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Singleton Community Church News

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH

Growing Stronger Communities Through Faith



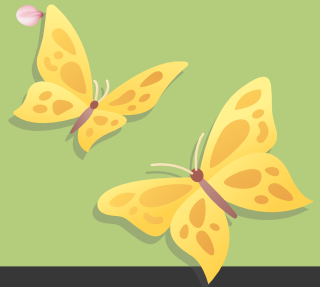
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God's Community

"When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality."

Romans 12:13

We've learned over the last 18 months from the growth of Singleton Friendship, that there is a definite need to play our part as church in the community. God created us for relationship, to be present with one another, share life together. We regularly receive grateful feedback from guests, and it's hugely satisfying to know we are blessed to be a blessing.

May is another important month for outreach from SCC as we launch 'Community Cuppa' on Thursday mornings at The Barn. A generous offer of his pub space from the Landlord, combined with our passion to outreach into our community, means that we can provide a second offer of hospitality.

If you'd like to volunteer for either Singleton Friendship or Community Cuppa, we would always welcome more help. If you can spare one morning a month please speak to Sharon or Steph.

-Sharon



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

Launch of Pastoral Care Team

Whilst we all do very well in our love and care of one another at SCC, we feel it's time to establish a Pastoral Care Team, which is good practice for a church of our size.

Our purpose will be to walk alongside anyone that is struggling with an issue that impacts their ability to cope either emotionally, spiritually or practically. Examples may include a time of difficult transition, or a spell of hospitalisation for yourself or a loved one. If ever you find yourself in such a position as this, the team will be here to listen, pray and assist as we can. We also have an SCC 'Meals on Wheels' team, who can cook for you if your circumstances would challenge your ability to put a meal together for yourself.

The team members are: Sharon Spencer (Co-lead), Helen Jakeman (Co-lead), Rev Jo, Stuart Holmes, Andrew Flack, and Steph Flack.

Please come and see one of us, if ever you need to.



Pilgrimage for SCC Youth & Family Worker Fund

On Saturday, 7 June, Kathryn and I are embarking on an 18-mile pilgrimage walk from Singleton Community Church to Canterbury Cathedral. We're raising money for the Youth & Family Worker fund, to support young people and families in our church and community.

If you'd like to sponsor us, please use the QR code above or this link: www.tinyurl.com/SCCYWF.

Please speak to either one of us for more information. *Thanks for your support!*

-Harry

A Big Thank You

Thank you so much to the planning team - Kathryn, Steph and Helen J - who organised our Easter Activity morning, the huge team of volunteers who served so faithfully on the day to make it all happen, and all who helped at our other Easter services and events, so often behind the scenes. What a wonderful church family we have! *Thank you.*

Testimony

About five years ago, it was discovered that the rhythm of my heart wasn't as it should be, and it was significant enough to require some medication. The issue had the potential to develop into something more serious over time. I knew this wasn't how God had originally designed my heart to work, and with family and friends, prayed that God would restore my heart. After a couple of years, when more tests were carried out the problem had dramatically reduced, and over time this improvement continued.

During a recent cardiologist consultation he said that my heart was now very healthy, he was happy to discharge me. He said it's unusual and he couldn't say why it had happened, but it's good news. I immediately knew and thanked God that he had healed, restored my heart. Although I didn't feel any dramatic change, it is a reminder that God is constantly at work in our lives, even when we don't see it.

-Tim J

Sunday 18th May SCC Youth Service

The youth service offers an amazing opportunity for the young people in our church to deepen their involvement within our community. We hope this will be a meaningful experience for all, as we believe the children bring fresh perspectives and untapped wisdom that enrich our collective worship. Our service is designed to involve young people in every aspect, and we warmly welcome anyone who wants to participate.

Please chat to Harry if any young individuals are interested in contributing; all are welcome.

It would be great to have more young people interested than roles available—a wonderful challenge to have!

SCC Mission Partners

To find out more about our SCC Mission Policy and Mission partners, follow this link:

www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/scc-mission-partners



Communications Assistant Wanted

To help with social media, newsletters, Eventbrite, posters, website updates, and more!

Access to a laptop required. Training provided.

Please speak to Kathryn Salmon for more information.