

stjohnsharborne

IMPACT REPORT 2022-23



A heart for God, our city and the nations

There are so many encouragements and positive things to report from the last year, because of your prayer, financial support along with the time many of you have given to St John's ministries. The Lord has been at work through you by his Holy Spirit.

Thank you to everyone who gives financially or serves at St John's, none of this would be possible without you!

Bridge Building

We've seen the launch and continuation of different initiatives into the community with more planned for the future

- **Celebrate Recovery** - health and well-being
- **Community Café** - a great place to develop relationships
- **Friday Night Dinner** - offering PAYF meals and community
- **Warm Space** - welcoming space throughout winter and heating crisis
- **English Classes** - for new arrivals from Ukraine
- **Debt Advice** - supporting those struggling with debt
- **Resource Days** - collecting items to help charities

7000

In 2022 you provided around 7000 items for local community charities (such as coats, socks, food, toiletries, nappies & cleaning materials) through our Resource Days.

Support for Older People

The older generations are flourishing later in life, through experiencing new opportunities, developing close friendships and receiving spiritual support

- **Midweek Services**
- **Faith Chats**
- **Small Groups**
- **Links with Care Homes** including support for the staff & residents
- **Visits** to the housebound

The Marriage Course

We ran two courses helping couples to develop and invest in their relationship to build a strong marriage

Alpha Course

An opportunity for people to explore the Christian faith in an informal, relaxed setting

Church Services

Providing free regular public worship and services on Sundays and Thursdays where all are welcome, and we seek to build a community of faith

- **Worship & A/V teams** are a vital part of our corporate worship, enabling us to join together in praising God
- **Church Online** is live-streamed weekly for those unable to attend or wanting to catch up later
- **Ran multiple special events** at Christmas & Easter

2500

No. of people who attended our Christmas & Easter services this year





MINISTRIES



OUTREACH

100%

St Mary's worshipping community has grown by 100% since their new services began

St Mary's Bearwood Revitalisation

A team of people, along with Ben Baker as Vicar, moved to St Mary's in September 2022 in order to build an exciting ministry for the people of Bearwood

- **Ran a Fun Day** to launch the revitalisation, open to the Bearwood community, with over 300 in attendance
- **Start of new regular services**
- **Began running an Alpha Course** with 20 visitors
- **Started running a Toddler Group**

290

No. of school children attending 'The Christmas Adventure', hearing about the birth of Jesus in an accessible way

Children & Youth

Offering a range of activities for 11-18 year olds and their families

- **Regular contact with schools** provides opportunities to take assemblies, run prayer spaces and support children & staff
- **Fun invitational events** from pancake parties to light nights
- **Weekends away for teenagers** to go deeper in their faith

Small Groups (Home Groups and Women's & Men's Groups)

Opportunities to develop friendship and grow faith in smaller groups offering weekly support and encouragement

Toddler Ministry

For babies, pre-school ages children (0-4 years) and their parents/guardians

- **Twice weekly Toddler Group** is a supportive environment to meet & make friends
- **Providing an enormous range of activities** for little ones including play, craft, music and refreshments
- **New Parent & Baby Group** also meets weekly in term time

Global Partner Support

Providing prayer & financial support for those in ministry in our city, country and the nations

- **Resourcing mission** to extend Jesus' Kingdom outside of Harborne
- **Supporting churches** working in places such as Beirut, helping to care for refugees



LOOKING FORWARD

In the next five years we would love to see:

- 1.** Another church plant/new expression/worshipping community
- 2.** Growth: 100 new Christians, 120 new members of small groups; and everyone serving in at least one ministry within or beyond St John's
- 3.** More cultural diversity in our leadership
- 4.** Regular teaching on culturally relevant issues
- 5.** Regular teaching and small group material on discipleship and freedom issues
- 6.** At least two ministries from each Bridge Building ministry area fully established
- 7.** More worship leaders and encouragement of small group worship life

To enable all of this to take place, which we believe is of the Lord, we need to grow the number of volunteers in all areas and increase our income.

We are almost 100% funded by the Church family.

**WILL YOU HELP
AS WE RESPOND
TO GOD'S CALL
FOR MINISTRY IN
THIS PLACE?**

Are you able to give some time to a ministry?
What is your gift and calling?

Speak to a team member or email hello@stjohnsharborne.org
Are you part of the church but not giving financially? Email treasurer@stjohnsharborne.org

