

# October



A FEW PICTURES FROM OUR FANTASTIC 'TRY CHURCH SUNDAY' ON SEPTEMBER 14

## More ways to pray

AT THE BEGINNING of next month, I'll be celebrating the end of my fifth year as Vicar here at St A's. Five years! I do hope you're encouraged by all that God has done among us since November 2020. I am!! All glory to him.

Without doubt, the thing I am most encouraged by is the growth in our culture of prayer. We are unusual among churches here in town as having not one but three regular prayer gatherings each week. Our Kingdom Come nights of worship and prayer are simply electric. Our Half Nights of Prayer draw people from right across our town to pray for the rising generation. I say this not to brag – God has done it, not us – but it is remarkable and wonderful..

We're always looking for new ways to engage more of us in regular prayer together. New this autumn is a monthly Creative Prayer evening on Sundays. Sarah Stone's vision for this new prayer gathering grows out of Ephesians 2:10, 'We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.' Creative Prayer will take place in the Lantern Room on the second Sunday of the month, 7-9pm, starting on October 12. Sarah says, 'It's an opportunity to meet with our creator God in prayer and, as his masterpiece, respond in a creative way.' You don't need any artistic experience or to bring any art materials, which will be provided. Do join her.



**Creative Prayer starts Sunday 12 October**



ST AUGUSTINE'S IPSWICH

WE STARTED THE new term with a teaching series called 'How We Love Jesus' inspired by this quote from Northern Irish church leader Alain Emerson...

*[Ipswich] doesn't need another church, if how we define 'church' is just another Sunday gathering ... It needs a church that will show the world what they were born for – which was to know and love Jesus. The church needs to show the world how we do this, how we love Jesus because it's what every single person was born to know and it's what we will know forever in eternity.*

We're taking time to figure out what this means for us now, and what it will mean for us in the years to come. If you're part of our church, or considering joining us, please don't miss these talks.

Catch up with the How We Love Jesus series on our Youtube channel. Follow the QR code or search St Augustine's





**FEEL THE BEAT!** is a brand new sensory music and social group for teenagers and young adults with complex needs and their carers. On the first Saturday of the month from 2-4pm we meet for an afternoon of music, rhythm, and sensory discovery. An adult changing facility with hoist and height-adjustable bench is available. Places cost £5, booking is essential as places are limited. More details from Sam Morley.



**WE'RE EXCITED TO share that** Lauren Crisp-Hihn (pictured centre) is joining us as an Ordinand from this October. Lauren is training for Anglican ministry and as part of her training, will be attached to St A's serving on Sundays and pioneering a new recovery group based in town. More details about this to follow soon!



**JOINED US IN** the last six months or so? Then we'd love to invite you to our next Newcomer's Welcome Lunch, straight after the 10.30am service on Sunday 16 November.

As well as a tasty free lunch, you'll get to hear a short talk from Al and there's a chance for you to ask any questions about life at St A's.

## 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  
**7.30pm** Kevin & Sue Wood, Rosehill area

### TUESDAYS

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

### THURSDAYS

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

# October gather with us

## SUNDAYS

**9am** with Holy Communion

**10.30am** with groups for Kids and Young People

Fresh coffee and specialty teas served between services

**BUBBLE CHURCH** First Sundays, 4-4.30pm

## MONDAYS

**9.30am** Psalms and Prayers

**7.30pm** Prayer Online – join the call using the QR



## WEDNESDAYS

**10am** TLC Renew Wellbeing Café

**7.30pm** Alpha

## THURSDAYS

**7am** Early Worship and Prayer

**10.30am** Holy Communion with hymns and short talk

## LUNCH CLUB

Thursdays 2 Oct and 6 Nov, 12.30pm, The Hub

## MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Thu 2 Oct, 7.30pm. Real ale and curry night at the Fat Cat

## SIGNING GROUP

Saturdays 4 Oct, and 4 Nov, 10am-12pm, Lantern Room

## TLC EXTRA

Friday 10 October 7-9pm, Lantern Room

## PARENTING SOLO for single parent families

Sat 11 Oct, 3.30-6pm, LR. Please book in via the QR



## UKULELE JOY

Tuesdays 14 and 28, 2-4pm, LR. Beginners welcome

## COMPETITIVE LEISURE table top games night

Sunday 19 October, 7-9pm, Lantern Room. 14+

## LADIES GROUP

Tuesday 21 October, 7.30pm, LR. Join us for our AGM

## Term time only



Tuesdays, 10-11am



Weds, 9.30-11.15am



Mondays, 4-5pm



Thursdays, 4-6pm

## Get in touch

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