



CHURCH UPDATE

AUTUMN 2025

WORSHIP NIGHT

7.30pm

10th September
Worship music, space to
be with God.

BRUNCH CHURCH

Moves to School 21st Sept

Brunch church moves to
school so we can fit everyone
in, invite others and enjoy time
together.

HARVEST IN SEPTEMBER

Moves to September
Harvest has moved
forward: 28th September.
Collecting for foodbank



BACK TO SCHOOL

Its that time of year- new shoes, pencil case and a hair cut! It's back to school! The summer holidays are often fun, with adventure, day trips, ice cream and this year the bonus of great sunshine. However in most households I know it is also a season of juggling childcare, endless snacks some bickering and often counting the pennies as the money vanishes from your account.

So it can be with mixed feelings that September comes around. Thank goodness for routine, for the normal, for the predictable! Well for now at least. For people of faith routine can be really helpful in our relationship with God. What routine might you adopt? A Psalm a day for September? Sing a song of praise each day? Listen to lectio 365? Pick something and have a go! Embrace a routine. Connect with God each day.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Father God bless our schools with
an abundance of love, a bucket
load of hope, and a huge portion
of faith. Amen



As we read more of Acts we see the message of Christ spread further, beyond the middle east into Europe and Africa. The love of God is not contained by our human politics, or human boundaries. The holy spirit leads the church forwards. It is not easy, it is a bit chaotic, there are disagreements, travel disruptions, misunderstandings. There is challenge; many of the apostles are imprisoned, There is hardship amongst the blessing. However the Holy Spirit continues to be at work.

Growing church

We have been looking at the birth of the church over the last few months with our Sunday readings taken from the book of Acts. The Acts of the Apostles could really be called the acts of the Holy Spirit. We have seen the early church was made up of those who had been around Jesus from the Jewish community and also those who had

encountered Jesus through the holy spirit from all walks of life, all backgrounds, all ethnicities, all races. We see the important, the rich, the famous, the destitute, the slaves, the free, the traders and blaggers all encounter Jesus.

Prayer Let it be the same in our time, in our town and our community.

**God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give,
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

St John's looking for a cleaner!

We are looking for a cleaner to clean the church every week. 3 hours paid work. If you are interested or know someone who is talk to Laura, Pat or Steve.



PCC Meeting
22nd September 7.30pm
At Laura's



Growth church planning group
Thursday 18th September 7.30pm-
thinking through this next season of growth and prayer. In Church.