



Useful Contact Details

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Regular at St Joe's: *You are warmly invited to all of our activities (when they start up again).*

Focus Groups: for study and discussion, are meeting by Zoom. Speak to Revd Tim Eady or Mal Harris if you would like to join one.

Adventurers: for Primary School age. Every Wednesday, 4pm - 5.30pm. Come and have fun, be creative, find out more about following Jesus. (Special summer holiday activities on Wednesday afternoons – please ask Laura for details.)

Joe's Cafe: eSaturday morning, 10am – 12noon. Come and enjoy a bacon sandwich breakfast – and toastie choices - and meet friends.

Place of Welcome: every Tuesday afternoon. Drop in for a light lunch at 1pm, or later for cup of tea and a chance to chat with friends. Crafts and activities 1pm - 4pm.

Stay and Play: every Wednesday morning during term time, from 9.30am-11am, for parents and 'tinies'. Just turn up.

St Joseph's Playgroup: Tuesday and Thursday mornings during term time for children 2 - 4 years. Contact Caroline or Jayne for more details.

Wednesday Circle: twice a month at 2.00pm on Wednesday afternoons.

Five Ways Lunch: Monthly Lunch Club. Please tell Rose Brettell if you wish to come.

Carpet bowls: Friday afternoons at 12.45pm.

Visit our website: www.saintjosephs.co.uk for more details.



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News from St Joseph's Church

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ....

A Warm Welcome to Everyone



'where you treasure is, there will be your heart also.'

What is our treasure? We know the answer should be Jesus, but sometimes, that may not feel like a completely honest answer. We have so many alternatives!

Jesus tells of treasure hidden in field, which was bought by a man who sold all that he had to make the purchase.

How much of our time and energy do we give to Jesus. What does our discipleship mean in terms of how we live our lives? Do we give him all we have? I suspect that most of us, as our teachers may have written in our school reports, 'could do better.' Jesus knew this. He saw it in Peter, who swore never to deny his master and yet did so three times. Yet he chose to use him and build his church on the flaky rock of his flawed faith.

He does the same with us. I believe he asks us, as he did Peter on the shore of the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection. 'Do you love me?' By the grace of God we can reply, as Peter did, 'Lord you know that I love you.'

Jesus knows about our love, with its failures and unfulfilled good intentions, and yet, knowing the possibilities of our 'doing

better' with the help of his Holy Spirit, says to us, as he did to Peter, 'Feed my sheep.'

Lord Jesus Christ, we love you, forgive our lack of love.

Lord Jesus Christ, we believe, forgive our unbelief.

Lord Jesus Christ, we serve you, forgive our lack of commitment.

Thank you that you love and forgive; strengthen and equip us by your Holy Spirit and use us in your service. Amen

You are invited

Our regular services are held at 9.00am and 10.30am every Sunday, and 11.30am every Wednesday. You are welcome!

Day of Prayer 7pm Friday 3rd Sept – 7pm Saturday 4th Sept.

Join our Day of Prayer to begin the new term. There will be prayer sheets available and use the parish prayer page on Facebook: Parish of Pennfields Thy Kingdom Come Group, but most important of all – three actual meetings:

7pm – 9pm Friday 3rd September at St Joseph's

10.00-11.00am Sat 4th Sept at St Aidan's.

6pm – 7pm Sat 4th Sept at St Philip's.

Do come whenever you can.

St Joe's Community Day Sat 25th September 10.00am-2pm.

Make a note of the date, and come along to our Community Day, supporting MacMillan Cancer Support. Coffee; craft activities; bouncy castle; Church open; fun; to include **THE RE-OPENING OF ST JOE'S CAFÉ**. And please bring cake to sell. Come and join in! And don't forget the cake.

Harvest Festival Sunday 26th September

Come and join in our Harvest Services on September 26th. After the 10.30am service, we will share in a Harvest Lunch. Bring your sandwich lunch with you. Tea, coffee and cake! Will be available.

Wednesday morning Bible Study 10.30am

You are invited to join the Focus Group – meeting at 10.30am in church, for Bible study and discussion. This is an open group, for anyone who would like to attend.

Adventurers

All Primary School aged children! Adventurers is back! Every Wednesday, 4pm – 5.30pm. Be there for a fun filled session. Everyone welcome. Contact Laura for more information.

Alpha Course

A new, online Alpha course begins on Tuesday 14th September. Ideal for anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith. Speak to Tim or Treena for more details.

Growing Leaders

This once a month course is ideal for anyone who wants to grow in discipleship, and consider how God may be calling them to get involved in His work. Ask Tim for more details.

Walk Through the Bible Saturday 16th October.

This event provides an excellent way of learning about the 'big picture' of the Old Testament. It costs £14, but includes a manual, and membership for life! Book with Tim.

Community Lunches

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Community Lunches during August. They are a great way of making contacts and building relationships.

Keep in touch with St Joe's

Follow our emails and bulletins to keep up to date with all that is happening at St Joe's. If you don't yet receive our weekly email, contact Tim: tim@pennfieldsparish.co.uk, and he will add you to our mailing list.

Financial Update

Thank you to everyone who shares in the financial support for St Joseph's Church. Our churches finances continue to be challenging as we come out of the long period of covid. We appreciate all who give. Please ask if you wish to join our envelope scheme, or for details for giving by direct debit. To meet our total church budget for 2021, we need to achieve an average giving of over £6,000 per month.