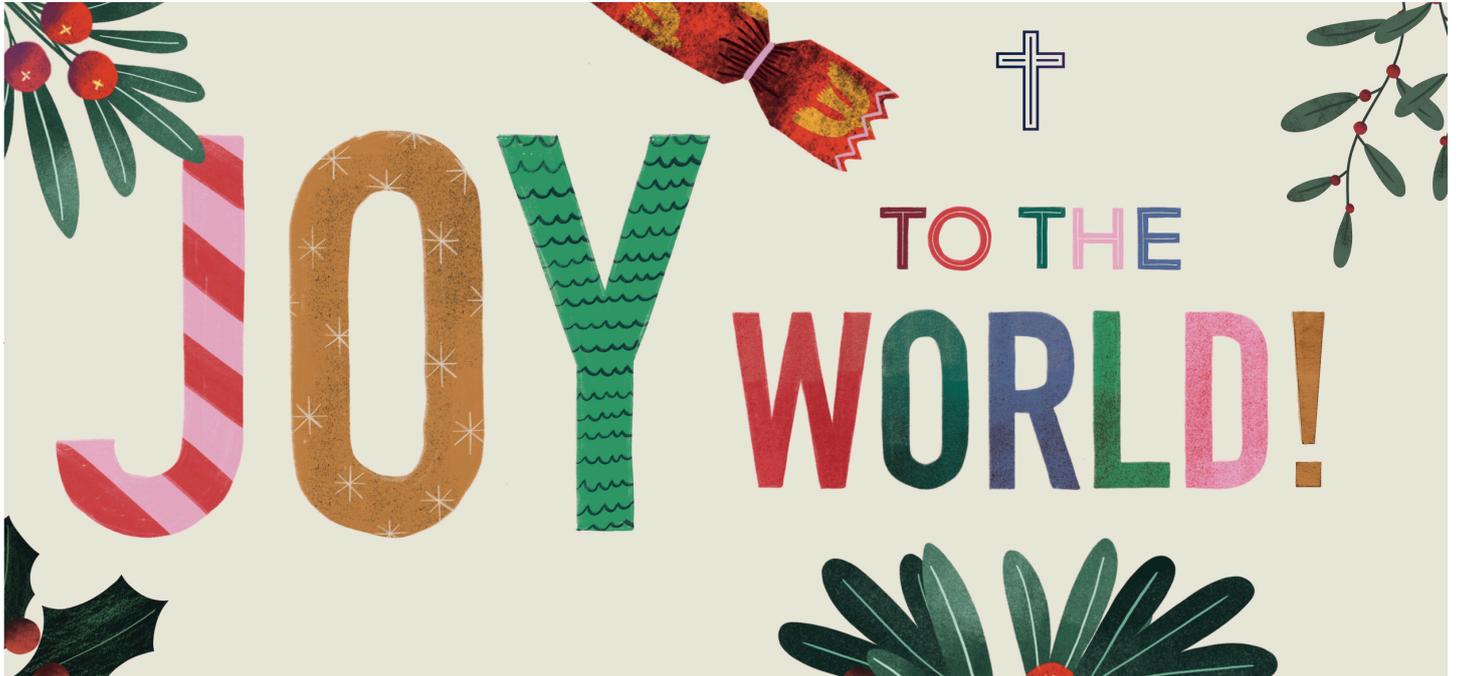


# December



## The season of joyful invitation

**Christmas is just a few short weeks away, and with it, the best chance in the year to invite friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues, your hairdresser – everyone – to join us at St A's.**

Carols everybody knows... the old, old story with all its fascinating details and angles ... candles galore... the chance for the kids to dress up and enter into the magic... Christmas has it all, and we do it all well.

There really is no easier invitation in the year than 'Come with me to church this Christmas!'

Can I encourage you to grab a whole stack of our beautiful 'Joy to the World' invitation cards this month. Put one in every Christmas card you give to neighbours and local friends. Carry a couple in your handbag or pocket so you're always ready to invite people you spend time with. Pray for unexpected conversations with people you meet throughout the period.

**And most of all, set your heart to encounter joy this Christmas. Because if you come looking for Jesus, it's guaranteed to follow.**



**A  
different  
kind of  
hope.**

**Try Alpha.**



OUR NEW YEAR Alpha Course starts here at St A's on January 28 – and you're invited to join us.

Alpha is a free and totally relaxed way to explore life, meaning and faith. A delicious meal is followed by a stimulating short talk on film and a chance to discuss, ask any questions on your mind, or just to listen and take it all in.

**Alpha takes place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Everyone's welcome. Sign up on Sunday or using the QR**





# Half Night of Prayer

For the Rising Generation

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** kicks off our Christmas services here at St A's on **Dec 6 at 3pm** and we're hoping for better weather than last year! Join us and hundreds from across the Broke Hall estate for carols in the outdoors with a brass band and special guests. If you can lend a hand on the day, please speak to Julie Cook.

WE'RE CONTINUING WITH our **Half Nights of Prayer** for the rising generation throughout 2026. The first Half Night of the year comes hard on the heels of Christmas, so make sure **Friday 16 January** is in your diary to join again to pray for God to move among children, young people and students in our town. He hears our prayers!



STRUGGLING WITH AN addiction? Know someone who might be? You can find community and support at **Faith in Recovery**, a new weekly meeting run by St A's but based at The Key on St Margaret's Street. It's free of charge and confidential. Speak to Lauren or Joe Crisp-Hihn or pick up a flyer at the Connect Corner.



THROUGHOUT DECEMBER and January we're asking the church and wider community for creative ideas to help us celebrate our **Centenary** year in 2027. Pick up one of our special blue postcards and share with others to let us know your idea to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and help build our future.

# December

gather with us

## SUNDAYS

**9am** with Holy Communion (not Dec 28)

**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 (not Dec 22 or 29)

**7.30pm** Prayer Online (not Dec 22 and 29)

## WEDNESDAYS

**10am** TLC Renew Wellbeing Café (not Dec 24 or 31)

**12.30pm** Midday Prayer (not Dec 24 or 31)

## THURSDAYS

**7am** Early Worship and Prayer (not 25 or Jan 1)

**10.30am** Traditional Holy Communion (not 25 or Jan 1)



## FEEL THE BEAT

Sat 6 Dec, 11am | Jan 3, 10.30am and 2pm, Lantern Room

## SIGNING GROUP

Wednesdays 3 Dec and 7 Jan, 1.30pm, Lantern Room

## LUNCH CLUB

Thursdays 4 Dec and 8 Jan, 12.30pm, The Hub

## MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Thu 4 Dec, 7.30pm, Fat Cat. Option to order curry

## PARENTING SOLO for single parent families

No meeting in December. Resumes Sat 10 Jan, 3.30-6pm

## CREATIVE PRAYER

No meeting in December. Resumes Sun 11 Jan, 7pm

## UKULELE JOY

Tuesdays 9 and 23 Dec, 2-4pm, LR. Beginners welcome

## TLC EXTRA

Fri 12 Dec, 7-9pm and Mon 29 Dec, 10am-2pm, LR

## COMPETITIVE LEISURE table top games night

Sunday 21 December, 7-9pm, Lantern Room. 14+

## LADIES GROUP

No meeting in December. Next meeting: Jan 20, 7.30pm

## 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, *starting soon*

### THURSDAYS

**7.30pm** Colin Scott, Mere Gardens

**7.30pm** Rachel Renfrew, Ascot Drive

**7.30pm** Ros Williams, Lantern Room

## Term time only



Tuesdays, 10-11am



Weds, 9.30-11.15am



Mondays, 4-5pm



Thursdays, 4-6pm

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