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NEWARK SHOWGROUND

SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENS WHEN WE GET TOGETHER

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Woven together for his glory

Our series on Hospitality felt so timely for us as a church in a season of growth. But I think it was the Lord getting us ready for more. Addressing our leaders last month, Sandy Millar said, 'You are not just trying to grow a church; you are trying to teach and disciple a town.'

These are not ordinary days. God is doing something really remarkable in our nation, stirring up hunger for Jesus and for things of the Spirit, and we are seeing it here at St A's – though we long for more! His plan is that each and every life he saves also be 'added' (Acts 2:42) into a community which is unlike any other on the face of the earth – the church. As Tim Keller once put it,

A church community should be like a thick tapestry showcasing God's brilliant design. Our human lives are as fragile threads but if you take thousands of threads and really weave them so they are deeply interdependent, they become a piece of fabric that is enormously strong and very often beautiful. Jesus says, 'When you enter into a relationship with me I will weave you into a human community deeper and more beautiful than you can imagine.'

Amen! Do it here, Lord, in our day and in our town!

Celebrate
EASTER
at St Augustine's

Maundy Thursday THURSDAY 2 APRIL, 6PM	Easter Sunrise SUNDAY 5 APRIL, 6AM
Good Friday Worship FRIDAY 3 APRIL, 10.30AM	Easter Sunday SUNDAY 5 APRIL, 9.00 AND 10.30AM
An Hour at the Cross FRIDAY 3 APRIL, 2PM	Bubble Church Easter Special SUNDAY 12 APRIL, 4PM

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We've got a really special **Sunday** planned for **April 12** when **Victoria Armstrong** from Manchester's remarkable **Oasis Centre** is joining us. She'll be speaking at both services continuing our series in Matthew's Gospel and sharing the remarkable story of God's Kingdom coming through the Oasis Centre. This will be one of the highlights of our year – do not miss it!



Looking ahead to next month, we've got another brilliant **Fun Day** straight after our services on **Sunday 12 May**. Join us for axe throwing, archery, model railway, face painting, bouncy castle, live music, a free barbecue and ice cream and lots more. Everyone's welcome – please invite friends, neighbours and family to join us (and pray for sunshine!)



Our Annual Meeting (APCM) takes place this year on **Tuesday 12 May at 7pm** where we'll celebrate last year and look ahead, electing our wardens, six new members of PCC and four reps for Deanery Synod. This is also the moment, if you haven't yet, to join our Electoral Roll. Look out for all the details about this and nominations for PCC and Synod in April.



Did you know there is a now an opportunity to gather and pray in the middle of the day? Pause, hear God's Word, pray and be refreshed, whether you're at work, at home or out and about. It's easy to join online – simply scan the QR code or follow the link in the weekly email. Join in every **Wednesday** at **12.30pm** for thirty minutes.



April

gather with us

See overleaf for our Easter programme

SUNDAYS

9am with Holy Communion

10.30am with kids and youth. All Kids on April 5 and 12
Fresh coffee and specialty teas served between services

BUBBLE CHURCH April 12, 4pm

MONDAYS

9.30am Psalms and Prayers (not Apr 6)

7.30pm Evening Prayer Online (not Apr 6)

WEDNESDAYS

10am TLC Renew Wellbeing Café

12.30pm Lunchtime Prayer Online (Not Apr 8)

THURSDAYS

7am Early Worship and Prayer (not Apr 9)

10.30am Traditional Holy Communion



LUNCH CLUB

Thurs 2 April, 12.30pm, The Hub

MEN'S NIGHT OUT (FAT CAT BEERS & CURRY)

Thurs 2 April, 7.30pm

FEEL THE BEAT

Sat 4 April, 10.30am and 2pm, Lantern Room

TLC EXTRA

Fri 10 April, 7–9pm, Lantern Room

PARENTING SOLO for single parent families

Sat 11 April, 3.30–6pm, LR. Please book using QR

UKULELE JOY

Tues 14 and 28, 2–4pm, LR. New players always welcome

GAMES NIGHT

Sun 19 April, 7–9pm, Lantern Room, 14+

LADIES GROUP – 'THE LIFE OF WILD BEES'

Tues 21 April, 7.30pm, LR. All ladies welcome

SIGNING GROUP

Weds 29 April, 1.30pm, Lantern Room



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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