

Sunday 19th July 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...

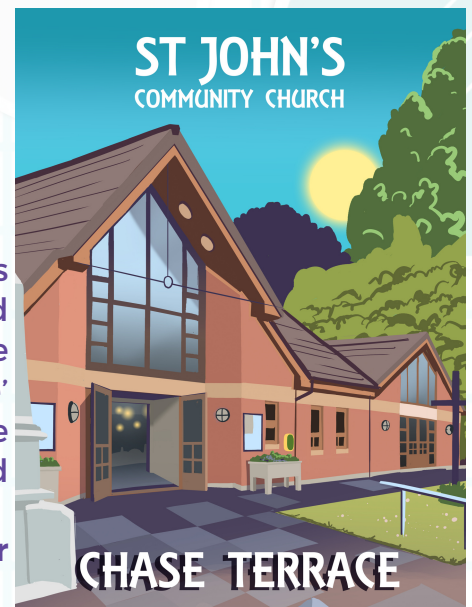


In our 10am service this morning, **Matt** is leading and **Laura** is speaking as we continue our 'Everyday People' series. **Al, Kat and the band** are leading our sung worship, and we've got our **Sunday Stars** and

The Mess groups for children and young people. The **prayer team** are available to pray with during and after the service,



and if you can, do stay on for refreshments too. And then around **12.15pm** or so, all are invited to stay on for our latest 'Picnic in the Park', gathering in Chase Terrace Park next to church. **Please bring your own lunch**, blanket or chairs, plus outdoor games you might like to play, for what should be an easy, fun time of food and friendship. If you can't make this one, there'll be another picnic on **Sunday 23rd August** too.



We're really looking forward to 'Play in the Park', taking place in **Chase Terrace Park, 11am-3pm** next **Monday 27th July**. It's one of the big days of our year as a church, when we provide a free BBQ, children's craft activities, and the Drop Inn has a bumper session! **If you'd like to be involved, that'd be fantastic**, and there are **plenty of ways to help** - anything from setting up, preparing and serving food, BBQ'ing burgers, helping with children's crafts



in the park or with the Drop Inn team in the hall, filling water pistols, litter picking, cleaning and tidying up... do please speak to **Matt, Laura, Nigel or Marg** for more info, or sign up on the sheet in the foyer - thank you! Above all, if you're free on Monday 27th July, **come along for a great community fun day** - and look out for other summer days across Burntwood parks too!



On Monday mornings, we hold our **10am Monday service** - a gentle and relaxed half hour of prayer, music and reflection, to which all are welcome! A good number of folks then stay on for or come



along to our **Drop Inn** café from **10.30am-12pm** - a morning of hot and cold drinks, scrumptious cakes and friendly chat! Just a heads up for some dates over the summer, though, as with Play in the Park taking place, there's **no Monday service on Monday 27th July**, and the Drop Inn will be starting at **11am** that day. All is back to normal from August onwards, except for **Bank Holiday Monday 31st August**, when there'll be **no Monday service or Drop Inn** taking place. If you fancy joining the Drop Inn team in helping to serve, wash up and generally offer a warm welcome you'd be most welcome - please see **Jan Moss**, and we can gladly rota you on! If you're a baker and could bake a cake once a month or so, that'd be great - again, please see Jan. **Thank you!**





Prayer Hour takes place on the **first Saturday of each month**, with the next gathering happening at **1pm-2pm on Saturday 1st August**. 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.

Burntwood Chase Mothers' Union are holding a '**Quiz and Cake**' Fundraiser at **7.30pm on Friday 4th September** to celebrate 150 years of MU. Tickets cost **£5**

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and are available from **Annette Haywood or Marie** in the Church Office, with all proceeds going to support the great work that Mothers' Union are involved with through their projects in the UK and worldwide. It's bring your own drinks, with hot drinks provided. To find out more about Mothers' Union, or how to join the local branch, please see Annette. Thank you.



It's heartening to see the growing awareness in our church and community life of the **importance of mental health and wellbeing**. A number of our groups are aimed at offering support in this area, including **Singing For Health & Wellbeing, Mind Matters** and **Creating Space** - do please ask for more details if these sound of interest to you. However, for some people, individual support from professional counsellors or psychotherapists would be beneficial for their

wellbeing, and we've been able to refer a number of folks for this help over recent years.

If you're currently struggling with anxiety, stress, self-esteem, or simply looking for someone to listen, **we can gladly signpost you to a qualified Integrative Psychotherapist**. They can offer you one-to-one, personalised therapy which draws on different approaches, and which is shaped around your needs, experiences and goals. Sessions can be accessed online from your own home, and at a pace suited to you. There is usually a cost, but if money is an issue for you, do please let us know and we can happily offer some financial help. Feel free to have a chat with **Matt, Laura or Marie** if this sounds of interest to you.

In addition, **Sarah Handley (MBACP)**, one of the Integrative Psychotherapists we refer people to, has kindly put together a really helpful resource called '**When Life Feels Heavy**'. It's a booklet which combines evidence-informed psychological approaches with reflections drawn from the Christian tradition, and offers a range of ways to process and manage anxiety, stress and self-esteem challenges. If this sounds a useful resource, **do please pick up a free copy from the foyer**, while Sarah also has a number of other helpful resources on her website www.sarahhandleytherapy.co.uk which are well worth checking out. 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, our [Facebook](#) page, and check out our [YouTube channel](#) for a range of talks and songs...

Monday 20th July

10.00 - 10.30 10am Monday Service
10.30 - 12.00 The Drop Inn & Talking Point
14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Tuesday 21st July

13.30 - 15.30 Craft Group
13.45 - 15.00 Singing For Health & Wellbeing
19.30 - 21.30 Fitness Pilates

Wednesday 22nd July

08.30 - 17.00 BCR - Private Hire
09.30 - 10.30 Zumba
19.30 - 21.00 House Groups

Thursday 23rd July

16.30 & 18.00 US Girls
Friday 24th July
09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance
13.00 - 15.00 MIND Matters

Sunday 26th July

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service
14.00 - 14.30 Baptism of Albie Shilton
Monday 27th July
11.00 - 15.00 Play In The Park
14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Coming Up...

Sat 1st Aug 1pm - Prayer Hour
Sun 23rd August 12.15pm - Picnic in the Park
Fri 4th Sep 7.30pm - Mothers' Union Quiz
Sun 6th Sep 6.30pm - Book Club
Fri 18th Sep 7.30pm - Pub Club
Fri 25th Sep 7.30pm - Rock Choir Concert
Sat 26th Sep 10am - Creating Space
Sun 27th Sep 6pm - Games Club
Sat 17th Oct 2pm - Hong Kong Tea
Sun 1st Nov 6pm - Curry Club
Sat 28th Nov 12pm - Christmas Fayre

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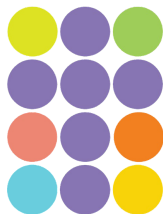
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