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# Singleton Community Church News



Growing Stronger Communities  
Through Faith

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH



## Headlines:

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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).

## Be bold!

Jesus assures us, 'I will build my church, and nothing will prevail against it'. **Matthew 16:18.**

Just a year and a half since we launched as Singleton Community Church, we have seen Jesus fulfil His promise to our church family. There are signs of life and growth and health in all directions. My sense for this next chapter is the Lord is calling us to increase our faith, expand our trust, enlarge our expectations and step out with greater courage into His faithful plans for us. Brothers and sisters, let's be bold in Him.

Rev Jo



### 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  
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Our Singleton Safeguarding Officer is Jill Harrison  
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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)

Tim and Helen's home group meeting each Tuesday evening are going through this fantastic programme from early September. An 8 week course that will encourage and inspire you in your prayer life. <https://prayercourse.org/home>. Not to be missed!

## Youth Talk

Our new Sunday ministry for all Secondary school age youngsters begins on Sunday 1st October and each first Sunday of the month thereafter.

Do chat with Greg Allen or Rev Jo for more details.

## Help Needed...

Could you help once a month with AV up in the lighting box? We are in need of an adult or two to help prepare and present our on-screen content for Sundays. We use VideoPsalm, a software package developed for church worship. IT skills are essential, but don't worry as we would train you on the software.

Speak to Steve Peirson-Webber and he will explain what is needed and answer your questions.

## Youth & Family Worker (YFW) Appeal

Click on '<https://tinyurl.com/24fg8g8y>' to find out what this £10 in the Jar below is all about.

This month we launch our big step of faith as we believe the Lord is leading us to pray and raise funds for a Youth and Family Worker at SCC to serve and support our young people.

Much more information will follow and important dates for your diary

**Sunday 22nd September** – During Bishop

Rose's visit we shall launch our YFW Appeal

**Sunday 3rd November** – Our Diocesan Generosity Advisor visits SCC to encourage us to pray, give and trust.

A significant part of our YFW Appeal is to submit grant applications.

Stuart Tanton is taking a lead on this alongside the LLT.

We will also be looking for many and varied fund-raising initiatives.

Please chat with Stuart and Rev Jo if you'd like to get involved in either of these vital areas.



## Satellites Youth Festival

*Harry writes, 'Satellites was a powerful and spiritually enriching experience. I was greatly energised and motivated by the ways I saw the Holy Spirit move through myself and my youth group.*

*It has given me the clarity that God is all powerful and he has planned a life for us that as it says in Jeremiah 29:11, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I hope to build my life henceforth on the ever-present cornerstone of Jesus.*

*Many people worry about starting a new adventure due to the fear of the unknown but with the Lord our God that fear is abolished as He knows all that has come and all that will come for you. So in this way, I pray for you all to enter your lives with Jesus in your hearts and a passionate desire for creating disciples of all nations.'*

## New Wine Summer Festival

*Sharon writes, 'As wonderful as New Wine was, the Lord likes to use the teaching to challenge us and keep us in check! And we have to call these challenges 'wonderful' too, and take them on the chin even if they do make us feel uncomfortable! My notebook holds many challenging sentences that I wrote down during the teaching. Here are a couple for you to consider: "The Lord cannot heal what you hide".....hmmmm!..... and "you were bought at a price, so be sure to honour your body".....OUCH! But also within my notes was the following: "On the day we leave the earth for Heaven, the Lord won't say "well done good and successful servant", He'll say "well done good and faithful servant". We don't need to be afraid of having a lack of ability, we've just got to show up, and step out in faith". I pray these teaching notes may speak to you too.'*

Please follow the link below for more info about New Wine, and chat with Rev Jo who is hopeful a group from SCC will attend New Wine 2025 together  
<https://www.new-wine.org/events/new-wine-festival-2025>

## Alpha Course

Please be praying for our Alpha course September-November. We have a good number of guests and helpers and we're looking forward to learning more about the heart of the Christian faith together