



Useful Contact Details

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Regular at St Joe's:

Adventurers: for Primary School age. Every Wednesday, 4pm - 5.30pm. Come and have fun, be creative, find out more about following Jesus.

Joe's Cafe: every Saturday morning, 10am - 1pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast - a range of options - and meet friends. *Volunteers are needed to help with catering. Please speak to Jo Strange if you can offer to be on the rota.*

Place of Welcome: every Tuesday afternoon. Drop in for a cup of tea and a chance to chat with friends. 2pm - 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. Drop in for a visit, or contact Caroline or Jayne for more details.

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

Five Ways Lunch: Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday 8th January 12.30pm. Please tell Rose Brettell if you wish to come.

Carpet bowls: Friday afternoons at 12.45pm.

You are warmly invited to all of our St Joseph's activities.

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News from St Joseph's Church

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Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.' (Romans 12:2)



If our faith is to be worth anything, it must surely show itself in the way that we live. Paul challenges us to be different from the world around us. As God's people, we strive to live by God's standards, not in conformity to the world around us.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we are urged to learn from him, and then put his lessons into practice in our lives. Jesus said: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

A disciple loves God

- with an undivided heart (You shall have no other god but me.)
- by worshipping Him (giving God his rightful 'worth').
- by living according to His commandments.

A disciple loves his neighbour

- by respecting other people ('Honour your mother and father')
- by cultivating the fruit of the Spirit in our lives - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22)
- by respecting life and the environment (all life is given by God and is precious to God).
- by being self-controlled, remembering to give as well as to take, and serving those around us.

May we always strive to live as God's people.

To be Confirmed....

Have you been Confirmed?

Confirmation is the sign of full, adult membership of the church family. It is an occasion when you renew the promises that were made at your baptism, when the Bishop lays hands on your head, and quite literally 'confirms' you in the faith that you have. It follows a short period of preparation, and is available for anyone who would like to make a full commitment to their faith, and membership of God's family.

If you think that Confirmation may be for you, please speak to Tim.

You are welcome to join our regular, weekly worship in church:

Sunday: every Sunday at 9.00am and 10.30am.

Our 9.00am service is taken from the Common Worship Prayer Book, with hymns. Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month.

Our 10.30am service is less structured, family orientated, with worship group and children's groups. Communion is the 2nd Sunday each month.

Every Wednesday at 11.30am: we have a short service of Holy Communion.

Prayer ministry is always available after the 10.30am service. If you would like to ask for prayer for any reason, please go to the front of the church, and someone will be pleased to pray with you.

Wednesday at 7am: Morning Prayer at St Joseph's. Come and join.

More: More of Jesus - More of our commitment to follow Jesus. This monthly service for our whole parish, begins at 6.30pm, and will be held on February 16th, at St Joseph's.



Focus Groups meet regularly at St Joseph's for discussion, prayer and friendship. You are invited to join a group. If you would like to join, speak to Tim or to Mal Harris. We will be very pleased to help you. This term, we continue to look at St Mark's Gospel.



Oh yes we will!

Come and share in our **Family Fun Night**, 6pm - 8pm on February 1st at St Joseph's. A Bring and Share Supper, games and fun for all the family, and - it's panto time! Experience **Open the Book - The Pantomime!** Our Open the Book team are regulars in our local schools with a wide range of Bible stories. Today, they extend their repertoire as they present their patent, potted panto, in genuine Open the Book style. You don't want to miss it.

Be still and know.... Quiet Day - February 29th.

Here's an opportunity to begin Lent, and use our 'extra day' this year - February 29th - as a chance to be still and listen to God. We will be holding a Quiet Day - 10am - 4pm, which will include some simple worship, some pointers to help us as we grow as people of prayer, and the opportunity for some private time, to pray, think and reflect. Come and share in this day.

Look out in church for details of venue - we hope to go somewhere where you will be able to walk in the countryside and enjoy creation!



Have you found our new website?

Check out saintjosephs.co.uk our new church website. Do take a look, and now that the site is up and running, more information will appear here.

And Lent begins.... Mark the beginning of Lent:

Shrove Tuesday, February 25th 4pm - 6pm: Minister's Pancakes
Drop in to the church hall any time between 4pm and 6pm and enjoy some tasty pancakes, and other pre-Lenten activities (and fun).

Ash Wednesday: February 26th, 7.30pm: A Service of Communion to begin Lent, with 'ashing' for those who wish.

Quote for the Month:

"What day is it?" asked Pooh.

"It's today" squeaked Piglet.

"My favourite day" said Pooh (A.A. Milne)

