

## SO WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST JOHN'S? HOW DO I JOIN IN? WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT TO FIND OUT MORE?

If you're wondering what some of the groups on the Calendar are, hopefully these notes may help!

All the **Worship** at St John's (*and at the other churches in our parish: St Peter's in Cradley, St Margaret's in Hasbury, St Peter's in Lapal and St Kenelm's in Romsley*) is open to everyone. You are always welcome.

There is space for **children** to play and learn at the back of church, and you are free to use any of the books and toys there, though your children are equally welcome with you elsewhere in the church building. During our mid-morning Sunday Service there are usually activities for children in the children's corner for part of the service, but on the first Sunday of each month we are all together.

We have a parish **Youth Group** for secondary school children which meets on the third Saturday of each month - ask Dominic, or phone **Clare Williams** 07843281920

We have two main **social groups** which grew up at different times, Everyone is welcome to either group, but they tend to attract people of different ages.

Most of the members of **the 1-3 club** are now over sixty. They meet, usually for an evening with a speaker, at 7:30pm on the first and third Monday's of each month in the Hall. Call **Joan Marks** for more information on 0121 550 0227

The **Social and Discussion group (SAD)** is mainly made up of the under 55s and meets on a Saturday evening once a month - usually for a bit more social than discussion! To know more contact **Sally Spencer** on 0121 602 6058

The **Mothers' Union** is a global church organisation for women: St John's group meets monthly on a Tuesday afternoon: contact **Hazel Knowles** on 0121 550 2190

About once a month we have a **study evening** with our neighbouring churches in Romsley and Hasbury on a Tuesday evening at St Margaret's after the 7:00pm Eucharist, currently exploring different monastic and community approaches to spirituality To know more, ask the Vicar, **Dominic Melville** 0121 550 7426

We also hold a fortnightly **Pilgrim Group** on Wednesdays at the Vicarage in Hunnington to explore faith and christian life. At the moment, we're looking at the Lord's Prayer. Speak with **Adam Hadley** on 0121 602 0227.

Our **Church Choir** is always interested in attracting new members of any age. They rehearse on Friday nights and sing for Sunday services: talk to **Mel Jones**, our Musical Director, if you're interested - 0121 550 1604

We also hold concerts and occasional evening services using the various **musical skills** of different instrumentalists: if you would like to join in talk to **Mel Jones** 0121 550 1604 or **Margaret Pickford** 0121 501 2443

If you would like to join in reading, leading prayers, church cleaning or welcoming on the door, please contact **Heather Weetman** on 0121 559 1614;

Our **Bellringers** are involved in training new recruits, and the tower band includes church members and locals who just come along for the joy of ringing. **Michael Brown** can be reached on 0121 602 4173.

Our **Flower arrangers** usually meet on a Friday morning, **Margaret Harper** (0121 550 0595) is always happy to hear from new volunteers, or from anyone who would like to sponsor church flowers for a special occasion.

There is a chest by the font in Church for any donations of food or toiletries for the **Black Country Food Bank**. The weekly notice sheet lists immediate needs.

To find out about joining our team of **Altar Servers**, talk to **Charles Morgan** on 0121 550 6731

Together with other churches in the area, we are involved with a support group for **asylum seekers**, meeting on a Monday afternoon. They always need volunteers even just for making tea and coffee., Speak with **Anne West** 0121 550 6479.

We also work with other churches in keeping the **Traidpoint** shop open in church every morning. It also means the church is open for anyone who wants to pop in. **Heather Weetman** (0121 559 1614) is the volunteer co-ordinator.

The **Halesowen Global Justice Group** is a church founded group to support issues of justice through a variety of organisations, like Amnesty International, with members from inside and outside the local churches. **Anne West** 0121 550 6479

We can always arrange a clergy visit if you would like to talk in confidence or if you have questions about faith or church life. We can arrange **communion at home** for those who are unable to get out to church, or hear confessions for anyone who feels the need. The vicar for St John's is **Dominic Melville** 0121 550 7426 and contact details for each of our priests are on the weekly notice sheet.

And we have a **Pastoral care group scheme**, gathering members of our congregation into smaller groups to look out for one another and offer practical support. If you want to know more, ask **Hazel Knowles** 0121 550 2190

We also have an envelope scheme for those who wish to make regular financial donations to the Church (we are entirely dependent upon the generosity of our members and local residents) **John Woodhall** can supply details 0121 550 4142

Finally, **social events** for the year are on the blue and white flyers (on the table as you come into church) Do take one for yourself, and pass them on to anyone who you think might be interested.