 25th Sep 7.30pm - Rock Choir Concert
Sat 28th Nov 12pm-3pm - Christmas Fayre



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