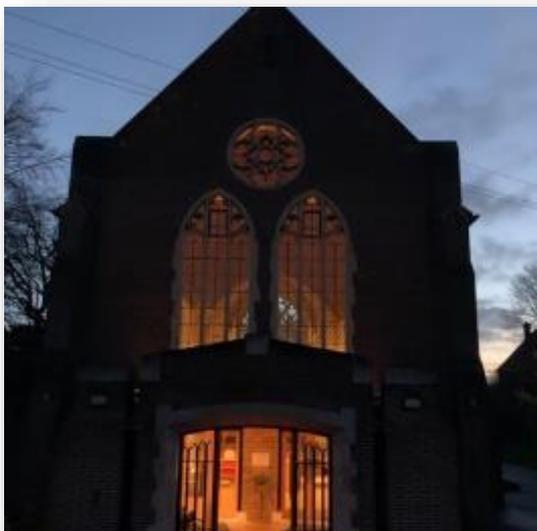




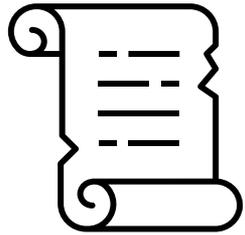
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## APCM

Sunday 12 May  
2024



# St. John's in figures...



**Electoral Roll (at APCM)**

**175**

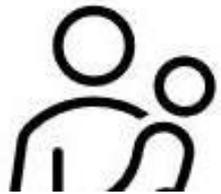
182 last year

5 people passed away

3 people either moved or no longer attend

3 people resigned

4 people joined the electoral roll



**Average weekly attendance**

**Under 16**

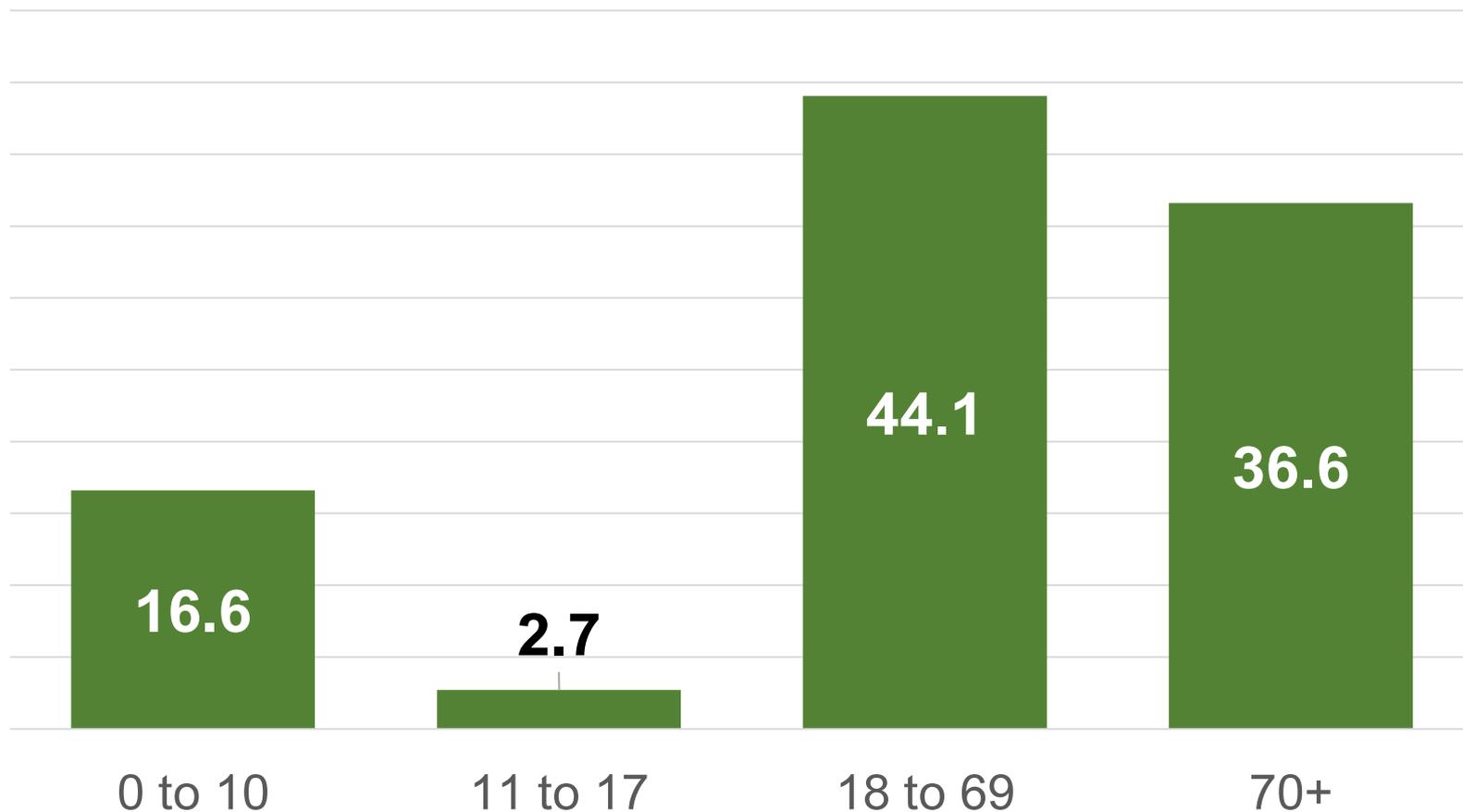
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**Adult**

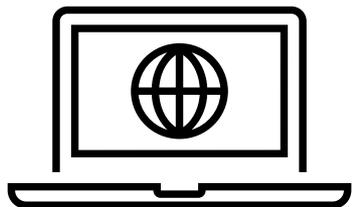
**80**

# St. John's in figures...

## Congregation age profile – 2023 Percentage



# Worship



## Online watching – compared to 2022

Weekly live streamed services

**702** hours watched (761)

**3,900** views (6,400)

**208** subscribers (185)

**19** Baptisms

**0** Weddings

**8** Funerals (1 at crematorium)

**1** Memorial

**7** Burials of Ashes

**0** Confirmations

**8** First Communions



# Giving



At year end 2023...

- 87** (95 in 2022) regular planned givers
  - 42** (67) monthly standing order
  - 2** (3) weekly or monthly envelopes
  - 43** (25) Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

**£146,799** planned giving – 146% of Parish Share  
(incl. Gift Aid; excl. envelopes, loose plate/donations)

**£95,319** Parish Share



## Giving – Project Phoenix

Amount given in 2023 – **£75,945**

Total amount given (end 2023) **£358,306**

Amount pledged **£510,000**



# 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.

Our three nominated charities for our 2023 charitable giving are:

**Local**



**National**



**International**



# Pastoral

Those who have died:

Betty Mitchinson

William Mann

Ian Macdonald

Edna de la Mare

Andrew Hunt

Mollie Holden

Olive Yeo

Paul Linnane

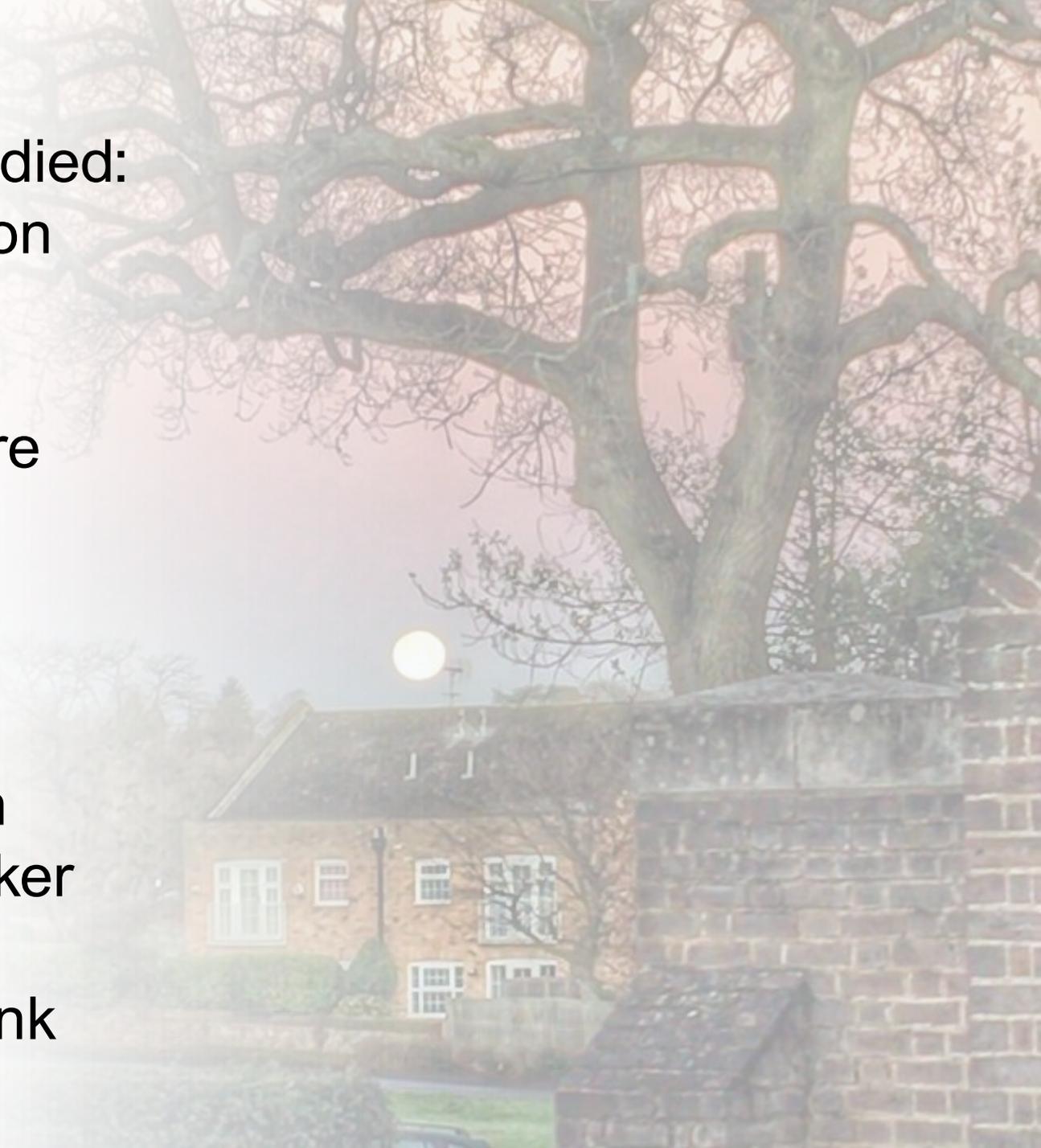
Mark Robinson

Joy Elaine Walker

June Webbe

Revd Mary Monk

Piers Slinn



# Key church events...

- Mothering Sunday
- Easter
- Patronal Festival
- Coronation of King Charles III
- Ritah installed as Deacon
- Harvest Festival
- Advent / Christmas





Easter



Moira moves away



First Communion



Songs of Praise



Mother's Union Christmas Communion



Midnight Mass

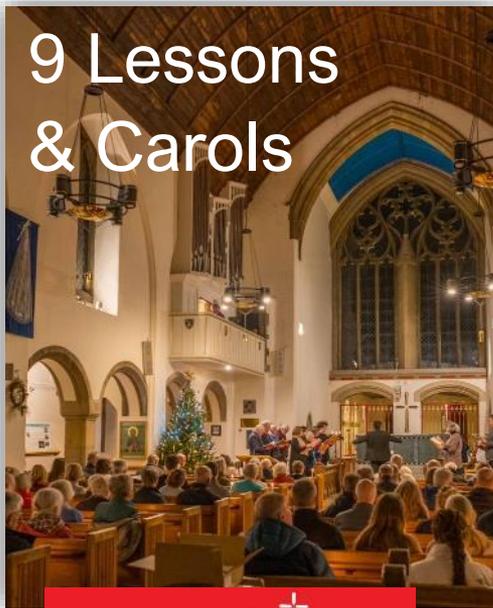
# Parish photo



08:00

09:30





9 Lessons  
& Carols



'Come & Sing' day



Concerts

stJOHN'S  
Living God's Love

St John's  
Christmas Appeal 2023

Donate to Crisis at Christmas and  
help someone start a life beyond  
homelessness.

**Crisis**



Palm Sunday



Holy Week  
evening services

# Fun, Gardens and Eco

## Faith & Light summer games



## Coronation weekend community litter pick



# Fusion, Harpenden Trust and hall garden



# Welcome Ritah





Tea@3 Christmas

Gathering



15th December  
3pm

St JOHN'S  
LONDON

St JOHN'S  
Living God's Love

St John's Church  
St John's Road  
Harrow  
A 5 11 7

### 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



# Children and young people

- In church – play area, involved in Sunday services (servers)
- Toddler service  
7-10 toddlers & parents on average
- Little Acorns  
(35 adults, 34 children on average)
- Junior Church
- Holiday club (25 Adults, 30 children on average)
- School visits – the Grove and Aldwickbury



# Children and young people

Christmas Holiday Club



Litter pick



Nativity Play



Crib at Grove School



Junior Church



# Children and young people



**Youth Club  
Movie Night**  
Friday 23rd June  
6-8pm

Come along for a film, snacks and pizza!

Join our open and safe space for young people to chat and relax. Free entry, bring your own cushion!

**Ages 10 and up!**

St John's Church Hall  
St John's Road  
Harpden  
A14 1DQ

If you have any questions, please email  
[parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk](mailto:parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk)



YouthClub



## Travelling Crib

ideal for families



3rd - 25th Dec

Can you offer our travelling nativity set a room for the night during December?

Moving from home to home just as Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem

to sign up email  
[parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk](mailto:parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk)



# 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, AL5 1DJ

voluntary donation

**Little Acorns**

\*new time, new day term time only



# Key 'social' events...

- Patronal BBQ

- Concerts

Continuum

Sonorite

The Hardynges Choir

A-T (Ataxia Telangiectasia) Society

- Quiz

- Tea @ 3

# Weekend away – High Leigh



# Our buildings



Parish Hall



Vicarage



Linwood Road

# Our buildings



# Governance

- **PCC:** Revd Tim Vickers, Revd Ritah Namakula, Lauryn Awbrey, Anne Edwards, David Nye, Heather Nye, Martin Myers, Jon Pitman, Alastair Meldrum, Alison Bygrave, Sophie Crowley, Mary Jean Pritchard, Andrew Ballard, Liz Macdonald, Nick Lockett, Bryan Coventry
- **6 meetings**
- Thanks to those standing down: Heather Nye, Martin Myers, Bryan Coventry
- Thanks to those standing again

# Our staff...

**Amanda**

From August 2023



**Anna**

Until June 2023



**Roger**

Until January 2023



**Craig**

Until December 2023



**Barbara**

Until December 2023



**Callum**

From January 2024

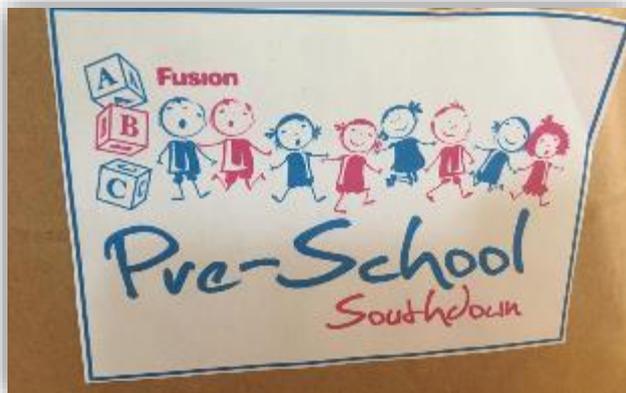
# Communications

- **Magazine** – editor Susan Kerr
- Social media - reach more people; most crucially a good way to communicate with younger people and those who do not yet come to church.
  - **Facebook 369** followers
  - **Instagram 146** followers
- **Weekly news by email 247** recipients
- New monthly podcast
- **Hedge** as noticeboard/communication

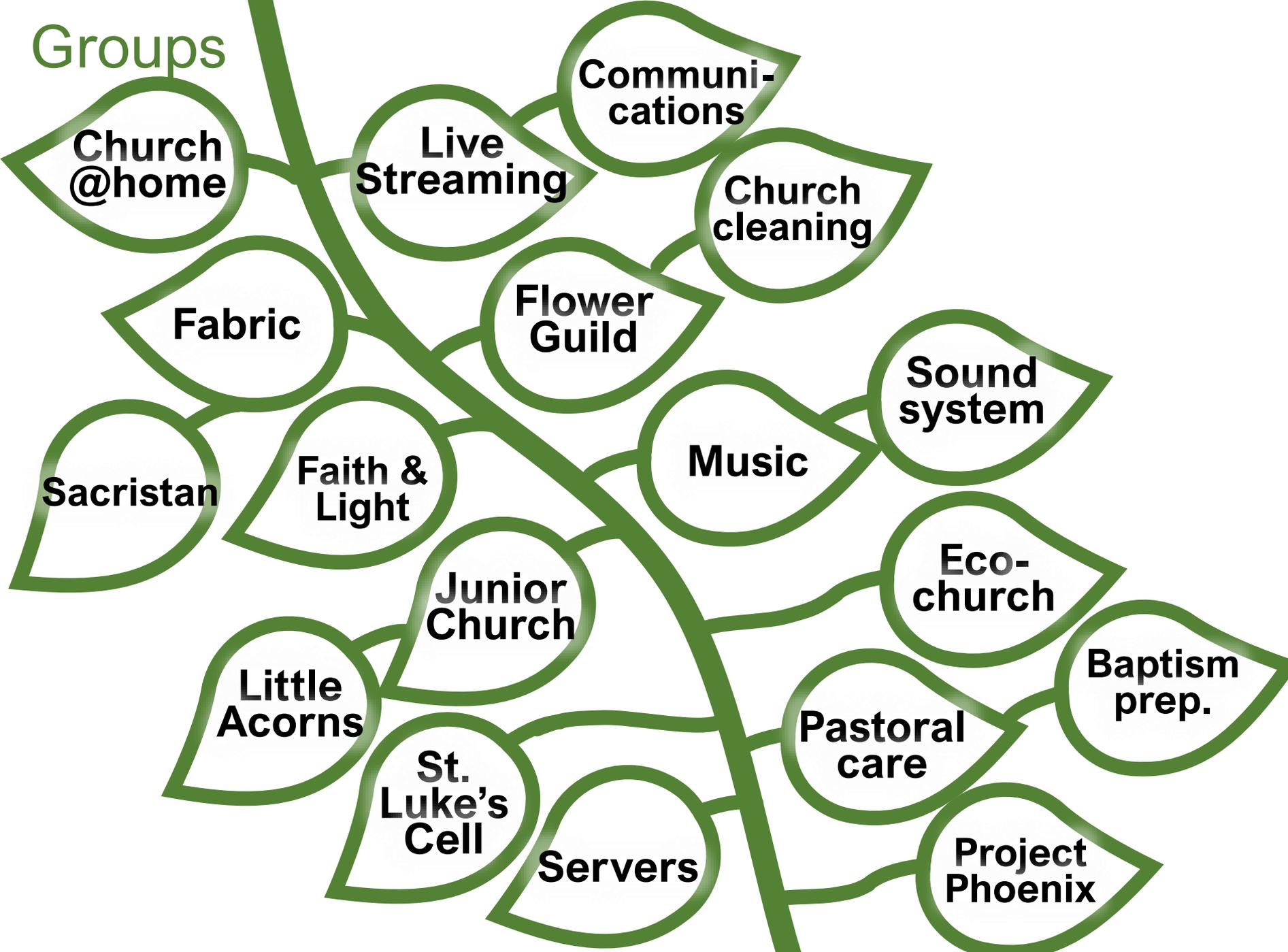


# Community links

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

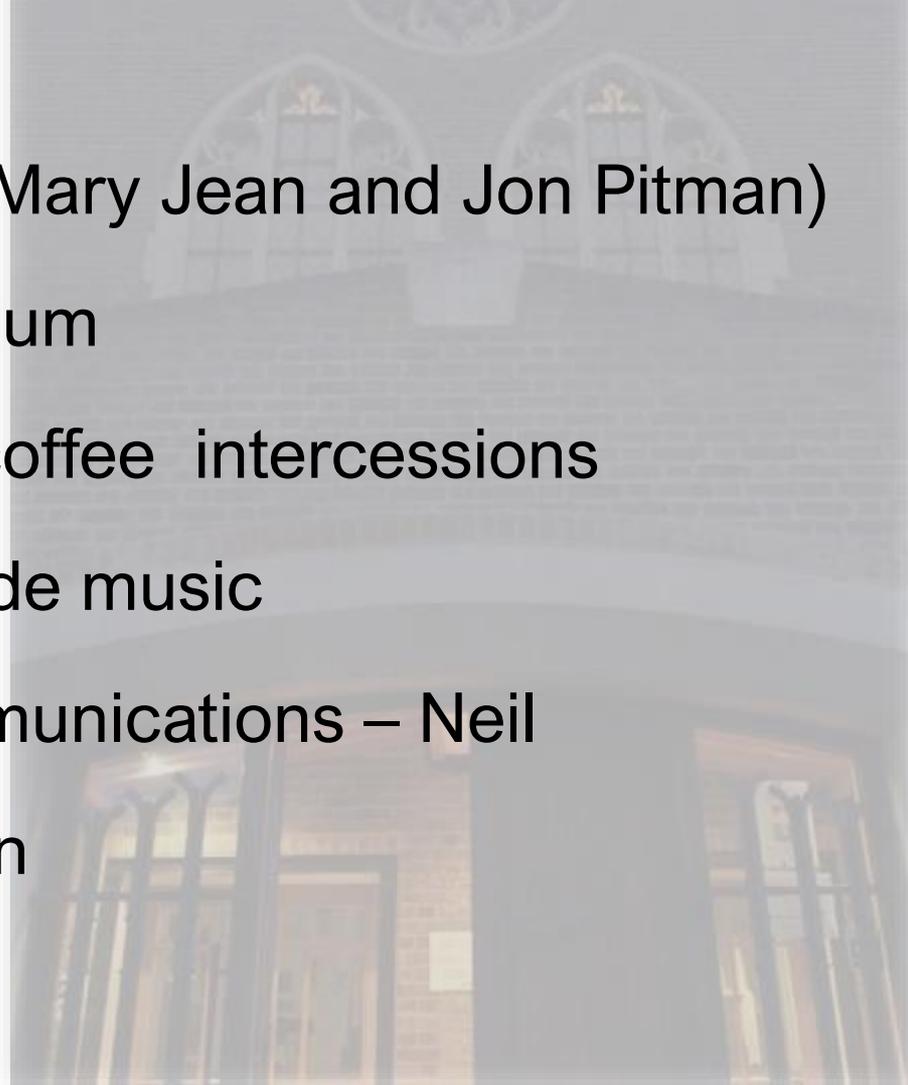


# Groups



# Thanks to ...

- Ministry team Ritah, Anne, David and Lauryn
- Wardens / PCC (especially Mary Jean and Jon Pitman)
- Our staff – Amanda and Calum
- People on rotas – reader / coffee intercessions
- Our choir and all who provide music
- Livestream / website / communications – Neil
- Servers – Michael, Sacristan
- All our volunteers





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