

# LIFE LET'S TALK EXPLORED

A relaxed, informal way to think through life's big questions and learn about Jesus. Open to people of all faiths or none. All questions welcome. Free. Seven Wednesdays starting in January, 7.45-9.15pm.

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**Youth group**  
11-16s

ESCAPE  
THE  
ZOMBIE  
APOCALYPSE

6-7.30pm, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

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## Prayer meetings

These are our first priority. Church news is shared here first, and we pray for the month ahead. We meet at 7.30pm for cake, 7.45-9.15pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

## Sundays for guests

An opportunity for all faiths or none to visit a welcoming church and hear a Christian perspective.

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## Young families

**Mini Matts** 9.45-11.30am, Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> April (except half term 18<sup>th</sup> February)

## 7-11s Jaffa club

For school years 3-6, 6-7pm, Thursdays 16<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March (except half term 20<sup>th</sup> February)

**Pancakes** Bring a friend, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

## 11-16s Youth group

6-7.30pm, Thursdays 16<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March (except half term 20<sup>th</sup> February)

**Escape the Zombie Apocalypse** A good week to visit or invite friends and discover God's rescue plan. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

## Students

Pizza, Bible discussion and games, for ARU, 6<sup>th</sup> form and other students after 5pm church. Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Student weekend away** A weekend away by the sea.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

**The Great Student Bake-Off** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

## Internationals

Food, friendship and Bible in simple English

7-9pm, weekly from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**Chinese New Year celebration** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

## Over 50s: A slice of life

With cake, chat, a topical talk, and a Christian perspective.

Second Mondays 10.30-11.45am

13<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March

## Church lunch

Bring simple, cold buffet food to share at lunch, with supervised play for under 8s while adults hear about causes that church members care about. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

## Vision morning

With bring & share lunch and annual meeting.

12.30pm-3pm, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

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## What's On

### January - March 2025

An opportunity for people of all faiths or none to visit an accessible church, in person or online, as little or as often as you choose.

**10.30am** with supervised creche, side room with toys, and groups for children and youth.

**5pm** smaller gathering followed by student group.

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## Sundays 10.30am

5 January	<b>Pressure and promise</b> Psalm 119:17-24
12 January	<b>What does your life say about your faith?</b> Mark 11:1-25
19 January	<b>Why should we listen to Jesus?</b> Mark 11:27-33
26 January	<b>How will you respond to God?</b> Mark 12:1-12
2 February	<b>Keeping God out of my wallet</b> Mark 12:13-17
9 February	<b>What's so great about heaven?</b> Mark 12:18-27
16 February	<b>Church weekend away</b> join us in Northampton, online or at 5pm
23 February	<b>Do you need to be a Bible expert?</b> all ages Mark 12:28-37
2 March	<b>Is Christianity good for social justice?</b> Mark 12:38-44
9 March	<b>Why does God allow war &amp; disasters?</b> Mark 13:1-13
16 March	<b>What's your response to Christianity?</b> <i>for guests</i> Mark 1:14-15
23 March	<b>When it feels like the end of the world</b> Mark 13:14-31
30 March	<b>Living with uncertainty</b> Mark 13:32-37

## Home groups

7 January	<b>prayer meeting</b>
14-16 January	Mark 11:1-11
21-23 January	Mark 11:12-25
28-30 January	Mark 11:27- 12:12
4 February	<b>prayer meeting</b>
11-13 February	Mark 12:13-27
18-20 February	weekend away follow-up
25-27 February	Mark 12:28-37
4 March	<b>prayer meeting</b>
11-13 March	Mark 12:38-44
18-20 March	Mark 13:1-13
25-27 March	Mark 13:14-31
1 April	<b>prayer meeting</b>

## Sundays 5pm

5 January	<b>The word of freedom</b> Psalm 119:25-32
12 January	<b>Songs to stir our hearts</b> Psalms 1- 2
19 January	<b>Does God understand my pain?</b> Psalms 3- 41
26 January	<b>Hope in hard times</b> Psalms 42- 72
2 February	<b>When Jesus feels absent</b> Psalms 73- 89
9 February	<b>Understanding power and control</b> Psalms 90- 106
16 February	<b>Looking to the future</b> Psalms 107- 145
23 February	<b>What is life really all about?</b> Psalms 146- 150
2 March	<b>Where is God in everyday life?</b> Esther 1:1- 3:6
9 March	<b>Is faith just a crutch?</b> Esther 3:7- 4:17
16 March	<b>When life is bad and can't get better</b> Esther 5:1- 7:10
23 March	<b>How can you say there's only one true God?</b> <i>for guests</i>
30 March	<b>Your part in God's plan</b> Esther 8:1- 10:3