



Growing Stronger Communities
Through Faith

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Singleton Community Church News

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH



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Prepare for Growth

During a recent Leadership meeting, God brought this verse to mind. To the people of Israel who had suffered decimation and exile it spoke of renewal and growth. God encouraged them to prepare for this revival.

This spoke to us about enlarging our vision - expecting and preparing for growth in SCC.

But it's not just about numbers. We used to camp a lot and discovered the importance of finding firm ground to put the tent pegs in so it could weather storm and wind. So our preparation involves strengthening the foundations by making sure we are rooted solidly in God's word. Jesus prayed that His followers would exhibit a different ethos from the world - an ethos governed by the truth of God's word. Sometimes this Word is not easy, but as His earliest disciples said, "Where else could we go - You have the words of eternal life."

-Andrew

"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes."

Message from your Local Leadership Team:

Safeguarding: It is everyone's responsibility to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Lis Webb
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Our Singleton Safeguarding Officer is Jill Harrison
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If you have any concerns, please talk with one of us, or our Vicar - Rev Jo Purle jo.purle@ashfordchurches.co.uk



Family & Youth Worker Appeal (FYW)

Big thanks to Kathryn, Harry and Ola for their sponsored Pilgrimage from Singleton to Canterbury Cathedral raising £270 so far for our FYW! Watch this space for the final amount.

A great challenge and a wonderful achievement, well done.

We await to hear the outcome from our many grant applications – please be praying for these. So far we have raised nearly £3,100. Please check out the flyers on the Welcome Desk for more information about our vision, and ways to contribute.

The Bible Course

Monday evenings

15th September-3rd November 2025

www.biblesociety.org.uk



In Nehemiah Chapter 8 the Word of God was brought amongst the whole assembly of people and read aloud. Everyone listened attentively and stood up in reverence because this was God's Holy Word, His very words spoken for all to hear and understand. God wants us to know Him personally, to discover His plans and purposes for our lives, to love and worship Him and the best way we can know God is by knowing His Word, the Bible.

Join us at SCC this Autumn for a brilliant opportunity to study God's Word together on 'The Bible Course', a dynamic and inspirational 8-week programme tracking how Bible characters, stories and themes are connected, from Genesis to Revelation.

When: 15th September to 3rd November 2025
from 7pm - 9pm

Where: Singleton

Who for: Everyone very welcome
– let's learn together.

Cost: Free, although a donation of £10 would be appreciated.

Please let Jo know if you are interested in joining this course.

Testimony

*'I say to myself, the Lord is my portion,
therefore I will trust in Him'*

The Lord has spoken to me through this beautiful Scripture from Lamentations 3: 24.

Maybe He will speak to you too?

What does it mean for the Lord to be my portion? For me it means He is enough for me, He is sufficient for my needs, He is worthy, He is my safe place and my Provider. Because of all these truths I can meditate upon, I can trust in Him and hold onto Him even when I can't feel Him close by. I believe He is Who He says He is and I will wait for Him to act. He is faithful.

-Jo

Summer in the Psalms

Throughout August, we will be gathering each Sunday for Inter-Generational services and our focus is selected Psalms.

Hosted by our InterGen team, our speakers each week will be our SCC Young People sharing their insights on the following passages from the Psalms.

Sunday 3rd August

The Lord is my Shepherd - *Psalms 23*

Sunday 10th August

My help comes from the Lord - *Psalms 121*

Sunday 17th August

The Lord is always with us - *Psalms 139*

Sunday 24th August

Healing Prayer - *Psalms 30*

Sunday 31st August

Great is the Lord - *Psalms 145*

Do join us this summer, and invite your friends, as we gather as family and dig deep into the Psalms.

Picnic in the Park

Sunday 17th August

Bring your garden chair and picnic as we gather together in Victoria Park (close to the fountain) for fellowship, food and fun. Bring your garden chair, come and relax, have a natter or play ball games. Immediately after our Sunday service.