

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 Kaleidoscope

6.30pm

Contemporary informal service with older youth group, band led worship

UPCOMING *events*

Make sure you receive our weekly SJC News to keep up to date!

Harvest Sunday: Sunday 4th October, supporting Colchester Food Bank

Quiet Day 24th October 10am-3pm St Mary's Lawford

Light Party Saturday 31st October
More info coming soon!

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 8th November, with Acts of Remembrance at 9 & 10:30 services

Kingdom Come Tuesday 10th November 7:45pm
Termly prayer & worship gathering

Encounter Evening 6th Sept & 4th Oct: 6:30pm

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

500 Smiles Shoebox Project Look out for more information about collecting empty shoeboxes from church to fill for us to send to children in Romania.

Christmas... more info coming soon - including:

Sunday 29th November: Big Screen Film 2pm

Saturday 5th December: Christmas Fayre

Sunday 6th December: 10:30am Riding Lights 'A Very Crooked Christmas' Theatre Performance

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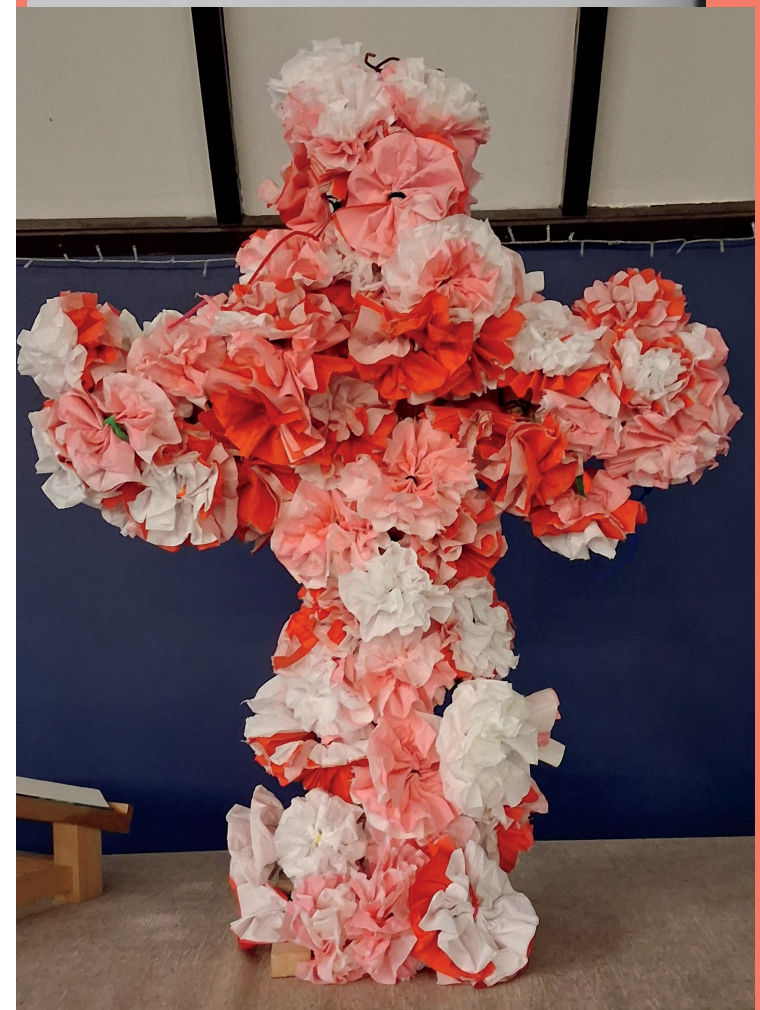
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Welcome



St John's Colchester

Autumn 2026

AUTUMN *overview*

As we come back together after the summer I'm really excited about all that lies ahead.

To start off, spend a few weeks exploring at all three services how we each play our part in building the future together, reflecting on our response—not simply to the vision of St John's, but to God's vision for us as a church family, including the way we use the financial resources he has entrusted to us.

On Sunday mornings we will then continue our journey through Acts looking at the examples of what happens when ordinary people are filled with the Holy Spirit - as we discover what it means to be the church God is calling us to be today.

There is a further opportunity to explore more about the Holy Spirit at our 6.30pm gatherings as we work through *The Familiar Stranger* by Tyler Staton.

And of course we will finish the term with the season of Advent, as we look forward to the coming of The King at Christmas.

I'm praying it will be a term of deepening faith, fresh expectation and growing together as disciples of Jesus. *Paul Dever*

CONNECT *groups*

At SJC we believe faith was never meant to be lived alone. Connect Groups are small groups where you can be known, encouraged and supported as you grow in your walk with Jesus. They enable us to:

Connect with Jesus

Connect with one another

Connect with our community

Come along at 7:30pm on a Wednesday to find out more, talk to Nicky Sirett or Andi on a Sunday!

SEPTEMBER

- 6th 9:00** Planning for Growth: Acts 6: 1-7
10:30 BIG CHURCH
6:30 Encounter - One Church One Table
UNITED Morning Service
13th 10:30 Building the Future Together
Nehemiah 2:17-18 and Haggai 2:1-9
6:30 Building the Future together
Nehemiah 2:17-18 and Haggai 2:1-9
9:00 Building on God's Provision
20th 10:30 1 Chronicles 29:10-18
6:30
9:00 Building a Community of Prayer
27th 10:30 2 Chronicles 7:11-16
6:30

SUNDAY'S AT 4PM *for families*

Messy Church
2nd Sunday

Kaleidoscope

SEND families together
3rd Sunday

OCTOBER

- 4th 9:00** Harvest
10:30 BIG CHURCH - Harvest
6:30 Encounter Evening
9:00 Building a Biblical Vision of Giving
11th 10:30 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
6:30
9:00 Building a Life that Counts
18th 10:30 Luke 12:13-21, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
6:30
9:00 Ordinary people being extraordinary in
25th 10:30 the Kingdom: Acts 8:26-40
6:30 The Familiar Stranger: The Familiar Stranger

NOVEMBER

- 1st 9:00** The Son of Man Comes to seek and save
Acts 9:1-22
10:30 BIG CHURCH
6:30 The Familiar Stranger: the Person of
the Holy Spirit
8th 9:00 Remembrance Sunday
10:30 Remembrance Sunday
6:30 The Familiar Stranger: Discernment
15th 9:00 Taking Risks: Acts 9:36-43
10:30
6:30 The Familiar Stranger: Prophecy
22nd 9:00 The gift of the Spirit for all: Acts 10 & 11
10:30
6:30 The Familiar Stranger: Healing
29th 9:00 The Hope of the King: Luke 1:26-37
10:30 The Hope of the King: Isaiah 9:1-7
6:30 The Familiar Stranger: Redemptive
Suffering

DECEMBER

- 6th 10:30** Riding Lights: A Very Crooked
Christmas
6:30 Advent 2: The Hope of the King
13th 9:00 Advent 3: Preparing for the King -
10:30 Luke 3:1-18
6:30 Beer & Carols
20th 10:30 Carols for Everyone!
6:30 Traditional Carols
22nd 6:00 Blue Christmas
24th 2:00 Christingle
4:00
11:15 Beholding the King
25th 10:30 The King is Here!
27th 10:30 Worshipping the King: Matt 2:1-12