



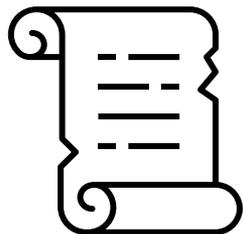
Year in review 2022

APCM

Sunday 26 March
2023



St. John's in figures...



Electoral Roll (at APCM)

182

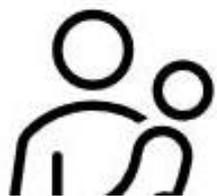
172 last year

2 people passed away

5 people either moved or no longer attend

1 person resigned

18 people joined the electoral roll



Average weekly attendance

Under 16

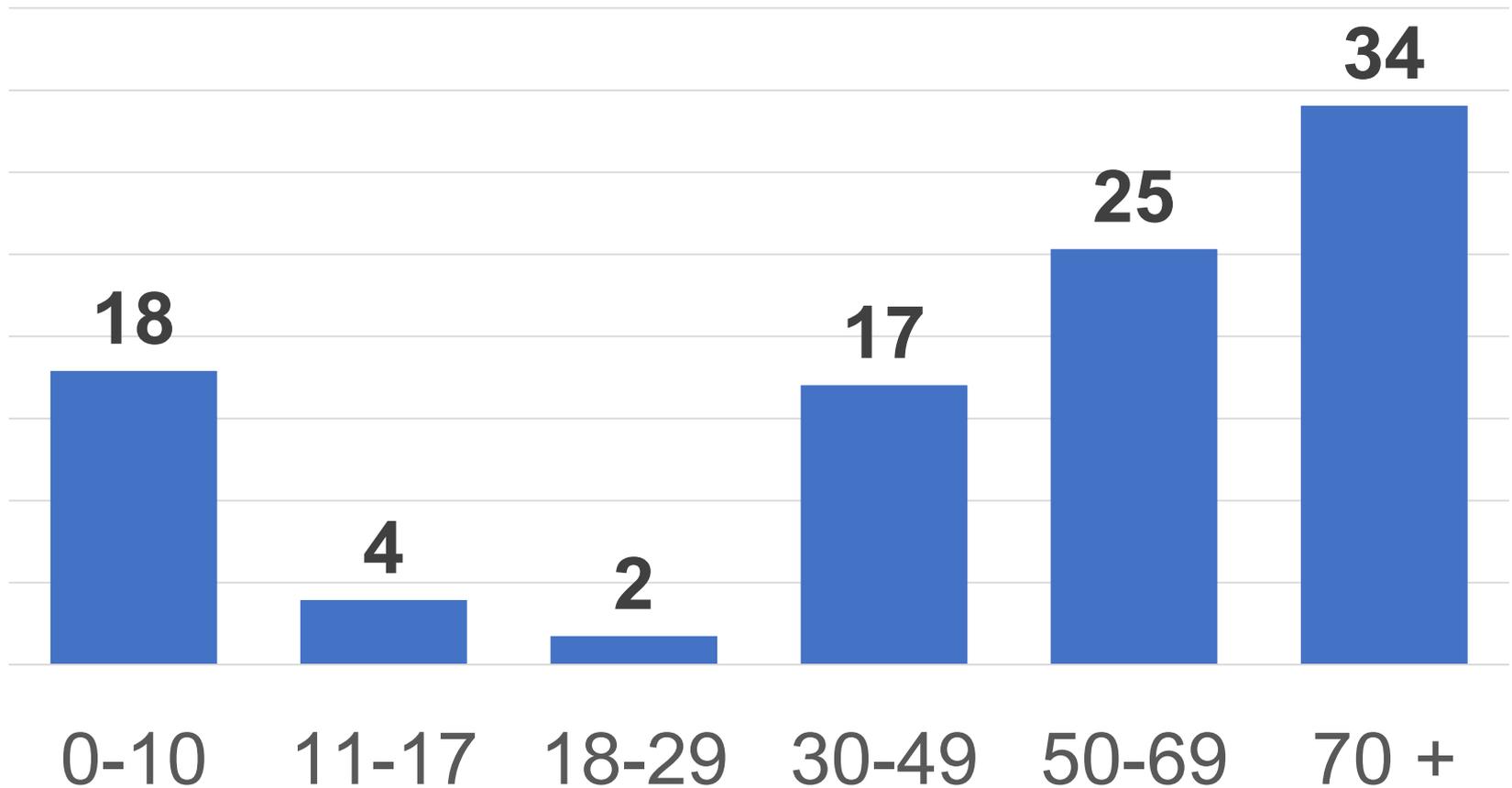
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Adult

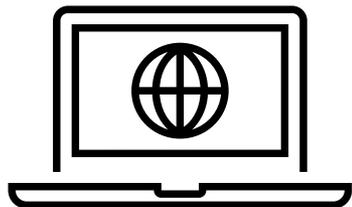
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St. John's in figures...

Congregation age profile Percentage split October 2022



Worship



Online watching – compared to 2021

31 Videos (73 in 2021)

55 live streamed services

6,500 views (9,860)

809 hours watched (1,778)

28 new followers (41)

27 Baptisms

3 Weddings

20 Funerals

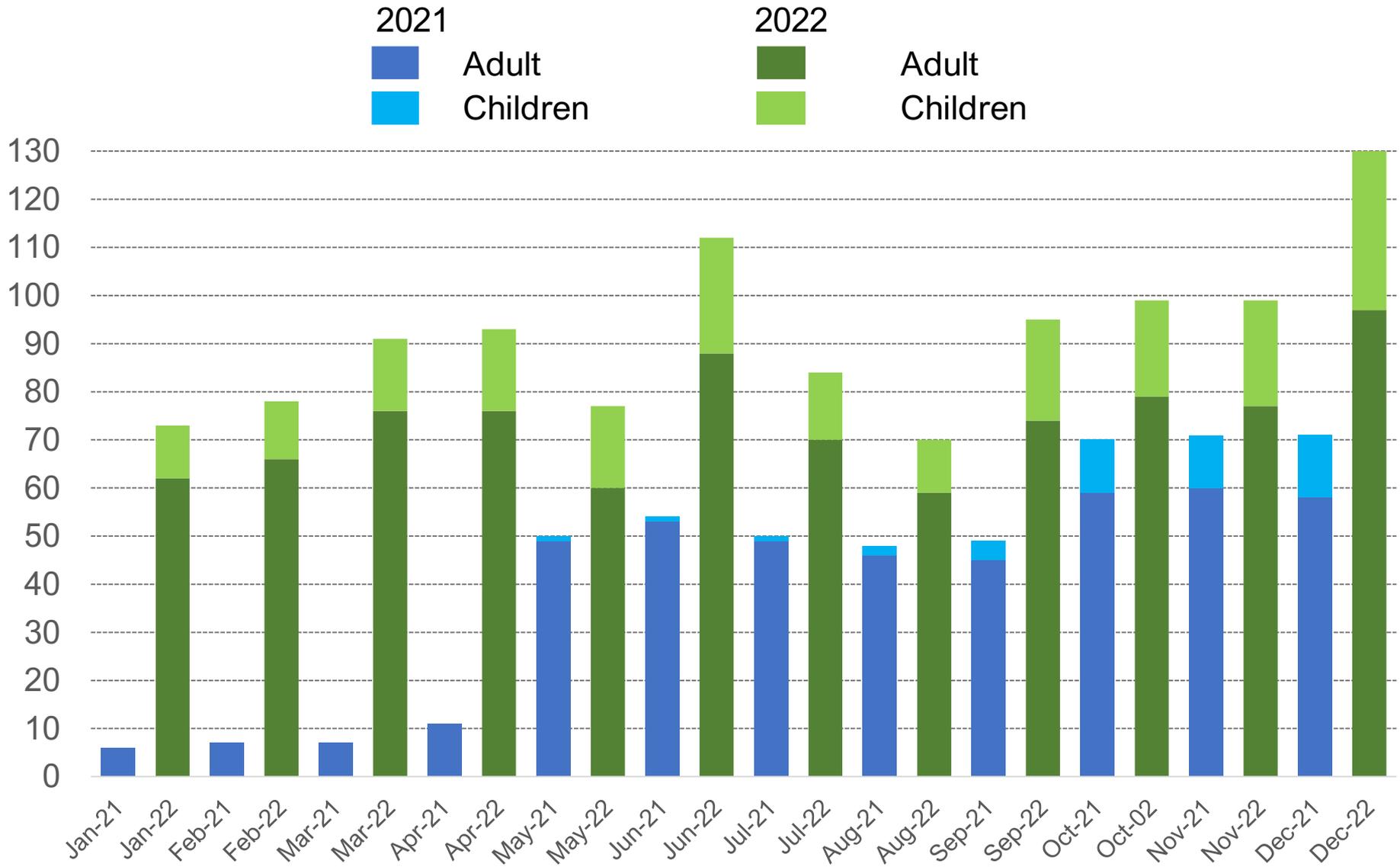
3 Confirmations

9 First Communions



Worship

Average Sunday attendance through 2021 and 2022

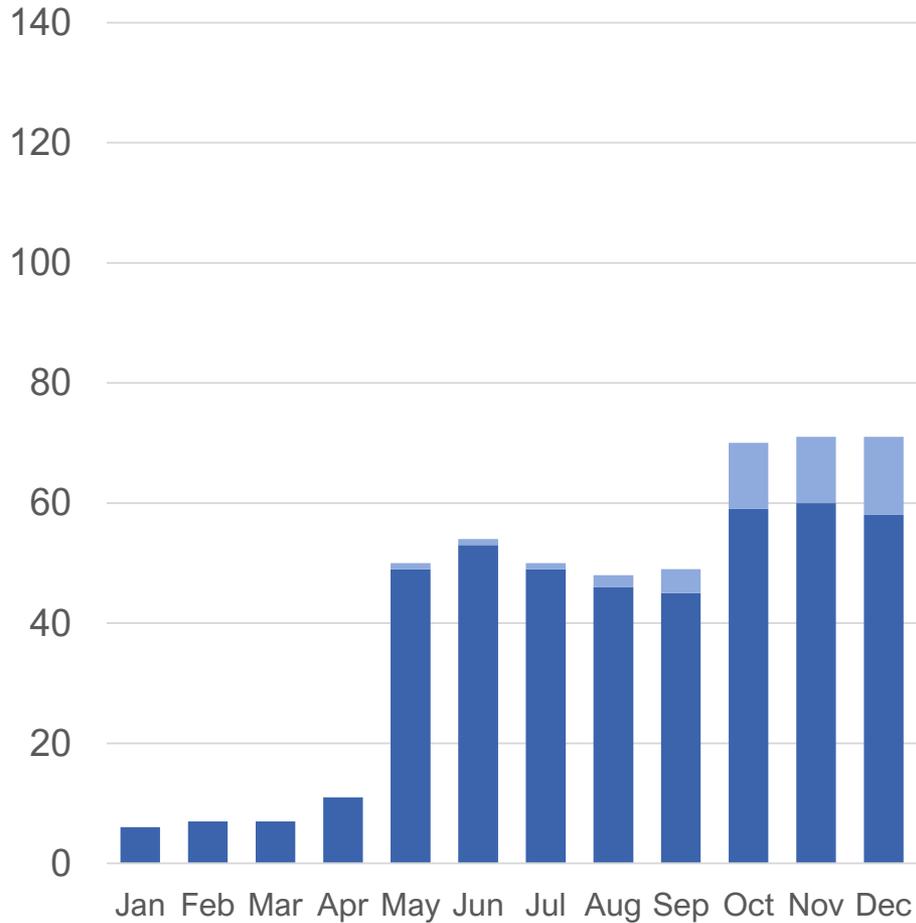


Worship

Average Sunday attendance

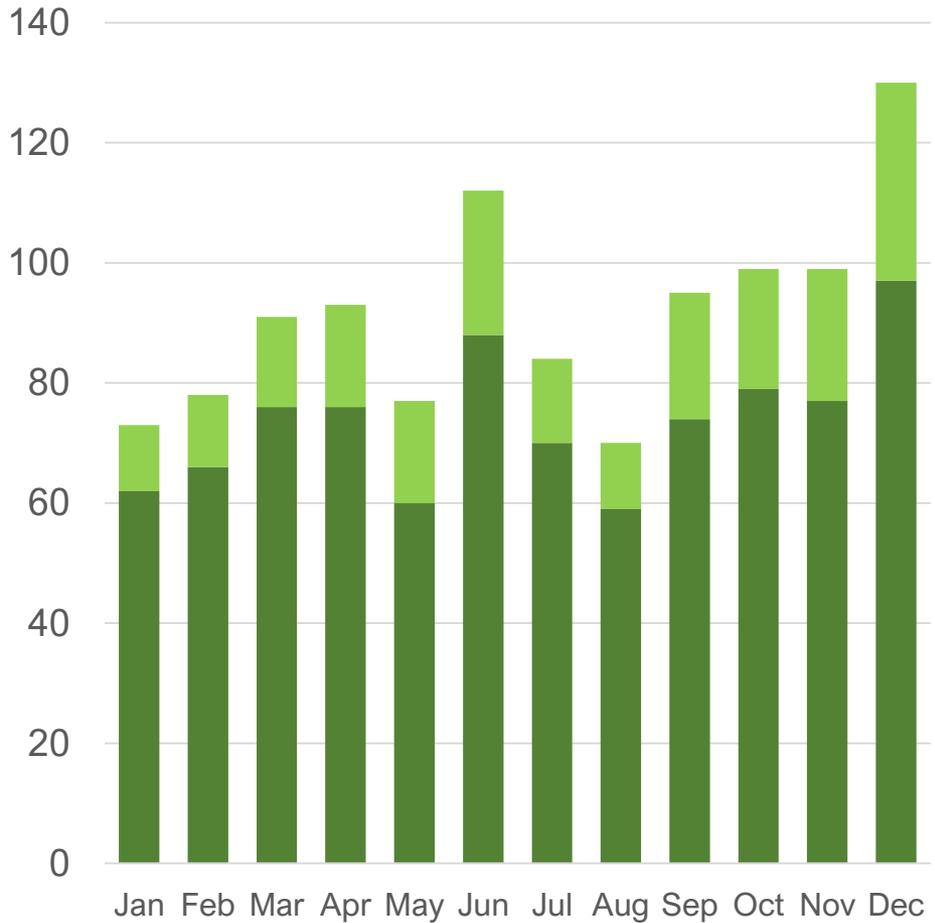
2021

■ Adult ■ Children



2022

■ Adult ■ Children



Giving



At year end 2022...

95 (100 in 2021) regular planned givers

67 (77) monthly standing order

3 (5) weekly or monthly envelopes

25 (18) Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

£163,974 planned giving – 163% of Parish Share
(incl. Gift Aid; excl. envelopes, loose plate/donations)

£100,862 Parish Share



Giving – Project Phoenix

Amount given in 2022 – **£64,832**

Total amount given so far **£287,000**

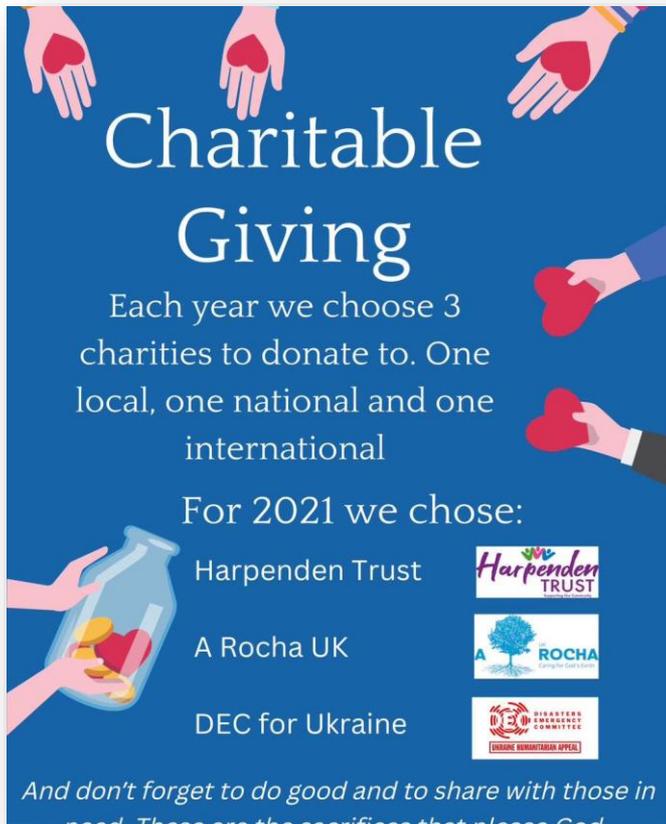
Target for end of 2022 **£283,000**
(out of £500,000 pledged)



Giving - charities

Every year at St John's we give away 10% of our voluntary income to charities we support. We do this because everything we have is a gift from God and it's important to use what we have to enrich others.

In 2021 we gave just over £4,500 each to the Harpenden Trust, A Rocha UK and DEC for Ukraine.



Charitable Giving

Each year we choose 3 charities to donate to. One local, one national and one international

For 2021 we chose:

- Harpenden Trust
- A Rocha UK
- DEC for Ukraine

And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.



Christmas Appeal for Christian Aid

A big thank you to all those who donated towards our Christmas Appeal across our Christmas services in 2022.

We managed to raise over £1000 which is a truly amazing amount.



St John's Harpenden Concert for Ukraine

THANK YOU

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(exact amount to be confirmed)

A special thank you to our Ukrainian performers, who sung beautifully and told their story, really bringing home why we were all there.

Pastoral

Those who have died:

Joan Allen

18 January

Simon Creedy

14 February

Barbara Greaves

18 March

Constance Evelyn Whiting

23 March

Caroline Ballard

6 September

Alan Webster

10 September

Key church events...

- Epiphany choral
- Mothering Sunday
- Easter
- Patronal Festival
- Death of Queen Elizabeth II
- Harvest Festival
- David Nye 40 year anniversary
- Advent / Christmas





Children and young people

- In church – play area, involved in Sunday services (servers)
- Little Acorns (24 adults, 26 children weekly average)
- Junior Church (12 on average)
- Holiday club (28)
- School visits – the Grove and Aldwickbury



Children and young people



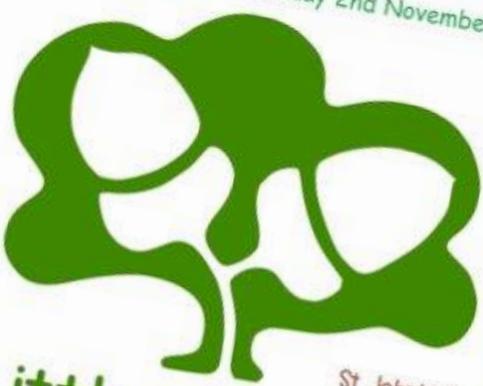
Lent and Easter Trail



Children and young people



Starting again on Tuesday 2nd November



a group for
toddlers
and their carers
friendly, supportive, fun

* 10am-11.30am
Tuesday mornings

St John's Church Hall,
St John's Road, Southdown, ALS IDJ

voluntary donation

Little Acorns

*new time, new day term time only



Key 'social' events...

- Patronal BBQ
- Concert series

Ukraine Concert
Sophie
Sonorite

- Quiz
- Photographic exhibition



The Story of St John's:
from Coffee Room and Paper Church to the present day

Come and discover a new exhibition charting the journey of our Anglican Church in Southdown, Harpenden, from 1865 and into the 21st century.

St John's Church, St John's Rd AL5 1DJ

Open Daily 10am – 5pm
Until 24th July 2022

Our new Parish Centre
BUILDING IT TOGETHER

FREE

FESTIVE FAMILY CONCERT

Sonorité Saxophone Quartet at St John's Church, Harpenden

Thursday 22nd December, 3pm

Adults: £12.50
18-25: £5
Under 18s FREE

www.sonoritemusic.co.uk/quartet

NUTCRACKER SUITE
FRODO MEDLEY
SLEIGH RIDE
JINGLE BELLS

BOOK NOW!

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Our buildings



Parish Hall



Vicarage



Linwood Road

Our buildings



Governance

- **PCC and Wardens:** Lauryn Awbrey; Anne Edwards; David Nye; Jane Donati; Heather Nye; Bill Moore; Martin Myers; Jacky Dodd; Jon Pitman; Naomi Burnett; Bryan Coventry; Nick Lockett; Liz Macdonald; Dawn Mason; Liz Newell; Liz Sergeant
- **9 meetings**
- Thanks to those standing down - **Jane Donati, Bill Moore, Jacky Dodd, Naomi Burnett, Dawn Mason, Liz Sergeant**
- Thanks to **those standing again**
- **Committees**



Our staff...

Julie

until April 2022



Anna

from May 2022



Roger



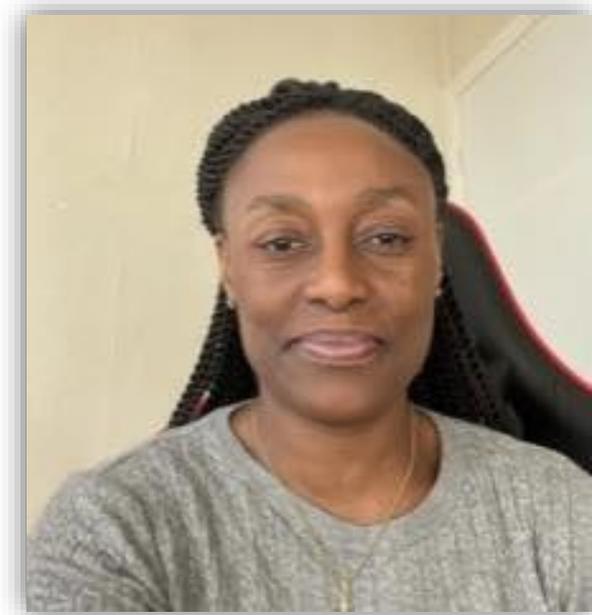
Barbara



New Curate

We found out in November we will be having a new curate

Ritah Namakula



Communications

- Magazine – new editor Susan Kerr
- Social media
 - **Facebook** reached **20,882** people
 - 43 new likes
 - 279 likes in total
 - 317 followers
 - **Instagram** 571 people
 - 134 followers
 - 22 more on insta
- New monthly podcast
- Hedge as noticeboard/communication



Community links

- Fusion Pre school
- Soup lunch
- Slimming World rental
- Dance Club rental
- Harpenden Musical Theatre Company rental

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Living God's Love

St John's Church
St John's Road
Harpenden
AL5 1DJ

Community Soup Lunch

Wednesday 12-2pm

Please join us as we meet each week to share a bowl of soup and enjoy some good company and conversation. We even have board games!

All are very welcome



REPAIR FAIR stJOHN'S
DON'T CHUCK IT, REPAIR IT!

Bring along your faulty electrical items and our team of skilled amateur fixers will do their best to put them right or offer advice. You may even learn how to repair things yourself!



ALL THIS FOR FREE
BUT ANY DONATIONS
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

Fabric and Bike repairs also offered at some events

Venue: St. John's Church Hall
Saint Johns Road
Harpenden AL5 1DJ

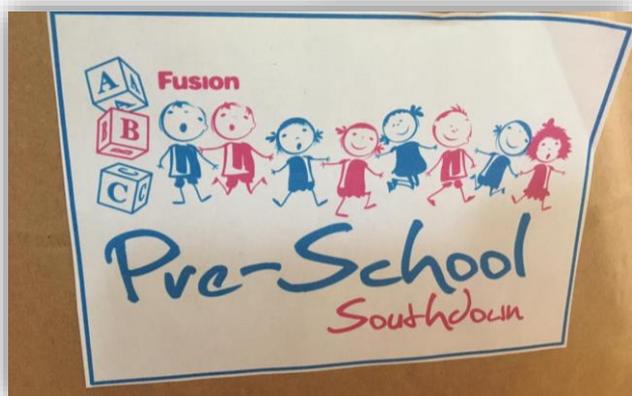
Date: Saturday 15th October 22
Time: 2 - 5pm

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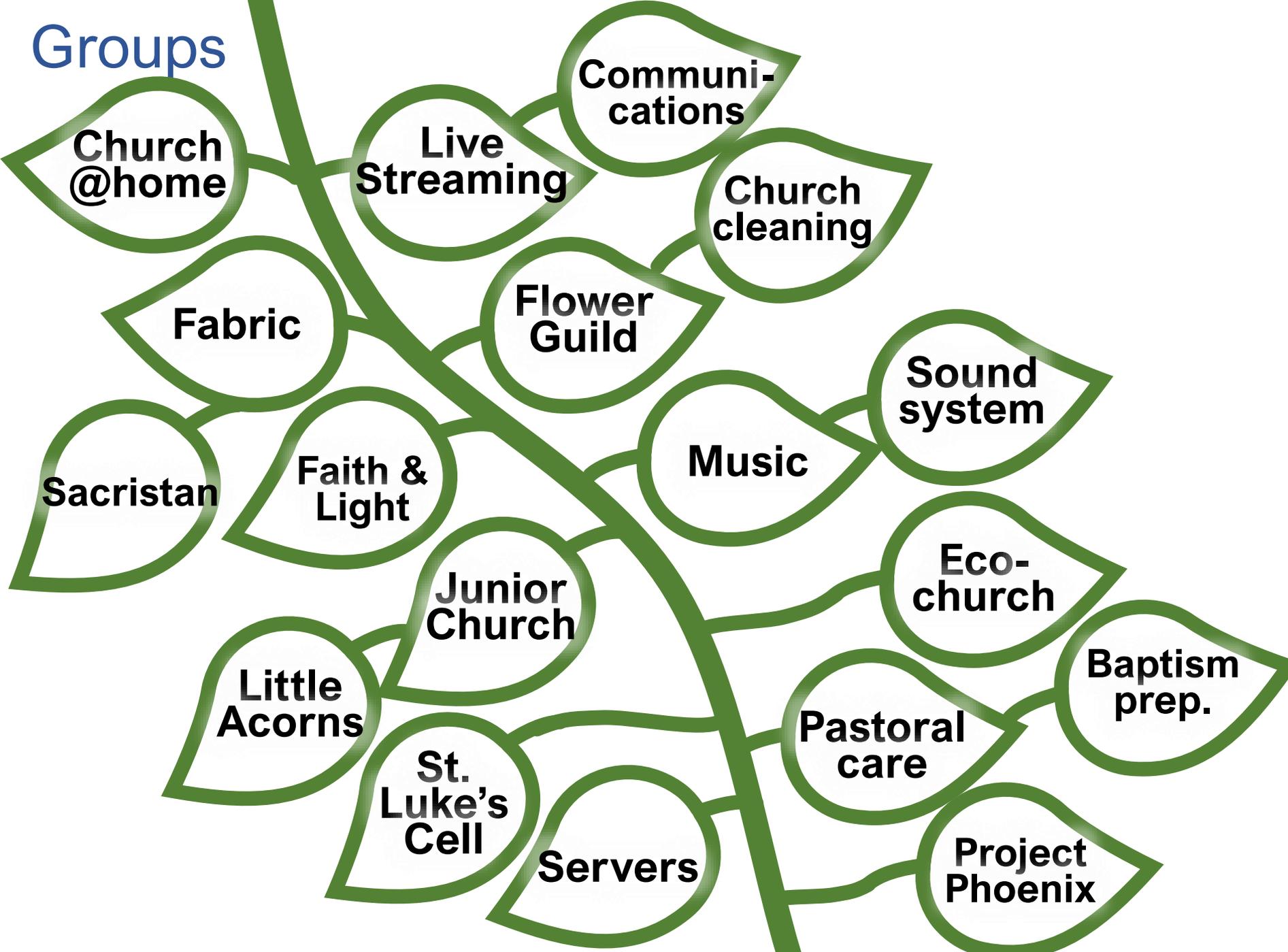
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www.sustainablestalbans.org/st-albans-district-fixers
https://www.facebook.com/groups/601867500905712/
Registered Charity No. 1173118

St Albans City & District Council

SUSTAINABLE St Albans



Groups



Thanks to ...

- Ministry team

Anne, Lauryn and David

- Wardens / PCC (especially Jacky and Jon Pitman)
- Our staff – Julie, Roger, Anna and Barbara
- People on rotas – reader / coffee intercessions
- Our choir and all who provide music
- Livestream / website / communications – Neil
- Servers – Michael, Sacristan
- All our volunteers



Vicar's report

1 Corinthians 12.4-11

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Final prayer

Jesus, our Redeemer, we praise Your holy name for this time of gathering together.

Thank You for blessing the church with profound resources through the Holy Spirit and the Word.

We thank You for all that You have done for us.

We ask You to bless us as we dismiss.

May Your hand of protection be upon each of us, and may we each live boldly for You, regardless of what it might cost us.

We trust that You will sustain us, guide us, and protect us.

We pray in Your name.

Amen.