



Sunday 16 November, 2025

Dear friends,

I hope you've had a good week? Below you will find the latest news, upcoming events, and ways to get involved in our St John's Church community.

Encounter Nights

Encounter Nights | An Evening of Extended Prayer & Worship

Friday 14 November | 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Join us tomorrow for the first of three evenings of extended prayer and worship taking place on the 14, 21 & 28 November as we seek God's plans for us, our church and our community.

This weekend

Holy Communion Service

Sunday 16 November | 10am

This Sunday we'll be welcoming back Tom Sanderson, founder of *Five Talents*, as he helps us mark the charity's 20th anniversary and shares how faith-based savings groups are transforming lives across East and Central Africa.

It is also **Safeguarding Sunday** — which is a time to celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to keeping everyone safe in our church community. Our **Parish Safeguarding Officer, Valerie Upton**, will be speaking about the importance of safeguarding and how we all play a part in creating a safe, caring church for everyone

Next week

Tuesday 18 November

Advent Lunchtime Bible Study & Prayer | 12-1pm | Church Vestry

Starting next Tuesday 18 November - runs for 5 weeks) Click <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/events/rvcjyfo> for more details

Saturday 22 November - Two Special Events!

Autumn Prayer Walk | 10.30am

Meeting outside St John's Church at 10.30am, we will be walking from the church along West Ealing Broadway, stopping along the way to pray and give thanks for places in our local community. In addition there will be a '**stay and pray**' option in the lounge for those who would prefer to sit and pray rather than walk. Our two groups will be connected via WhatsApp with pictures and prayer requests.

Tearfund Quiz | 6-8pm | Doors open 5.30pm

Click <https://stjohnsealing.churchsuite.com/events/ddi4bsdu> to grab your tickets (which include food *and* a donation to Tearfund!) for our fun-filled quiz taking place on **Saturday 22 November**. **Ticket sales will close on Tuesday 18 November** so that we can confirm food quantities and final numbers. If you are able to help out at this event please email the office office@stjohnsealing.org.uk

Belong & Participate

Christmas Toy Run Collection

Thanks to all who have donated so far! [59 Club Christmas Toy Run.pdf](#) We are accepting Chocolates and cookies (with a long expiry date) Interactive and educational toys (puzzles, science kits, books) for ages 12-16 for the Christmas Toy Run that takes place on **Saturday 6 December: Departing St John's at 10am**. You can also donate financially <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/toy-run-2026>

Christmas 2025

We're looking forward to celebrating the joy of Christmas together at St John's! Below are the details of our Christmas services and celebrations taking place throughout December.

JOY

You're invited to celebrate the **JOY** of Christmas with us

Christmas Services

- 5pm | Blue Christmas
Saturday 6 December
- 10.15am | All Age Christingle
Sunday 7 December (Refreshments at 9.45am)
- 11.15am | Carols & Mince Pies
Wednesday 17 December
- 4pm | Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 21 December (no 10am service)
- 11.30pm | Midnight Communion
Wednesday 24 December
- 10am | Christmas Day Service
Thursday 25 December

Flyers will be ready and available **next weekend**. Please do collect some from the *Welcome Desk* and take the opportunity to invite your family, friends, and neighbours to join us in celebrating Christmas together. Kindly ensure that the relevant road is ticked on the *parish distribution list*, so we know which areas have received flyers.

St John's Events

Please visit our website www.stjohnsealing.org.uk to see details of all our other upcoming events, midweek and Sunday services

Have a blessed weekend :)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nina". The script is cursive and elegant, with the 'N' and 'i' being particularly prominent.

Nina McMahon
Church Administrator