



Friends Newsletter Autumn 2016

Welcome to the first newsletter since Friends of St John's was launched back in July. Friends was set up in response to the growth at the church and our desire to expand its ministry in the city of Hull and beyond. Creating a virtual network of people who can be this wider support base for the ministry of St John's is what Friends is all about.



My name is Jan Draper and I'm the Friends coordinator. Over the last few months I've worked with others at St John's to launch this initiative. Friends are people who have some form of connection with St John's, for example;

members, former students or friends and family of current church members. The vision for Friends is that these people (who could be anywhere in the world) will commit to the church both prayerfully and financially and, in partnering with us this way, invest in God's work at St John's and beyond.

Over recent months there have been lots of evangelistic activities to reach out to people with the good news of the Gospel. These have included a children's summer holiday club with over 160 attending, this included a BBQ designed to reach out to the parents and a men's games night, with a family fun night and a women's craft evening coming up in the next month. All these mean we can share the Gospel with people in the surrounding community and more widely across Hull, one of the most 'unchurched' cities in the UK. Please pray that many people will become Friends and that through prayer and financial support we will see a tide of revival across our City.

In each newsletter we'll be profiling one of the church's ministries. Here, Jess Motion one of our ministry trainees, describes her work with women:



My name is Jess and I've been a ministry trainee since 2015, focussing on women's discipleship. The women in the church represent a diversity of ages, nationalities, backgrounds and personalities. Women's ministry involves bible study, book groups prayer, fellowship breakfasts, individual

121s and outreach events. It's been a great joy to see the impact God's Word is having on these women as the Holy Spirit works in their lives. Our desire is to see these women grow in love for the Lord and each other. So please pray for them, that they will grow in godliness and confidence and hold out the gospel to the lost in our city and beyond.

If you have a connection with St John's, please consider becoming a Friend. Visit the website to find out more and how you can support in prayer and by giving. The church has recently increased the number of staff in order to expand the children, youth and student ministries. If you'd like to particularly support their work please let us know. Here are three ways you can partner as a Friend:

People: Having a genuine concern for people (Phil 1:8)

Prayer: Being committed to prayer (Phil 1:3-5)

Pounds: Giving generously (Phil 4:18)

Friends of St John's is administered through the Newland Christian Trust UK charity number: 1101648

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