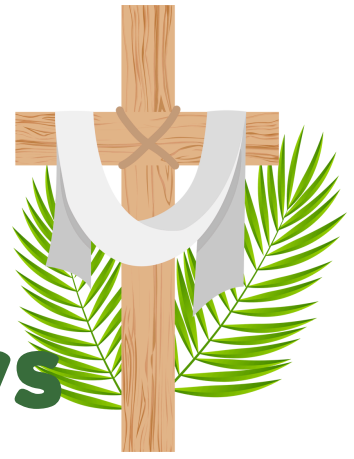




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Singleton Community Church News



Growing Stronger Communities
Through Faith

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH



Headlines:

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Singleton Community Church is part of Ashford Town Parish. For details of parish activities or for Giving details, contact the office at info@ashfordchurches.co.uk or 01233 620433. www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk.

The London Marathon is fast approaching....

I am discovering that the best way to run my race and hopefully finish the course is to prepare well, stay in my lane, run consistently and fix my eyes firmly on the goal - to complete the 26.2 miles (and secure a PB!). Our Christian journey of faith is much the same. Stay in your lane and fix your eyes firmly on Jesus. You will have enough grace for your race. You will have enough provision for your race. Find joy and peace in your lane. Don't waste your precious time and emotion comparing your race to someone else's. Don't measure your fruit with anyone else's. You will give an account to God for your life only, not another's. As we prepare our hearts for the greatest story of all time - Easter - Christ is Risen - let us fix our gaze fully on Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Hebrews 12:2-3 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

-Rev Jo



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
lis.webb@ashfordchurches.co.uk

Our Singleton Safeguarding Officer is Jill Harrison
jill.harrison@ashfordchurches.co.uk

If you have any concerns, please talk with one of us, or our Vicar - Rev Jo Purle jo.purle@ashfordchurches.co.uk



Easter at SCC

Friday 18th April 10-12.15

SCC Family Easter Activity Morning
& Reflective Good Friday service (11.45am)
Secure your place at [SCC-Easter.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Saturday 19th April 12-1pm

Easter Witness – Churches Together in Ashford
Bandstand, Town Centre

SCC Fireside Easter Vigil 6.30pm - 8pm

See below for more information
Held in Tim and Helen's garden.
Please let us know if you are planning on joining us.

Sunday 20th April 7am

Sunrise service – Churches Together in Ashford
Wye Downs

SCC Easter Celebration Service 10.30am

InterGen service with Holy Communion

Easter Saturday Fireside Vigil

Saturday 19th April 6.30pm – 8pm

From earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Easter Vigil marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday and leads into the celebration of Christ's resurrection; a sign and seal of God's transforming work in our lives, a passing from darkness to light which offers hope to all. For our SCC Easter Vigil we will gather around the fire pit as the sun sets listening to Bible readings and stories of old, sharing testimony of God's love, pausing to give thanks in prayer and renewing our commitment to follow Christ. All ages very welcome. Please bring a garden chair to sit on and wrap up warm.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Saturday 26th April

10am - Midday

Do join us to hear what has been happening around the Parish over the last year. We will also celebrate encouraging stories of God at work across our churches. Held at St. Mary's, Willesborough. All very welcome.



Launch of 'Community Cuppa'

SCC are excited to announce our new community initiative. In partnership with Singleton Barn, we invite all to a warm & friendly place to meet each week, with hot drinks, a biscuit or slice of cake.

Every Thursday 10-12 noon starting on 1st May. Please pray that as we reach out to the community they will respond to seeing God in action with an open heart. See Steph for more information or to join the team



New Wine Summer Festival

30th July – 4th August in Shepton Mallett at the Bath and Wells Showground <https://www.festival.new-wine.org>
An exciting opportunity for the whole family – six days of gathering with 20,000 other people to encounter the Holy Spirit, to be renewed to play our part in Local Churches Changing Nations. Encountering Jesus, spending time with friends, and having a lot of fun.

Updates

Baptism Sunday - Revised date
Now *Sunday 15th June*

The (HTB) Marriage Course – Revised location
Our friends at Gateway Church have very kindly offered any couples at SCC to join their upcoming course. Do speak with Rev Jo if you would like to discuss either Baptism or the Marriage Course

SAVE THE DATE!
On **Sunday 13th July 2025 11 - 2.30pm**, Great Chart and Singleton Parish Council invite everyone to join together for the 'Big Lunch' to celebrate the joy of community. This is the perfect opportunity for SCC church family to serve our community, instead of our usual morning service, by offering our help with set up and clear up, and to enjoy the big lunch together.

