

St John's, Parks & St Andrew's, Walcot



Welcome to...
St John's

the alpha course

St John's Church is at the heart of the Parks Community in south Swindon.

The area is one of social housing and high need, which we call a “priority community” in the Bristol Diocese. The diocese’s Priority Communities Network (PCN) wants to invest in our community in order to bring about long term change, hence the funding for this role. It aims to enable and cultivate sustainable, good growth across areas of multiple deprivation to create numerical growth of people and finances, deeper discipleship, and social transformation.

The Church

We are a small group of highly committed people, with a strong vision to reach out to our community and serve it. We have lots of ideas of what we could offer, but we’re limited by a small number of volunteers doing a lot of the work. We’d love to have more people join us to increase our capacity – could you be part of that next chapter?



Sundays

On Sunday morning services we have up to 8 children attending. We are committed to welcoming them as a vital part of our worshipping community, but haven’t currently found the ideal way to do this. We’ve experimented with some different ways of being church together with mixed results, so we’d welcome some new ideas! If you’re passionate about seeing children and families thrive and discover life with Jesus, maybe this role could be for you?

We also run a **Messy Church** on the last Sunday of each month.

Mondays

Currently, our most significant weekly event is the Family Club, which runs 3 – 5 pm on a Monday. Many families come straight from the school across the road. The children run off energy, do crafts and play, whilst the grown ups chill and chat. We all have a light meal. We're very proud the club is a safe space for children as well as for families, including those from other religions.



Connections with Schools

We have three primary schools on our patch, and we enjoy good relationships with all of them. We have invitations to go to lead assemblies and the schools also bring various year groups to visit the church. We are eager for these foundational links to be strengthened and developed.



Other events

Examples of other events we organise throughout the year are light parties, church picnics, Christmas and Easter outreach events and summer holiday trips. Our imagination of possibilities is unlimited, but our people capacity to implement all these ideas currently is!

Could God be calling you to this role?

We are looking for an engaging and enthusiastic leader with a heart for children and young people to meet Christ, be transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit, and become members of Christ's body, the church. Are you a leader with the energy and experience to develop our growing links with the families and the wider communities we serve?