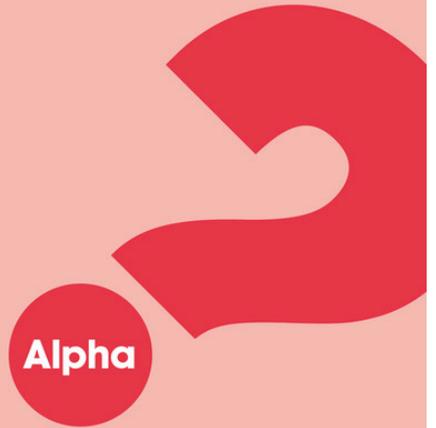


# February



Explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning with us on the Alpha Course Starts 28 January 2026 [staugustinesipswich.org.uk/alpha](http://staugustinesipswich.org.uk/alpha)

**A**  
*different*  
**kind of**  
*hope.*



## Obedience ... and abundance

**Beginning Matthew's Gospel together (see right) hard on the heels of the familiar Christmas stories has reminded me powerfully of the profound acts of obedience of Jesus's parents.**

Mary, an ordinary teenage girl, said to the angel bringing news that she would be the mother of God's Son, 'Be it unto me according to thy word' (Lk 1:38).

Joseph, faced with an uncertain future (but certain damage to his reputation), similarly responded with amazing faith: 'When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him' (Matt 1:24).

God's salvation plan hinged on the simple yet costly obedience of two very ordinary people. And it still does. The future of this world will be decided by the degree to which those of us who God has called will be obedient to that call, in prayer and in lives lived under his word.

And our own joy is determined by the exact same thing. 'Kingdom obedience,' wrote Dallas Willard, 'is kingdom abundance.' A choice to live according to God's Word is a choice to know the good life.



We started the New Year with a new teaching series on Sundays, embarking on a full verse-by-verse reading of The Gospel of Matthew.

It's going to take us a little time to read through the whole Gospel, and we'll be breaking it up, as we usually do, with shorter studies of topical themes (look out for a series on Hospitality later in the Spring) and other shorter Bible books.

So buckle up and join us for the journey through this unique portrait of the person of Jesus the Messiah, and a totally life-transforming glimpse into what he calls the 'Kingdom of Heaven'.

**All our teaching is available week by week on our Youtube channel. Search 'St Augustine's Ipswich' or use the QR**





Although we're incredibly sad to see her go, we're also so excited for the next chapter of **SARAH HALL'S** ministry as she leaves us to take up her new role as Curate-in-Charge at Woolpit and Drinkstone. She will be licensed by the Bishop at St Mary's Woolpit on **Monday 23 February**. Do pray your best prayers for Sarah in her new role.



We're massively excited for **BAPTISM SUNDAY** taking place on **February 8**. Come and hear stories of how Jesus has been changing lives in our church, and celebrate brothers and sisters joining the family. We're planning for more baptisms on **Easter Day**, so if you missed out this time, please just come and have a word with Al or Ros.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** marks the beginning of Lent and the season leading up to Holy Week and Easter. Join us at 12pm on **Wednesday 18 February** for our traditional service with Ashing, and consider how you might draw closer to God through your daily pattern of prayer and worship, Bible reading and fasting during Lent.



Our last few **WOMEN'S EVENTS** have been incredibly popular and the first of this year's three special events for ladies is coming up on **Friday 6 March**. All women are welcome for a night of Cocktails and Cakes! More information and details on how to sign up and bring your friends coming soon.

# February

*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

## WEDNESDAYS

**10am** TLC Renew Wellbeing Café

**12.30pm** Midday Prayer Online

## THURSDAYS

**7am** Early Worship and Prayer

**10.30am** Traditional Holy Communion



## UKULELE JOY

Tues 3 and 17 Feb, 2-4pm, LR. New players always welcome

## SIGNING GROUP

Weds 4 Feb, 1.30pm, Lantern Room

## LUNCH CLUB

Thurs 5 Feb, 12.30pm, The Hub

## MEN'S BOWLING NIGHT

Thu 5 Feb, 7.30pm. Book by Feb 2 - see Joe for details

## FEEL THE BEAT

Sat 7 Feb, 10.30am and 2pm, Lantern Room

## CREATIVE PRAYER

Sun 8 Feb, 7-9pm, LR. All materials provided

## TLC EXTRA

Fri 13 Feb, 7-9pm, Lantern Room

## PARENTING SOLO for single parent families

Sat 14 Feb, 3.30-6pm, LR. Please book using QR



## GAMES NIGHT

Sun 15 Feb, 7-9pm, Lantern Room, 14+

## LADIES GROUP - PANCAKES AND PUDDINGS

Tues 17 Feb, 7.30pm, LR. All ladies welcome

## Grow groups

Go deeper in faith with a small group.

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

### MONDAYS

**2pm** Jackie Sears, Lantern Room

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

### TUESDAYS

**1pm** Sam Morley, Lantern Room

**7.30pm** Al & Sarah Metcalfe, Vicarage

**7.30pm** Julie Cook, Broke Hall

**7.30pm** Ros Williams, various homes

### THURSDAYS

**7.30pm** Colin Scott, Mere Gardens

**7.30pm** Rachel Renfrew, Ascot Drive

**7.30pm** Ros Williams, Lantern Room

## In term time



Tuesdays, 10-11am



Weds, 9.30-11.15am



Mondays, 4-5pm



Thursdays, 4-6pm

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