

# 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 Families Together

**6.30pm**

Contemporary informal service with older youth group, band led worship

## UPCOMING *events*

**UNITED Service, APCM & Bring and Share Lunch  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: 10:30am onwards**

We are having one UNITED morning service, so we can all move together from the service, to refreshments, to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, to a Bring & Share Lunch! *Note-there is still a 6:30pm service*

**Kingdom Come Tuesday 19th May: 7:45pm**

Our termly whole church gathering for an evening of worship and prayer.

**Pentecost - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

We are celebrating Pentecost in our 9am and 10:30am services here at SJC, and then in the evening going to join churches from across Colchester in a city wide Pentecost Celebration at Kingsland Church CO3 9DW at 6:30pm

**Encounter Evening 7th June: 6:30pm**

An evening of worship, ministry and teaching, pressing in to the work of the Holy Spirit

**Welcome Back Sunday Social 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 12pm**

Food, fun and activities - save the date!

## CONTACT *us*

### Website

[www.st.johnscolchester.org.uk](http://www.st.johnscolchester.org.uk)

### Address

St John's Church,  
St John's Close  
Colchester  
CO4 0HP

### Office

01206 843232  
[office@stjohnscolchester.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnscolchester.org.uk)

### Vicar

Paul Dever  
[paul@stjohnscolchester.org.uk](mailto:paul@stjohnscolchester.org.uk)  
07726 302862

### Operations Manager

Andi Short  
[andi@stjohnscolchester.org.uk](mailto:andi@stjohnscolchester.org.uk)  
07515 690282

### Families, Children and Youth Pastor

Clare Luxton  
[clare.luxton@stjohnscolchester.org.uk](mailto:clare.luxton@stjohnscolchester.org.uk)

### Worship Pastor

Ruth Ellam  
[ruth.ellam@stjohnscolchester.org.uk](mailto:ruth.ellam@stjohnscolchester.org.uk)

### Senior Church Administrator

Lorraine Verlinden  
[lorraine@stjohnscolchester.org.uk](mailto:lorraine@stjohnscolchester.org.uk)

### GIVING AT ST JOHN'S

Please scan the QR code or go to  
[stjohnscolchester.churchsuite.com/donate](http://stjohnscolchester.churchsuite.com/donate)



# Welcome



## St John's Colchester

### Summer 2026

# SUMMER *overview*

There's so much that I am looking forward to in this season as a church - including sun! In our services, we have three different series working together that we would know Jesus more deeply, understand His Word more clearly, and live by His Spirit more courageously.

At the 9:00am, we'll be journeying through Paul's letter to the **Philippians**. It's a short letter, written from prison, and yet full of joy, confidence and hope.

At the 10:30am and 6:30pm, we'll be running something a little different: **The Bible Series**, developed by the Bible Society. This takes us through the big story of Scripture and to understand how our own lives connect with God's story. It's also a great opportunity to invite others, who might be curious about faith - and we will be using the Bible Series in our Connect Groups too.

Over the summer holidays we are looking at **Acts**. Acts shows us what happens when ordinary people are filled with the Holy Spirit -we'll be asking what it might look like for us, here in Colchester, to live with that same openness to God. *Paul Dever*

## CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY!

3rd -5<sup>th</sup> July

Vauxhall Farm, CO7 6QQ

With lots of accommodation options and day tickets available we'd love to gather everyone within the church community together. It will be a mix of fun, worship, relaxation, teaching and friendship. For more information or to book your tickets follow the links from our website, or contact the church office.

## MAY

- 3rd 9:00** Philippians 1:1-11: 'Living life to the full'  
**10:30** BIG CHURCH  
**6:30** Philippians 1:1-11: 'Living life to the full'
- 10th 9:00** Philippians 1: 12-26: 'Pressing on' When Life doesn't go to plan  
**10:30** The Bible Series : Introducing the BIBLE  
**6:30** The Bible Series : Introducing the BIBLE
- 17th 10:30** Philippians 1:27-2.11 Living a life that reflects Jesus - UNITED Morning Service  
**6:30** Philippians 1:27-2.11 Living a life that reflects Jesus
- 24th 9:00** Pentecost - Acts 2: 1-21  
**10:30** Pentecost - Acts 2: 1-21  
**6:30** Colchester Together Pentecost Celebration at Kingsland- *no 6:30 at SJC*
- 31st 9:00** Philippians 2:12-30 Shining in the every day stuff of life  
**10:30** The Bible Series: Origin and Meaning  
**6:30** The Bible Series: Origin and Meaning

## JUNE

- 7th 9:00** Philippians 3: 1-11 Whatever Gains I had...  
**10:30** BIG CHURCH  
**6:30** Encounter Evening
- 14th 9:00** Philippians 3:12-4:1 Pressing on  
**10:30** The Bible Series: Exodus and Freedom  
**6:30** The Bible Series: Exodus and Freedom
- 21st 9:00** Philippians 4:2-9 Peace in an Anxious World  
**10:30** The Bible Series Exile and Peace  
**6:30** The Bible Series Exile and Peace
- 28th 9:00** Phil 4:10-23: the secret of Contentment  
**10:30** The Bible Series Messiah and Love  
**6:30** The Bible Series Messiah and Love

## JULY

- 5th 10:30** At Vauxhall Farm! *no services at SJC*
- 12th 9:00** Psalm 40 - Finding Hope in the pit  
**10:30** The Bible Series Spirit and Community  
**6:30** The Bible Series Spirit and Community
- 19th 9:00** Psalm 42 - Thirsting for God  
**10:30** The Bible Series: Hope and Home  
**6:30** The Bible Series: Hope and Home
- 26th 9:00** Acts - The Spirit in Action Acts 1:1-11  
**10:30** Acts - The Spirit in Action Acts 1:1-11

## SUMMER HOLIDAY

### *services*

From 26th July our 10.30am services will offer a choice for all ages of listening to a talk, participating in activities or making something creative. A play space for under 3s will also be available. We will be taking a break from having evenings services from Sunday 26th July, starting again on Sunday 6th September - but do join us at 9am or 10:30am!

## AUGUST

- 2nd 9am** Learning Boldness from Peter: Acts 2:14-41
- 10:30** Learning Boldness from Peter: Acts 2:14-41
- 9th 9:00** Proclaim the Gospel Acts 3.1 - 4:22  
**10:30** Proclaim the Gospel Acts 3.1 - 4:22
- 16th 9:00** Responding to resistance Acts 4:18-31  
**10:30** Responding to resistance Acts 4:18-31
- 23rd 9:00** Full on Surrender? Acts 4:32-5:11  
**10:30** Full on Surrender? Acts 4:32-5:11
- 30th 9:00** We are the plan Acts 5:17-42  
**10:30** We are the plan Acts 5:17-42

