

SERVICE *times*

9.00am

A classic service with a mixture of reflection, Bible teaching, prayers, and piano or organ led worship.

10.30am

Contemporary informal service with kids and youth ministry, band led worship

4.00pm

Family events with a differing focus each week, in the Community Centre including Messy Church and Growing Together

Alpha@6.30pm

Launch event on 11th January, followed by weekly Alpha sessions on Sunday evenings until 29th March.

UPCOMING *events*

Alpha launch - Guest speaker Tom Price

Sunday 11th January 6:30pm

Lifted: Worship/Waiting/Encounter: An evening with Joe Hardy & band: Saturday 7th March 7:30pm

Kingdom Come Tuesday 10th February: 7:45pm
Lent Reflections - Termly prayer & worship gathering

Journey Through Easter

Maundy Thursday: 2nd April
7.00pm 'Around the Table': An evening of Worship, Community & Food .

Good Friday: 3rd April
10.00am Messy Church Easter
2.00pm Reflections at the Cross

Easter Sunday: 5th April
He is Risen! UNITED Service at 10:30am

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SPRING *overview*

9:00 Secure in Christ: A life rooted in God's love

A reflective journey through 1 John, deepening assurance and confidence as God's Children. Lent will invite us into a deeper understanding of prayer with Lectio 365 and 24-7 prayer

10:30 Belong: Finding your place in God's love

Through 1 John, we discover where we belong and how God's love changes lives. In Lent we will journey into the wilds of faith discovering how the Desert Father's and Mothers guide us into a life of prayer, simplicity, and spiritual renewal, also with resources from Lectio 365.

6:30: Alpha: Explore the meaning of life and faith through film, conversation and cake!

10:30 1st Sunday each month: Big Church

Breakfast, singing, explore the Bible, chat, fun, games and faith

VISION *& Values*

We long to see our lives and our city transformed by the love of Jesus

Building a church where:

- Everyone is welcome
- Everyone gets to play
- We champion the next generation
- We are spirit-empowered, authentic and courageous disciples
- We exist for those beyond our doors

JANUARY

- 4th 9:00 The foundation of our Faith 1 John 1:1-2:2
10:30 BIG CHURCH
6:30 Deeper: An evening of prayer & worship
- 11th 9:00 Walking in the Light 1 John 2:3-11
10:30 Am I really welcome? 1 John 1:1-2:2
6:30 **Alpha Launch:** Is God relevant to life today?
- 18th 9:00 Who you are in Christ 1 John 2:12-17
10:30 What changes when I say yes? 1 John 2:3-11
6:30 **Alpha 1:** Is there more to life than this?
- 25th 10:30 **One Church Sunday:** The church on the Hill Matthew 5:14-16 (*no 9am*)
6:30 **Alpha 2:** Who is Jesus?

FEBRUARY

- 1st 9:00 Children of God 1 John 3:1-10
10:30 BIG CHURCH
6:30 **Alpha 3:** Why did Jesus die?
- 8th 9:00 Love in truth and action 1 John 3:11-24
10:30 From guest to family 1 John 3:1-6
6:30 **Alpha 4:** How can I have faith?
- 15th 9:00 The desert as a place of prayerful pursuit
10:30 Into the wilderness
6:30 **Alpha 5:** Why and how do I pray?
- 22nd 9:00 Intensifying my hunger for holiness
10:30 Battling the enemy
6:30 **Alpha 6:** Why & how do I read the Bible?

CONNECT *Groups*



Connect more with Jesus, one another, and our community by joining a small group.

Scan the QR to find out more - or come to church on Wednesday's at 7:30pm

MARCH

- 1st 9:00 Loving silence and solitude
10:30 BIG CHURCH
6:30 **Alpha 7:** How does God guide us?
- 8th 9:00 The desert as a place of self denial
10:30 Seeking the heart of God
6:30 **Alpha 8:** Who is the Holy Spirit?
- 15th 9:00 The foolish way of wisdom
10:30 The tide is against us
6:30 **Alpha 9:** What does the Holy Spirit do?
- 22nd 9:00 Choosing the way of humility
10:30 Finding our identity in Jesus
6:30 **Alpha 10:** How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- 29th 9:00 The lessons in the desert
10:30 Fickle or Faithful
6:30 **Alpha 11:** How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

APRIL

- 5th 10:30 ONE CHURCH: He is Risen! Matthew 28:1-10 & Romans 8:1-4
- 12th 9:00 God is Love 1 John 4:7-16
10:30 When love gets costly 1 John 3:16-24
6:30 How can I resist evil?
- 19th 9:00 Perfect love, confident faith 1 John 4:17-5:5
10:30 What is God really like? 1 John 4:7-16
6:30 Why and how should I tell others?
- 26th 9:00 Knowing we have life 1 John 5:16-21
10:30 Can I be sure? 1 John 5:1-13
6:30 Does God heal today?

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