St Johns Church News & Events

August 2025





Welcome!

If you are new to St John's, we welcome you warmly and hope and pray that you find faith, hope love in our midst.

If you need any help, our Church Team are very friendly and would be delighted to meet you.

Tim

Rev Tim Saiet

CHURCH NEWS

GENERAL

- **Tim**
  Tim is now back! Although he cannot lift anything heavier that a cup of tea, he is leading the services as normal albeit on holiday with his family until August 13th. Praise the lord for his continued recovery.
- **Church Administrator**
  We are pleased to announce that we have hired a new administrator. Please give a warm welcome to Emma Joynson Hicks who joined us on August 1st. Make sure you say hello if you see her in the office or Church.
- **Summer Fair & Railway Exhibition**
  The summer fair & railway exhibition was a tremendous success. The weather was glorious, stalls were busy and burgers were plentyfull. Tremedous thanks goes to all those involved in organising such a succesful event.

CHURCH

- **Audio Visual Equipment –** We have had a generous donation to upgrade some of our audio visual equipment. Plans are in progress to upgrade to faster WiFi, sound cabling, video live streaming capabilities, PC's all housed in a new tech desk. The area will unfortunatly remain looking a little untitly until this is complete.
- **Weeds –** Our Churchyard team continue to remove the weeds at the back of the Church which is looking tidyer every week.
- **New Ramp –** We have received a further donation to purchase a more robust ramp for the steps of our church. This should be in place by mid August.

- **Stained Glass Window –** The cracked stain glassed window on the tower has been removed and is being repaired. This will take around 4 weeks. In the meantime temporary window has been put in place.

CHURCH HALL

- **FoodBank –** The foodbank area has undergone redecoration with the walls now painted giving it a fresher brighter look making it a welcome area for our visitors.
- **Kitchen –** We are currently in the process of making changes to our kitchen over the next few months to include new food preperation areas and ovens and sinks.
- **Air conditioning –** Installation of the air con will take place in September initially in the family room. This will make it a more pleasant environment for hirers during the summer months.
- **Portacabin –** We have had a generous donation to purchase a portacabin to meet the needs of our growing Church. We are now in the process of deciding model and location to ensure that it suits our needs.

If we have missed any updates out that you are aware of please let the Church team know.

SUNDAY SERVICES – August

3rd August	Road Trips with God "Leaving Comfort Behind" - Genesis 12:1-9
9:15 Contemporary Service	11am – Traditional Service
Trevor Leading & Preaching	Trevor Leading & Preaching

10th August	Road Trips with God "The Long Road to Freedom" - Exodus 14
9:15 Contemporary Service	11am – Traditional Service
Trevor Leading & Preaching	Trevor Leading & Preaching

17th August	Road Trips with God "When Detours Become Divine" - Acts 16:6-15
9:15 Contemporary Service	11am – Traditional Service
Vince Leading & Preaching	Vince Leading & Preaching with Holy Communion

24th August	Road Trips with God "Homecoming" - Luke 15:11-32
9:15 Contemporary Service	11am – Traditional Service
Tim Leading & Preaching	Tim Leading & Preaching with Holy Communion

31st August	Road Trips with God "A Good Race" - Hebrews 12:1-11
9:15 Contemporary Service	11am – Traditional Service
Tim Leading & Preaching	Tim Leading & Preaching with Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- ✓ ***2nd August - Who Let the Dads Out***
- ✓ ***16th August - Women's Prayer Breakfast***
- ✓ ***29th November – Christmas Fair***
- ✓ ***APCM - Sunday 10th May 2026***

Regular Services and Activities (*term time only)

Sundays	✓ 09:15am Contemporary Service ✓ 11:00 Traditional Service
Mondays	✓ *Bright Sparks, 10:00 - 11:30
Tuesdays	✓ 11:15 Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) ✓ Foodbank Open, 11:00 – 13:00
Wednesdays	✓ Virtual Prayer 09:30 - 10:00
Thursdays	✓ Churchyard Team Meets 9:00 - 11:00 ✓ *Angel Café, 09:00 – 14:00 ✓ Princess Christian's Farm Pop-up Shop 10:00 – 12:00 ✓ Kent Advice Hub available 09:30 – 13:00
Fridays	✓ *Angel Café, 09:00 – 14:00 ✓ Kent Advice Hub available 09:30 – 13:00
Saturdays	✓ Who Let the Dads Out (1st Saturday of the month) 9:30 – 11:00 ✓ Women's Prayer Breakfast (3rd Saturday of the month)

Café Theo

1st and 3rd Friday of the month

Hive Youth Group

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

Hilden Heights Care Home

1st Thursday of the month

Cafe Theo

An after school youth cafe for school years 6-13 on the first and third Friday of term 4-5:30pm in the Church Centre

Foodbank

if you are in need, regardless of your situation, please do contact the Foodbank confidentially via 07942 148 175

Streaming

Our 11am Sunday Service is live-streamed and available to view online. If you do not wish your image to appear online, please let us know and we can ensure you are seated out of range of the camera.

Photography

No unauthorised photography is permitted in our service or at any groups or events involving children. Thank you

Breakfast Club

As we are an Eco-friendly Church, please bring reusable Coffee cups with you for your hot drinks

St Johns Church Launches a New Am Dram Group

After lots of encouragement, deep pondering and reflection I'm excited to announce that I have finally launched a new amateur dramatics group for Hildenborough called:

Hildenborough Amateur Dramatic Society (HADS)

The very first production will be a lively, family-friendly pantomime this coming January (2026), featuring not only all the classic panto fun, but also some fantastic, toe-tapping 80s hits for everyone to sing along to.

We'll be staging the show at St John's Church Centre, which boasts a professional stage, great lighting, and excellent facilities.

To make this a success, we need a passionate cast and crew on stage and behind the scenes. There are roles for all ages and abilities, whether you'd like a main part, a spot in the chorus, or to lend a hand backstage.

So why not come along and audition? It's a wonderful way to meet people, try something new, and have lots of fun. Audition packs will be available soon.

If you're interested, please let me know by email, phone, or WhatsApp. I guarantee you'll have a brilliant time!

Rich
07579 210122
richielake@googlemail.com

AUDITION NOTICE

The newly established Hildenborough Amateur Dramatic Society is seeking enthusiastic performers to audition for their January 2026 pantomime.

Cinderella

With plenty of roles available for all ages.

AUDITIONS

Sunday 21st September 2pm
Wednesday 24th September 7pm



St Johns Church Centre
Foxbush
Hildenborough
TN11 9HT

To express your interest or learn more, please contact Rich

richielake@googlemail.com

07579 210122

Don't miss the chance to be part of what promises to be a fantastic show!

In association with
St Johns Church Hildenborough

Safeguarding

You may receive an automated reminder to renew your safeguarding training. Please note that only the superseded course requires renewal every three years not the Basic course. If you have completed an advanced certification such as Foundation you do not need to renew the basic level. The basic training only needs renewing if no further advanced courses have been completed.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kate on safeguarding@stjohnshildenborough.co.uk



Have you signed up for your one hour a month?

There are many opportunities to serve at St Johns.

We are encouraging all members of the Church to offer one hour of service as a volunteer in some capacity each month.

Contact Church office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN



The team prays each day Requests for prayer can be made to Cynthia Fawcus on 01732 833 397 between 6-7:30pm or at cafawcus@hotmail.com.

Emergencies any time When Cynthia is not available please contact Elizabeth Myers on 01732 833827

Useful contacts

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A/C 00121509,

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