

A message from Sue, our church coordinator:

If you've seen our social media channels or looked at the website recently, you may have seen that starting on the 2nd August, Si will be teaching a mini series on the wonderful gift of hope. The sessions will take place during our normal Sunday services as follows:

2nd August 9am and 11am Hope through Fear

9th August 9am and 11am Hope through Tears

16th August 9am and 11am Hope that Appears

Do you know someone who needs hope? Perhaps this series would be a real blessing to them, so please do invite them along. There will be no children's groups during August but we will have activity tables for children at the back of church, with activities on the Hope theme.

This Week's Bible Reading:

James 3:1-12 When speech is tamed

Psalms 26:1-7

The Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God,

by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,

that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

What's On This Week:

Saturday 11am: Chinese Bible Study

Sunday 9.00am: Service of the Word (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

Sunday 11.00am: Morning Service (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Children's groups for ages 3-11. Children are also welcome to stay in the service and there is a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

Sunday 7.30pm Prayer Meeting in the church lounge

Monday 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 6.15pm Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Wednesday 10.30am: Mums bible study

Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the St Johns YouTube Channel. It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

Dates for your Diary:

11th July: Volunteers BBQ

August 2nd, 9th, 16th: Mini Series on Hope

29th September: Safeguarding training

3rd October: Women's Day

News:

- **Gift Day - 5th July 2026**

Each year at our annual gift day, we are blessed by your very generous donations towards a specific project

at St John's. This year, we would like to respond to a friend in need. St Andrew's, a church in our mission community, are in need of a new roof for their building and are looking to raise £100,000 for the project. We would like to use the money raised at our gift day, this Sunday, to support them. As usual, you can donate online to Sort code 01-09-54 Account 77317750 or by donating cash in the gift day envelopes in church. If donating online please use the reference ST ANDREWS.

- Safeguarding Training

Are you are a volunteer who is due to update your foundation training in the next 6 months? Would you prefer to do this by joining an in-person training session (rather than using the on-line portal)? If so, please save Tuesday 29th September in your diary. Heather Naylor, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, has arranged for a course to be held at St Johns on this date, and can now start taking names for this. If you'd like to attend this session, please email Heather on safeguarding@stjohnshensingham.org.uk to let her know.

- Phil Holland's 99th Birthday!

Phil's family have extended an invitation to his friends at St John's Hensingham to a Bring and Share Lunch to celebrate his 99th Birthday.

This will be held at St John's Church, Bigrigg on Sunday 19th July from 12.30 onwards.

Come and share fellowship with Phil as he approaches his 100th Year. Please bring a food contribution to share.

- Keswick ministries are looking to recruit a Finance Lead. Speak to Sue for a copy of the job advert.
- Si and family are away on holiday from 29th June to 9th July inclusive.
- Especially in July, we will join with the Church of England Evangelical Council to pray for the Church of England. Details of PRAY July can be found [here](#). We are concerned with CEEC that a private members motion has been introduced for General Synod that will again seek to undermine our Church of England doctrine on marriage. As we learned in our Bible study on Acts, session 3 'Church challenges', when apostolic teaching is undermined by religious elites disregarding scripture, God's people must pray (Acts 4:23-24).

Please pray for:

- The family and friends of the late Les Owen, whose funeral will be held at St John's on the 6th July at 12 noon.
- Helen Stoker, Tony Pang, Jenny Wong, Jean Mainey and Mei Lan Benn who is undergoing spinal surgery on 16th July.
- The Albanian Evangelical Mission
- Keswick Convention

Pastoral Visits

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue Lane

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Our Mission Community partner churches:

Church on the Moor (Cleator Moor): www.churchonthemoor.com

St Andrew's Church (Mirehouse): www.standrewsmirehouse.co.uk

St Bridget's Church (Moresby): www.stbridgetsmoresby.com