

BabyTalk

BabyTalk is a Parish midwife community project belonging to St John's Church, which aims to nurture trust and strengthen family bonds in Angell Town.

BabyTalk can support your health needs, we:

- Offer listening services; such as how you feel about being pregnant
- Provide resources to help establish the bond between you and your baby
- Provide infant feeding support
- Have developed infant feeding and nurturing policies with local organisations

N.B. We do not offer NHS services, if you require medical care please contact your GP or midwife.



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BabyTalk offer their services to families within Angell Town, Brixton.

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Please note all members work part-time, so you may not get an immediate reply or answer.

N.B. If you have urgent need please call 999. We do not offer NHS services, if you require medical care please visit your GP or midwife.

BabyTalk are grateful to work alongside St John's Angell Town Church, Together Southwark, Guy's and St Thomas' Chaplaincy and St John's Angell Town School. Both Angie and Jess have received parish nursing training from Parish Nursing Ministries UK and are grateful for their wisdom and insight.



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A Parish midwife community project of St Johns Church.





Services

We offer services complementary to the NHS which support you and your baby to get off to the best start in life.

We are available to offer free support with your health needs, discuss how you feel about being pregnant and offer resources to help establish the bond between you and your baby as he/she grows inside you. We believe it is important to talk to your baby to enhance brain development and bonding. We can talk about feeding your baby and explain about getting your baby off to the best start in life and the importance of lots of cuddles and skin to skin contact when your baby is born. We can also signpost you to different services in your community, and compliment your midwife, obstetrician, health visitor and GP who provide main care for you and your baby antenatally, from birth and up to 5 years old. We are also available to offer the opportunity for you to explore the spiritual aspects of your health care, if you choose too. As well as one-to-one support, we aim to develop community public health initiatives. For example, in 2016 we collaborated with St John's Angell Town Primary School to develop and pilot a baby friendly policy and curriculum.

N.B. We do not conduct any of your antenatal, intrapartum or postnatal care – you must have your own lead midwife/obstetrician.

Meet the Team

Chair of the Board

The Revd. Canon Dr. M. Rosemarie Mallett

Canon Rosemarie is Vicar to St John the Evangelist Parish Church, Angell Town, and Chair of the BabyTalk Board. In 2015 Terry Drummond, Angie and herself founded the BabyTalk Project. Canon Rosemarie has a keen interest in the issues of faith in the community and social justice, which has led her to also work as the diocesan public policy adviser for Southwark, and work with numerous community groups and the local council on community development issues.

Parish Midwives

Angie Sherridan RM RGN MPhil

Angie is a parish nurse and midwife with St John's Church. She is a qualified nurse and midwife (RN/RM) and has practised as both for over 30 years. Angie completed her training as a parish nurse at the beginning of June 2015, and is registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

She has worked across both hospital and community settings both in the UK and in Australia. Angie has worked in a variety of roles including a child health nurse, a community nurse for schools and in commissioning as a public health specialist in breastfeeding, as well as specialising as an infant feeding midwife for over 15 years.

Jessica Gordon RM

Jess has been invested in BabyTalk since she was a midwifery student, and currently works as our administrator. In March 2016 Jess qualified as a registered midwife at King's College London, and will soon join Angie as BabyTalk's second parish midwife.

Volunteers

We have a fabulous group of volunteers who offer their time to support our local families. They all have very unique skills which has helped us build a diverse and far reaching team.

Nori was our first volunteer, who through having her own child has much wisdom and insight into the experiences of motherhood. Nori has worked alongside Angela, and taken on the role of supporting families who have their children baptised at St John's Church.

Rosemarie is a trained breastfeeding peer supporter who has been very active in our collaborative work with St John's School. She has team taught infant feeding and nurture lessons, and brought many creative resources and ideas to the school table. She has also been a very present support at St John's Sunday services.

BabyTalk has recently welcomed two new volunteers who are currently shaping out their roles: **Yvonne**, who has experience in catering and **Michelle**, who has a background in childcare.



From left to right: Rosemarie, Angie, Nori, Jess and Canon Rosemarie