

CARING TEAM

Team Leaders: Sue Watson and Maureen Lang

Our Purpose / Vision

To provide care to our church family and those in our community in the form of practical, spiritual and emotional support and encouragement. Thereby endeavouring to show God's love for all.

The Role of the Team

- Extend a warm welcome at church events.
- Care goes on naturally within our Church family through homegroups, SPA's and friendships. We help oversee that care in an attempt to ensure everyone feels welcomed and supported.
- Arrange annual events e.g. for those who have been bereaved or are new to the church.
- Develop new ideas for serving the community.
- To help in practical ways e.g. lifts to hospital, meals for new mums, hospital and home visits and baking cakes.
- Emotional support

What might involvement look like?

- Become part of a group of people willing to help develop the vision for the Team.
- Provide support for the practical tasks outlined.
- Access and share training to help us achieve our goals.
- Help encourage communication which will enable us to pursue our vision effectively.
- Assist in developing our relationships with the other Teams and the use/management of SJ's.
- Help ensure that prayer underpins all we do.

**If you would like to get involved and serve
in the Caring Team contact**

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PRAYER TEAM

Team Leaders: Richard and Elzbieta Cienciala

Our Purpose / Vision

To be a church where prayer – individual and corporate – is at the heart of all we are and do. In order to reflect, and help build, the fullest possible relationship with our God, which is

- Ingrained and instinctive
- Varied, using all our God-given gifts of expression
- Inclusive, involving all, from youngest to oldest
- Prioritised
- Systematic and spontaneous

The Role of the Team

To ***inspire and encourage*** all in St John's to a deeper prayer life, though teaching, trying out, challenging and sharing experiences and answers

To ***shape and organise*** a diverse range of opportunities to pray individually and corporately, which -

- encourage and are open to all
- are bold in their range of expressions of prayer and open to new approaches
- span all purposes of prayer eg praise, intercession, warfare, listening, nestling...

What might involvement look like?

We want to build a team first, and start from inspiring and encouraging, before moving on to new opportunities.

Early work for the team is likely to involve building on existing expressions of prayer, which include:

- Individual prayer
- During and after Sunday services
- Home groups
- Monday evening prayer meeting
- Prayer emails

We will help discern what might evolve and what might come to a natural end.

The team will move towards developing new avenues of prayer for which we already have many exciting ideas.

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MISSIONS TEAM

Team Leaders: Milly Johnson and Sarah Morgan

Our Purpose / Vision

To inspire a church to have a heart for mission which is both global and local. We want to nurture people who will engage in mission, as well as support organisations and individuals who are already in such work.

There is obvious overlap with the wider church vision and the remit of other Teams, so we will seek to refine our specific direction in light of engagement with other groups.

The Role of the Team

- **Grow** – to identify and nurture St John's members to undertake mission
- **Engage** – to inform and inspire church members regarding global issues and mission
- **Sustain** – to meaningfully support a small number of missions and missionaries in prayer and practical ways

What might involvement look like?

We are open to flexible membership giving time to a greater or lesser extent, in any or all of the streams described.

GROW - People can join to either undertake mission themselves or to support those who do so (we'll seek to use team budget for training if needed). We also need people willing to commit to praying for those going on short term missions.

ENGAGE - People willing to help design, plan, implement, and follow up initiatives undertaken by the Missions team (or others in church). Helping us to use current ad hoc events and fundraising more effectively to engage the whole church.

SUSTAIN - We would like a core group of people to commit to prayer for our regular missions / missionaries (liaising with the Prayer Team) and have identified individuals to be the key contact with supported missions / missionaries.

**If you would like to get involved and serve
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WORSHIP TEAM

Team Leaders: Barbara Bassot and Martin Pinnell

Our Purpose / Vision

To help the church family walk more closely with God in all circumstances, so that we are people who 'change the atmosphere' around us and reach out with God's love to everyone we encounter.

The Role of the Team

Worship is how we engage with God, experience his presence and live out what He wants to do in our lives. It is part and parcel of our everyday. Our role is to help people connect with that daily reality so that our whole lives can be an act of worship.

Music and singing play a part in this venture, but we want to help people embrace the rich variety of ways in which worship can be expressed.

What might involvement look like?

We need a team of people to support everyone at St John's, in a number of different ways:

- Creative people who can help us to worship God in more visual and practical ways (e.g. art, photography, video, dance, drama, crafts).
- Practical people who support us technically to provide sound and visuals in services.
- Communicators who can help us to continue worshipping through the week.
- Worship leaders who lead us in music when we gather together.
- Intercessors who support us fervently in prayer, particularly those who lead worship on Sundays.
- Ideas people who can help us take worship outside our walls and into our local community.

**If you would like to get involved and serve
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SOUTHWARK PASTORAL AUXILIARY

Penny Seabrook and Sybil Andrew

What is a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary?

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries are men and women who are not ordained but are commissioned by the Diocese of Southwark to help develop the voluntary caring and pastoral work of the church.

They have been around since 1961. To quote the Bishop of Southwark – “SPAs are often called to be a bridge between the church and the world”.

Training & Opportunities

The training is currently on a part-time basis, over two years. It involves Bible study, prayer, information visits to caring agencies, practical opportunities and placements with different agencies, both Christian and secular. On-going training is available to meet individual interests, and the needs of the church and community.

The role helps give expression to someone's faith in a wide variety of ways, within the church and in the wider community. Work will often include engagement with other churches and agencies, for example hospital and prison chaplaincy, refugee and homeless centres, as well as local church teams.

What does this look like in St John's?

We currently have 2 Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries - Penny Seabrook and Sybil Andrew. Their areas of experience include:

- General pastoral care, including visiting and raising awareness of pastoral needs
- Support for others in our church family who exercise pastoral care
- Conduit for access to wider information on pastoral care matters

Our SPAs have a heart for particular expressions of care. If you would like support in any of the following areas, then speak to them accordingly:

Penny - Disability Issues, Mental Health well-being, Community Outreach

Sybil - Bereavement Support, Mentoring, Listening, Lifeline at Premier Radio, Outreach

**If you would like to know more about this role please chat to
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