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Singleton Community Church News



Growing Stronger Communities Through Faith

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH



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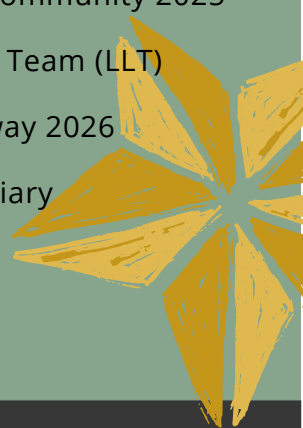
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Happy New Year!

As we commence a new year, Singleton Community Church is going to pause and pray.

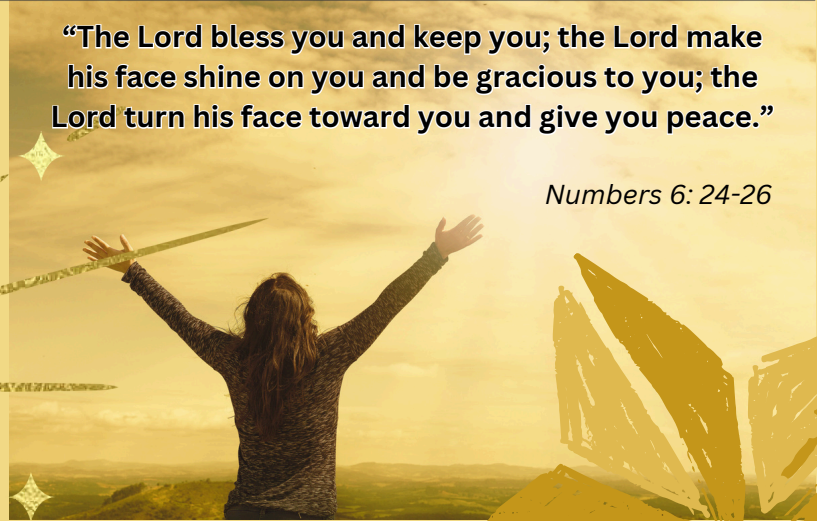
We may not know what tomorrow holds but we can be sure of Who holds tomorrow and what better way to start a new season than to recommit our lives to the gracious goodness of God. Throughout January our priority will be to focus on prayer, leaning into Jesus and finding a renewed hope and joy in Him.

Our first Sunday will focus on Blessing - living in the Lord's blessing and being people of blessing.

-Rev Jo

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6: 24-26



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

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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



Wonder Prayer Community 2025

Would you like to join a prayer community, journeying together with others from around our diocese for one year, discovering the varied landscapes of prayer?

Prayer is the privilege and joy of communion with the presence of God. Yet so often it can feel more like an obligation or a burden. The aim of 'Wonder' is to form a little community to discover together not the weight of prayer but the wonder of prayer.

To read more about Wonder 2025 go to canterburydiocese.org/wonder or contact Lyndall Bywater, our Prayer network Co-ordinator for more details, at lbywater@diocant.org

Local Leadership Team (LLT)

You'll hear the acronym 'LLT' used a lot and for anyone unsure of what it means, it stands for the 'Local Leadership Team' of Singleton Community Church. I am delighted to have such a gifted, generous and faithful team around me. Our shared role is primarily to serve the whole church family, and to contribute to the leadership, ministry and vision of our church.

Our SCC LLT (with their key role/s) is:

Andrew Flack *Worship leader*

Steph Flack *Children & Youth ministry, Community Activity Mornings*

Kathryn Salmon *Worship, Communication, PCC, Community Activity Mornings*

Sharon Spencer *Singleton Friendship, Pastoral Care lead*

Stuart Tanton *Sunday Service Leader*

Lizzie Worthen *Children's & Youth Ministry, Health & Safety Rep*

Book your place for our SCC Weekend Away 12-14th June 2026

At SCC, we really enjoy our church family - we are so blessed by one another. There is great value in investing in our relationships as we grow in our faith in Christ together and become a welcoming community for all.

We have now confirmed a booking for our Church weekend away at Ashburnham Place, East Sussex in 2026.

We have a planning team, a guest worship leader and a team to look after our children and youth so do please come along. 36 adults and young people are already signed up. We have received a generous financial gift so we are trusting we will be able to support anyone who is concerned about the cost - we are family! There is space for everyone so please speak with Jo or the LLT for more information.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 12th January

Focus on the Lord's Prayer

Sunday 19th January Focus on Being Family ('Home for Good')

Sunday 26th January Focus on Knowing Jesus better (welcoming Pastor Sarah Webber, Harbour Church, Folkestone)

Being Family

The vision of SCC is to be a church family for people of all ages and all stages. We want to build a dynamic, loving community centred on Jesus where everyone can find a home - whether single, or married, young or old, strong in faith or a little unsure, we all belong.

We are so blessed to welcome Billy-Jo, our regional representative, for 'Home For Good' on Sunday 19th January to share her story and help us to consider how SCC might be a better support for vulnerable children and teenagers and those who care for them.



Home For Good is a Christian organisation that believes we all have a part to play in ensuring every child and young person has the home they need.

They help to mobilise the church in the UK to respond to the needs of vulnerable children through families stepping forward to foster, adopt or provide supported lodgings and helping support those families who do this as their job.

Debs writes, 'I only found out about Home For Good in the past year, though we've been fostering for almost 4 years now. They are looking to get a support group of carers set up in the Ashford area as more and more Christian families are fostering and adopting here; this will provide a great opportunity to get to know each other better, support each other, listen and pray together. Currently our fostering agency has monthly support group meetings - vital in being able to be open and honest with fellow carers who help support and guide, or just listen. I'm very excited to get to know more Christian carers; to bring that prayer support too.'

Do chat with Debs and Andy to find out more and consider how you might support them.