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# Singleton Community Church News



Growing Stronger Communities Through Faith

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH



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Singleton Community Church is part of Ashford Town Parish. For details of parish activities or for Giving details, contact the office at [info@ashfordchurches.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordchurches.co.uk) or 01233 620433. [www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk](http://www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk).

## I Will Build My Church

Jesus makes many promises that we can find hope and encouragement in. One promise I particularly love is this one; 'I will build my Church' Jesus assures us in Matthew 16: 18.

The Church has stood the test of time over thousands of years, in every nation, in every culture and through all generations, we can witness this promise of Jesus standing strong. And here at Singleton Community Church we seek to play our part, humbly and prayerfully, looking to Jesus to lead, guide and grow us.

The Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) material that we are using as a basis of our current teaching series creates the scaffolding that helps us make sense of the wonderful growth we are witnessing in and through our church family. In all we are learning, we hold fast to Jesus, the Head of His Church, continuing to prioritise building strong relationships amongst us and continuing to pray that we would be a blessing in our communities.

-Rev Jo



UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH  
Matthew 16:18

### 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](mailto:lis.webb@ashfordchurches.co.uk)

Our Singleton Safeguarding Officer is Jill Harrison  
[jill.harrison@ashfordchurches.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:jo.purle@ashfordchurches.co.uk)



## The Marriage Course

'Your marriage, but better'



Developed in 1996 coming out of HTB church, London, the Marriage Course has been run in over 117 countries for over 1.5 million couples. This is a wonderful opportunity to invest in your marriage and your family, alongside other couples. There has been interest expressed in this course, so we're keen to enquire if others might be interested too. Do chat with Rev Jo.

<https://www.themarriagecourse.org>

## Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is a crucial document which represents the formal membership of our church community – basically for everyone who considers SCC to be their home church, as part of the wider Church of England.

The roll enables members to vote and participate in church governance. Additionally, it serves as the basis for our church directory, helping to maintain accurate contact information for all members.

This year, this is a brand new list and so everyone who wishes to be on the roll (and is eligible) has to complete a Form 3 (located on the Welcome Desk) by 28th March 2025.

To be eligible you must be over 16 and baptised, and either be resident within Ashford Town Parish or have been a regular attendee of SCC for more than 6 months. *Please do all sign up if you can.*

## Baptism by Full Immersion

**Sunday 1st June 2025**

For anyone who has come to believe and trust in Christ, baptism is a public expression of an inner conviction to live for Him. Baptism is a Biblical command and we look forward to baptising adults, young people and children on our Baptism Sunday in June. For others, you may wish to Renew your Baptismal Vows if made a long time ago or by your parents on your behalf. Please speak with Rev Jo for further detail.

## Deanery Confirmation Service

**Saturday 14th June 2025**

Confirmation in the Church of England is for adults and young people who have been baptised as babies, who wish to 'confirm' their own faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour in a formal Anglican service. Do chat with Rev Jo for more information and sign up for the preparation sessions coming soon.



**Lent Course**  
*unanswered*  
**prayer**  
the prayer course II



This Lent do join us with this opportunity to process life's most painful questions as we journey together through this five-week course on the mystery of prayer in the midst of the storm.

<https://unanswered.prayercourse.org>

Lent courses are for everyone, whether you've been part of SCC for many years or you've just joined us and have loads of questions! This course will also be a great opportunity to build stronger relationships within our church family.

*Tim and Helen's evening home group are hosting our Lent course from Tuesday 4th March to Tuesday 1st April. Do chat with them or Rev Jo for more information.*

*The Ladies Bible Study group will also be following this course on Tuesday afternoons, please speak to Kathryn if you would like to join them.*

## Stay in Touch

Keep up to date with

Singleton Community Church



**Via monthly emails**

Do pass your email address onto Rev Jo to join this mailing list



**Via the web at:** [www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/singleton](http://www.ashfordtownparish.co.uk/singleton)  
Upcoming events, service details, home group details, LLT members and more



**Via Facebook:** @singletoncommunitychurch  
News, upcoming events, photos, community announcements



**Via What's App:**

A group chat for current congregation members. A place to share prayer requests, encouragements, news and answers to prayer. Please speak to Kathryn or Rev Jo if you would like to join this group.

*This newsletter can also be emailed to you directly.*

