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Singleton Community Church News



Growing Stronger Communities Through Faith

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH



Headlines:

- God in the Busyness
- Singleton Men's Group
- Prayer Course Reflection
- Investing in our Young People
- SCC Church Away Weekend 2026



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God in the Busyness

There always seems to be so much going on in our lives, and life at SCC is no exception....light party, alpha course, friendship group, the ongoing youth and children's work and, dare I say, the feeling that the Christmas season of activities are about to hit us with full force too!

So is this what being a community church is all about? Well in a word YES, and what a privilege it is to be a part of... but.... is it the busyness we celebrate or is it something else?

I'd just like to use the Singleton men's group as an example, not just to selfishly plug it, but also to encourage our whole church that this group of men, taking time out of their month to meet together, has been a real encouragement of what God has done, and is doing in our lives.

We have been meeting for 5 months, stories of transformation have been shared, personal encouragements, and simply a deeper sense of friendship. It has been very much beyond the usual banter we might have expected. It's been much more about what God has been doing, and is doing, in our hearts and lives.

Let us all celebrate the opportunities that busyness creates to acknowledge and share what God has done, is doing, and wants to do in individuals lives, and maybe....this is how God works in each one of us to genuinely transform communities.

-Stuart Tanton

Message from your Local Leadership Team:

Safeguarding: It is *everyone's* responsibility to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Lis Webb
lis.webb@ashfordchurches.co.uk

Our Singleton Safeguarding Officer is Jill Harrison
jill.harrison@ashfordchurches.co.uk

If you have any concerns, please talk with one of us, or our Vicar - Rev Jo Purle jo.purle@ashfordchurches.co.uk



Singleton Men's Group

This group is an opportunity for all men in our church community to build relationships, encourage each other, and grow in our faith.

If you are new to Singleton Community Church, or perhaps you've been coming for years but never joined a group, or are just interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, you are all welcome. We aim to be an inclusive and welcoming group, and we sincerely hope this might be a place for you.

We meet monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm at Singleton Barn.

Future dates:

7th November

5th December



For more information please speak to Stuart Tanton.

Prayer Course

So far the Prayer Course has been really encouraging and reminded us to just pray in a natural way, both as a community and individuals. It's about keeping it real, keeping it simple, and keeping it up! Each week the video sessions have reminded us that prayer is for everyone and have challenged our preconceptions about prayer.

Prayer invites us to build a genuine communication time with God, and the discussion times have reminded us that we all struggle to pray at times, but it's also encouraged us as we grow together and share our struggles and joys.



Tim & Helen J

Are you wishing to invest in our Young People as they grow strong in faith?

As we welcome our Diocesan Generosity Advisor this month to encourage us to pray, give and trust, we fully launch our Youth and Family Worker Appeal.

Our bold vision is to advertise this post by July 2025. Please pick up a flyer from the Welcome Desk to find out more. Or visit www.tinyurl.com/ycxpt2zs.

Are you keen to organise a fund-raising event? Or maybe head up a fund-raising team? Do chat with Jo and the LLT for more information about how you might be able to pray, give and support this initiative.



We are Blessed to be a Blessing

We are so encouraged by all the Lord is doing in and through our church family as we seek to 'grow stronger communities through faith'. We are witnessing growth and health and this is an exciting community to be part of. After prayer and consultation, the LLT has agreed to give away 5% (for now!) of our SCC general income to bless others.

We have chosen Home for Good
(www.homeforgood.org.uk) in the UK

&

JENGA Community Development Outreach
(www.jengauganda.org)

in Uganda

to become our Mission Partners.



Please note: On Sunday 19th January 2025 we will welcome Billy-Jo from Home for Good to help SCC consider how we might become a link church.



SCC Church Weekend Away 2026

At SCC, we really enjoy our church family - we are so blessed by one another.

There is huge value in focussing on our relationships, all ages and all stages, as we seek to grow in our faith in Christ together and become a welcoming community for all.

For this reason we are considering booking a Church Weekend away at Ashburnham Place,

East Sussex in 2026.

Please chat to Jo or the LLT for more information and let us know if you are interested by **Saturday 9th November** or **earlier if possible.**



Christmas Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 14 December 10am

Carol Singalong at Singleton Shops

Sunday 15 December 10:30am

Nativity Service

Monday 23 December 10am

Christmas Family Activity Morning

Tuesday 24 December 3pm

Family Carol Christingle Service

Wednesday 25 December 10:30am

Christmas Day Service

(www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/singleton for more details).