




**I'M WRITING THIS** the day we cross from the first half of 2025 into the second. I can barely believe we're in July already, though the summer heat (and intense craving for iced drinks) tells me we definitely are!

It's been such a fruitful start to the year, with, among other things, momentum building in our half nights of prayer; our busiest Easter in years; another successful Holiday at Home, and a brand new Ukulele Joy group drawing new faces into our church family.

As we look ahead, we're excited about the arrival of our new youth pastor Andy, our weekend away with the HTB church family, Focus, and a mission week in the autumn. It's so exciting to see what God is doing among us right now. And there's much more to come.

But first, a chance to pause, give thanks, and rest.

Over the summer weeks, our Sundays will simplify and most of our weekly activities will pause. One which continues through the summer is the TLC Renew Café which will remain open every Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm. If your usual activities are taking a break, why not pop in for a chat, activities, and opportunities for peaceful prayer? Have a really great summer.



FROM SATURDAY 6 to Sunday 14 September 2025,  
we're excited to be joining churches across Suffolk  
in the Awake Suffolk Coastal Mission, bringing the  
good news of Jesus to people's doorsteps.

We'll be welcoming a team of six experienced evangelists from Through Faith Missions to share the gospel across our parish and encourage us all in mission. There are lots of ways to get involved, from preparing the way in prayer to taking part in home visiting, the Suffolk Ride and Stride event, and opportunities for healing on the streets.

The event will culminate in a special 'Try Church Sunday' with the first visit to St A's of our new Archdeacon of Ipswich, Sam Brazier-Gibbs.

**Pick up a flyer for more information or speak to Ros Williams if you have ideas or questions**



**THE WARM SUMMER** weather has been great for gathering outdoors so far this year, including our Fun Day back in May (thanks to the Scouts for their help in making it a success), our Pentecost Picnic, and the Holiday at Home week in June. We'll have another chilled out summer picnic straight after church on August 3, and our next Fun Day takes place on September 14 following our Try Church Sunday service. Everyone's invited to come along and be part of the fun.



OUR PRAYER GATHERINGS are all taking a break over the summer. Mondays wrap up on July 21, returning Sept 8, and Thursdays end on July 17, returning Sept 3.

If you're looking for a fresh and creative way to pray, join Sarah Stone for an evening of creative prayer in the Lantern Room on Sunday 10 August, 7-9pm.



MEET ANDY AND ABI! Andy Carson is our new Youth Pastor, joining our team this July to head up youth work and mission to young people in our community. He and Abi, who will be working at Kesgrave High School, join us from Harrow, northwest London. We're thrilled they're joining us – please give them a warm St A's welcome!

## Grow groups

Go deeper in faith with a small group.

To join a group, contact the Office or chat to the leader.

### MONDAYS

**2.00pm** Sarah Hall, Lantern Room

### TUESDAYS

**1.00pm** Sam Morley, Lantern Room  
**7.30pm** Al and Sarah Metcalfe, Vicarage  
**7.45pm** Julie Cook, Broke Hall

### THURSDAYS

**7.30pm** Colin Scott, Mere Gardens  
**7.30pm** Rachel Renfrew, Ascot Drive  
**7.45pm** Ros Williams, Lantern Room

# Summer Weekly gatherings

## SUNDAYS

Worship, teaching and ministry

9am – with Holy Communion

10.30am – with Kids and Youth

**Summer Sundays** – one service at 10.30, Jul 27 – Aug 31

## MONDAYS

9.30am – Psalms and Prayers (until July 21)

4.00pm – Kick Academy (until July 14)

7.30pm – Prayer online (until Jul 21) – [link here](#)

## WEDNESDAYS

10am – TLC Renew Wellbeing Café



## THURSDAYS

7am – Early Worship and Prayer (until July 17)

10.30am – Holy Communion with hymns and short talk

4pm – Youth Café (until July 17)

## SIGNING GROUP

Sat 5 Jul, and 2 August, 10am-12pm, Lantern Room

## LUNCH CLUB

Thursdays 3 Jul and 7 Aug, 12.30pm, The Hub

## PARENTING SOLO

Sat 12 Jul, 3.30-6pm, Lantern Room

Play, crafts, support and free dinner



## MIDDLEMEN

Thu 3 Jul, 7.30pm, Trimley. Meet Felixstowe Rd bus stop

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## LADIES GROUP

Tues 15 Jul, 7.30pm, Lantern Room. Special guest *Helen Page*, local artist. No meeting in August.

## BUBBLE CHURCH

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First Sundays, 4-4.30pm



### MUSIC & RHYME

Tuesdays, 10-11am  
until July 15



### HIPPOS

Weds, 9.30-11.15am  
until July 16

## Get in touch

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