

Bring & Share Lunch

Sunday 12th October

Everyone is invited to join us following our joint service on Sunday for a bring and share lunch. Please bring along something savoury and/or something sweet for the table.

Can't think what to bring? Here are a few ideas ...

quiche, pizza, pasta/rice/couscous salad, sandwiches, sausage rolls, pork pies, cocktail sausages, crisps, carrot/celery sticks, cheese & pineapple sticks, coleslaw, potato salad, sliced meats, cake, scones, cheesecake, cookies, trifle ...

If you're able to, please plan to stick around at the end to help with clearing away.

Cost

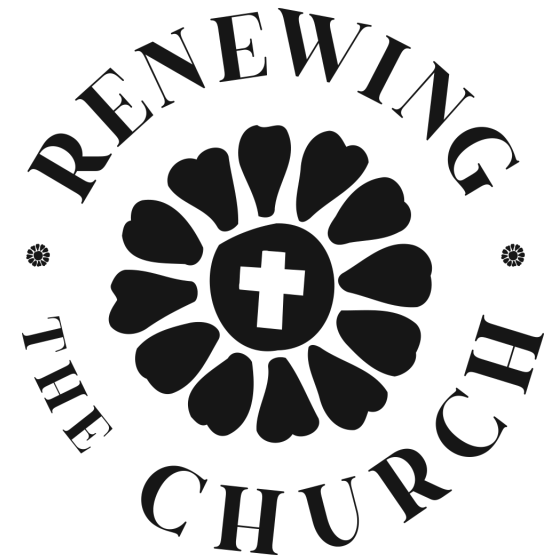
There is no charge for the weekend, but please consider making a donation towards the cost of the speaker, refreshments, printing, heating, etc, if you are able to.

We suggest £5 per person - donations can be left in the box which will be in the foyer at St John's throughout the weekend, with Jane in the office, or via bank transfer, referencing Church Family Weekend.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



St John's, Houghton with St Peter's, Kingmoor



CHURCH FAMILY WEEKEND

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th October 2025
St John's Church, Houghton

Meet the Speaker



Bishop Rob Munro

Born in Manchester, Rob came to faith as an 18 year old, through the ministry of St Mary's, Cheadle. After a degree in Maths at Bristol University, he studied in London for two years at All Souls College of Applied Theology, while working part-time as a teaching assistant at All Souls school.

He went on to train as a teacher at Manchester University before working as a Maths and PE teacher in Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester.

He trained for the ministry at Oak Hill Theological College and was ordained priest in 1994, serving at St John the Baptist, Hartford. In 1997, he was appointed Rector of St Wilfrid, Davenham, and in 2003, returned to St Mary's Cheadle with St Cuthbert's, where he served as Rector for nearly 20 years. During this time he completed his doctorate from Reformed Theological Seminary, USA.

He has served on the Church of England's General Synod and was a member of the Dioceses' Commission, as well as the maximum three terms as Chair of Clergy for Chester Diocese.

He is married to Sarah. They have three adult children and a dog. He enjoys playing music, reading, playing computer games with the family and until recently wood-carving (sadly cut short by an accident with a circular saw blade).

Programme

We hope you'll be able to join us for our Church Family Weekend. We're looking forward to a great time of fun and fellowship as we learn from God's Word together.

Friday 10th October

Quiz & Cakes

6.30pm A relaxed all-age quiz and cakes
8-9pm Teaching Session for Impact and Adults

Saturday 11th October

Time Together

10am Teaching sessions for Sunday School, Impact and Adults
11am Doughnuts and Drinks
11.30am Teaching sessions for Sunday School, Impact and Adults
12.15pm Bring your own lunch
1-3pm Afternoon Activities

Sunday 12th October

Joint Morning Service with Lord's Supper

A precious opportunity to gather together from across our congregations to worship the Lord in song and prayer and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

10am Croissants & Drinks
10.30am Morning service with Lord's Supper with group for Sunday School
12noon Bring and Share Lunch

A crèche area will be available for pre-school children on Saturday and Sunday.



Booking Form

To help with planning it would be helpful to know if you are intending to come along to all or part of the weekend. Please indicate below and return to the church office by Sunday 5th October.

Name(s) of those attending:

I/we are planning to come along to:

- ☐ Friday Quiz & Cakes (from 6.30pm)
☐ Friday Teaching Session (8-9pm)
☐ Saturday Teaching Session (10-11am)
☐ Saturday Teaching Session (11.30-12.15pm)
☐ Sunday Joint Morning Service (from 10am)

Saturday Afternoon Activities:

There will be a choice of activities available on Saturday afternoon. To help with planning, please indicate the number of people in your group who would be interested in the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Impact Activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Craft |