

Sunday 26th 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, Marie is leading and Kim is speaking as we continue our 'Everyday People' series. Alongside sung worship and time to pray, we've got our Sunday Stars and The Mess groups for children and young people, and the prayer team are available too. Do stay on for refreshments if you can as well.



'Play in the Park' is taking place in Chase Terrace Park from 11am-3pm tomorrow (Monday 27th July), and it promises to be a great day! All are welcome to come along for a BBQ, children's craft activities, inflatable fun, face painting and sports activities, as well as The Drop Inn - all for free! We'll be providing the BBQ, children's crafts and The Drop Inn - many thanks to all who have signed up to help, and we'll be setting up from 9am in the morning. There's still the opportunity to help if you'd like to - and the more cakes the merrier for Drop Inn, please! Please see Matt, Laura, Nigel or Marg for more details, or just come on down from 11am and enjoy the day! There's no Monday service this week (but it's back next week), and do look out for other Play in the Parks events across Burntwood's parks throughout the summer - all brilliantly organised by Burntwood Town Council.



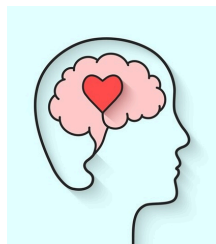
Being With is a new 10-week course that we'll be running at 10am-12pm on Tuesday mornings, starting on Tuesday 27th September. It's a chance to explore the Christian faith and its relevance to our lives now - but it's not your typical course! It's a space for anyone who's curious about faith, exploring Christianity, or maybe just wondering where they stand with it all. You might be returning to faith after some time away, asking whether what you once believed still holds true, or maybe you've had experiences of church that left you unsure. Being With offers something gentler - a place where you can listen, share and reflect alongside others, with no pressure and no judgement. No special knowledge needed - just what you have learned in life so far! The course is being overseen by Laura Edwards and Helen Emery - if you'd be interested in coming, please sign up on the list in the foyer, or to find out more, feel free to speak to them in person, or get in touch by emailing laura@stjohnscommunitychurch.org.uk or via the Church Office on 01543 670078. We're trialling it as a daytime course this time, but are hoping to offer it again in the future on a midweek evening - we'll keep you posted!





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

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** and are available from **Annette Haywood** or from 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 beyond. It's bring your own drinks, with hot drinks provided.



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 27th July

11.00 - 15.00 Play In The Park
14.00 - 16.00 Bereavement Help Point
17.00 & 18.30 Slimming World

Tuesday 28th July

13.30 - 14.30 Baby Disco
3.30 - 15.30 Craft Group

Wednesday 29th July

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

Thursday 30th July

16.30 & 18.00 US Girls

Friday 31st July

09.35 - 10.35 Diddi Dance
13.00 - 15.00 MIND Matters

Saturday 1st August

13.00 - 14.00 Prayer Hour

Sunday 2nd August

10.00 - 11.15 10am Sunday Service

Monday 3rd 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

Coming Up...

Wed 19th Aug 11.30am - Funeral for Elanor Tye
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 11th 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
Sun 13th Dec 6pm - Carol Service

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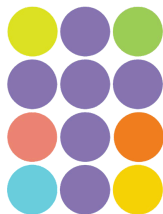
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