



St. John's, Walton

[www.stjohnshigherwalton.org.uk](http://www.stjohnshigherwalton.org.uk)

## Sunday Services

10am services streamed on [YouTube](#) and available to watch via the [website](#)

5 <sup>th</sup> January	
8.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Ephesians 1: 3 – 14 John 1: 10 – 18
10am <b>Morning Worship</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> January	
10am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Acts 8: 14 – 17 Luke 3: 15 – 17 & 21 – 22
19 <sup>th</sup> January	
8.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11 John 2: 1 – 11
10am <b>Morning Worship</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> January	
10am <b>Holy Communion</b>	1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a Luke 4: 14 – 21

## Weekday Services

10am Wednesday (in church)	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> January
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## January Meetings & Events at St John's

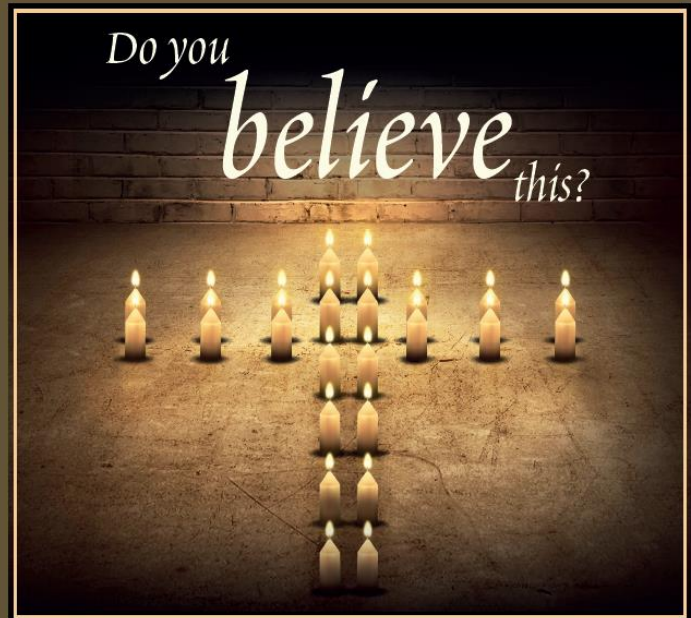
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	1.30pm: Knit and Natter (CCH) 6.30pm: Prayer meeting (church) 7.30pm: Fabric and Finance Committee (CCH)
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm: PCC meeting (CCH)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	4.00pm: BCT Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service (Stockton Heath Christian Fellowship, Walton Road)
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	1.30pm: Knit and Natter (CCH) 6.30pm: Prayer meeting (CCH)
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm: Ensemble Practice (church)

# Notice Sheet

January 2025

Welcome to St. John's Church!  
Especially if you are a visitor or new to our church.

## Notices



Locally there will be a Bridgewater Churches Together Service for Christian Unity at **Stockton Heath Christian Fellowship**, Walton Road.

On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

[www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)



### 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

For 2025, the materials & resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

More resources and information are available at:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>

# Prayers

## The Second Sunday of Christmas (5<sup>th</sup> January)

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## The Baptism of Christ: The First Sunday of Epiphany (12<sup>th</sup> January)

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany (19<sup>th</sup> January)

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Third Sunday of Epiphany (26<sup>th</sup> January)

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Those we have been asked to pray for

Betty  
Linda

Ester  
Luke

Jim  
Richard

## A Prayer for Unity During the Season of Epiphany

Gracious God:

To all dreaming of a better world, give courage;  
To all dreaming of an end to violence, give peace;  
To all dreaming of freedom, give patience;  
To all guided by the star of compassion, give resources;  
To all guided by the fear of loss, give trust;  
To all guided by the need to be busy, give rest;  
To all led by the need to be powerful, give humility;  
To all led by the longing to draw closer to you,  
give encouragement;  
To all led to your table, give yourself.  
To all people, and to all creation, give your love.  
Amen.



From Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 All Age Resources

## The St John's Prayer Chain

As part of our Pastoral Ministry at St John's various church members form our Prayer Chain. They pray daily for those in need.

If you would like prayers to be offered on behalf of yourself or someone for whom you have a particular concern at this time, then we would be pleased to do so. We normally include a request daily for two weeks. To arrange your request please contact one of the following people:

Gill Povey-Robins (Pastoral Worker)  
on 07970 983 308

Ian Jerrard-Dinn (Lay Reader)  
on 01925 265557

Keith Fletcher (Lay Reader)  
on 07359 445 564

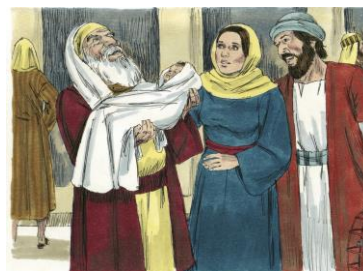


Alternatively, you can fill out a label & pin it to the prayer board in the porch.

## A Prayer for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations  
and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.  
Amen.

*(From the Church of England website)*



*Candlemas is on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.  
It is the day the church celebrates when Mary and Joseph took Jesus and presented him at the temple in Jerusalem.*

*You can read more about this in Luke 2:21-40.*

## Prayer Groups

Members of St John's meet on the **1st Tuesday evening** of the month at **6.30pm** in the **lady chapel** at Church for prayer. The Lady Chapel just to the left of the pulpit as you come down the aisle.

Additionally, there will be a prayer meeting in the **church community hall** at **6.30pm** on the **3rd Tuesday evening** each month.

If you would like to join us at either meeting, please do come along.

