



## 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.

**Joe's Cafe:** every Saturday morning, 10am - 1pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast - a range of options - 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. 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. 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.

[www.saintjosephs.co.uk](http://www.saintjosephs.co.uk) for more details.



# Joe's Prose March 2021

News from St Joseph's Church

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

## A Warm Welcome to Everyone



## Living in a way that honours God...

Our priorities at St Joe's for 2021:

- Priority 1: To build Christ-centred lives.**
- Priority 2: To deepen the Prayer Life of the Church.**
- Priority 3: To be the Body of Christ**
- Priority 4: To make disciples of Jesus Christ**

### Priority 1: To build Christ-centred lives.

'Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.' (Eph 4:1)

At the heart of our faith is our personal relationship with God. This relationship influences everything we do in life. But like all relationships, there are no short cuts! Our salvation begins and ends with Jesus. As Paul teaches, we are saved, 'by grace, through faith'. But having welcomed Jesus as our Saviour, we must then live with Jesus as our Lord. There are implications to our faith! We have the immense privilege of spiritual blessings from God (read Ephesians chapters 1 and 2). But with privilege goes responsibility. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live our lives in a way that honours God. And that involves behaving in a godly way and seeking the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. The big test of this is not how we live on a Sunday morning, but the way that we live our lives when nobody else is watching.

Paul goes on to write, in Ephesians, 'Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.' (5:1-2)

Here are a few questions to keep at the forefront of our minds:

- *In what ways do I submit to Christ in self-discipline?*
- *Am I more concerned to win God's approval in what I do than to win the approval of other people?*
- *Do I exhibit the 'fruit of the Spirit' (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) in my life?*

### **The end in sight.....**

As we mark the anniversary of the beginning of the first lockdown, we are all hoping and praying for a bit of normality and the return of live services. But for the time being, we must be patient. Services from St Joseph's Church continue in 'virtual' format.

Every Sunday:

- 9am Live stream on Facebook. Join in our worship, and listen to the day's sermon.
- 10.30am Zoom Service. Join us on Zoom for our regular Morning Service. Here is the link:  
St Joe's 10.30 Sunday Service. Every Sunday.  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81429902364>  
Meeting ID: 814 2990 2364

### **Except March 14<sup>th</sup>....**

Mothering Sunday will be slightly different. No service by Zoom. Instead, we will share two live-stream services on Facebook: Morning Service at 9.00am, followed by an All-age celebration at 10.30am.

### **Palm Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

In addition to our morning services, we will be recording and broadcasting **A Week that changed the world** – the story of the cross and resurrection. If you would like to take part in this reading, contact Tim.

### **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 it, our weekly email. send Tim an email: [tim@pennfieldsparish.co.uk](mailto:tim@pennfieldsparish.co.uk), and he will add you to our mailing list. If you are unable to receive emails, keep in touch, by phone or word of mouth. Please share information with friends. We are the Body of Christ.

### **Future Dates:**

**Walk Through the Bible** is now booked for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This daylong event provides an excellent way of learning about and getting the 'big picture' of the Old Testament. It costs £14, and includes a full manual, and membership for life!

We hold an open **Wednesday Evening Zoom Discussion Group**, which anyone is welcome to just 'turn up' at. Each week is complete in itself, and has an opportunity for discussion and prayer. The title is Who Is Jesus Jesus, and each week there is a short reflection on one aspect of the person of Jesus. Here is the link:

Wednesday Evening Zoom Discussion Group  
This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82647846063>  
Meeting ID: 826 4784 6063