

Children's Sunday Groups at St John's

These are the groups we run for children and young people during the 9.30am service each Sunday:

Rising Stars - Ages 0-5 in the Pauling Room

The Big God Space - Ages 5-10 in the Jubilee Hall

Streetwise - Age 11+ in the Lodge

We'd love to see you, come and join in the fun!

Attention families!

For services where there are no Sunday Clubs, or if you come to church without your child, please use the 'sign in' book at the back of church so that you are registered as attending. Thank you.

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Office opening hours
Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm

1 May 2016

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jill Maddock

Epistle: James 1: 22 - end
Gospel: John 16: 23b - 33

9.30am Contemporary Service & Baptism
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Catherine Butcher

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher
Assisting: Ann Reid, Susan Taylor, Diana Guthrie & Derek Moulton
Hymns: 677, 161, 474
Readings: Acts 16: 9 - 15
John 14: 23 - 29

Next Sunday

Sunday 8 May 2016

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
Assisting: Richard Wells & Diana Guthrie

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: David & Jenny Barker, Derek & Muriel Peterson, Clive & Kate Dilloway

11.15am Morning Prayer
Leading: Revd David Maddock
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

4.00pm Connexions - Tea at the Vicarage
(by invitation only)

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 2 May - Bank Holiday**
Office Closed
- Tuesday 3 May**
8.30am School rehearsal - Ascension Day Service
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 4 May**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
- Thursday 5 May**
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion + healing (chapel)
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell
2.30pm Maddock's Home Group
3.00pm Dennis Fowler's Home Group
- Friday 6 May**
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
(Parish Hall)

Office hours next week

Jo is on holiday next week so the office will only be open on Wednesday 4 May, 2pm - 4pm and Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

No Morning Prayer on Monday 2 May

Points for Prayer this week

- Results of the survey will show the way forward
- The appointment next month of an Early Years Assistant
- The work of ReVive in Brazil
- A just solution in the dispute by young doctors



Summer Fête 2016

Saturday 4 June
12 noon - 4pm

Thank you to everyone who has donated something so far!
We still need more of the following...

Bottles - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall - any spare, unopened, bottles.

Plants - cuttings, plug plants, house plants or outdoor plants
lots needed!

Bric-a-brac

Cakes - on Friday 3 June please, for our fantastic cake stall, plus jam, preserve, chutney, marmalade are all very popular too! **Plus cakes for the refreshments please.**

Please bring your donations to the church office. We look forward to receiving them, thank you.



We still need help in the following areas. If you can help in any way then please let Jo know. We desperately need a team of people who can work behind the scenes gathering together everything we need on the day (and the day before).

Our requirements are:

The day before :-

- ◆ someone to put up the bunting (and take it down again afterwards)

On the day AM :-

- ◆ approx. 20/30 chairs to be set up for the Silver Band
- ◆ tables and chairs to be set up on the day for the stall holders
- ◆ general help if anyone needs an extra pair of hands
- ◆ Refreshments - helpers needed in the Jubilee Hall to serve tea/coffee/cake. Please add your name to the list in the Cloister if you can help.

Please let Jo Naunton know (in the church office) if you can help in any way.

Email: office@stjm.org.uk or phone: 01323 738671

Thank you!

NEWS & EVENTS

Bible By The Beach
DISTINCTIVE -
the power of
transforming grace
29 April - 2 May 2016,
Congress Theatre,
Eastbourne.



New Wine Summer Camp
Saturday, 23 July to
Friday, 29 July 2016
Royal Bath & West Showground,
Shepton Mallet,
Somerset.



Come and join us at New Wine this year. A group from St John's will be attending the summer 'New Wine' camp at the Royal Bath and West Showground. The week-long programme includes morning and evening celebrations, seminars, teaching, and a great opportunity to get to know other members of the church family both here at St John's and from our Deanery partner church of St Elisabeth's who we will be pitching camp with. It's going to be great fun!

For more information and to book go to The New Wine website: <https://www.new-wine.org> and book under St Elisabeth's (NOT St John's) or alternatively contact Giles or Jill Preece for more information.



Preparation for Pentecost

Bishop Richard Jackson would like to invite you to The Mansion Lions Hotel - Grand Parade, Eastbourne BN21 3YS, on Friday, 13th May for a prayer breakfast from 8am - 10am in preparation for Pentecost. Tickets are limited so please log on and buy a ticket as soon as you can, (£8.50 to include breakfast). Here is the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pentecost-prayer-with-continental-breakfast-tickets-24656236467>.

If it doesn't work direct, cut and paste into your browser. This needs to be done **BY 4th MAY**.



If you missed the opportunity to complete a survey form then please pick one up at the back of church today. Once completed please pop it into the big wooden collection box at the back of church. Thank you!

European Union Referendum

We have a number of leaflets at the back of church with useful information about the upcoming EU referendum. Price 50p each.



Early Years and Administrative Assistant

St John's Church, Meads is seeking to appoint an Early Years and Administrative Assistant to assist the Family & Children's Worker in the development of the church's ministry to pre-school children and their parents and carers, and also provide administrative support to the Church Administrator. The post is for 14 hours per week.

Further details and the job description are available from the Church Administrator at the Church Office, St John the Evangelist, St John's Road, Meads, Eastbourne, BN20 7ND. Tel: 01323 738671 Email: office@stjm.org.uk or visit the church website www.stjm.org.uk/church/

Closing date for applications is Monday 16th May 2016 and interviews will be held on Monday 23 May 2016.

Thank you from Jeremy

My Church family, thank you for your love, help, support and prayer for me during my time serving as Churchwarden of St John's Church. It would not have been possible without your input and I owe you a deep gratitude of thanks, it really is a team effort! Thank you for the lovely and appreciative gifts presented to me at the APCM comprising of photographs of St John's Church beautifully framed, the book of making photographs and for the card with its wonderful words of appreciation and verse from the Bible. I wish Tony Mottram well and at peace as my successor working alongside Margaret and Giles in leading you forward, may we always love the God who blesses us, focussing only on the one that matters, Our Lord Jesus Christ, or as I refer to him, the Master!

Yours, Jeremy Daniels.

Christian Aid Week, 15th - 21st May



This year Christian Aid Week has the title "Love Every Neighbour". Their particular appeal is for the people of Bangladesh, struggling to survive in the frequently flooded areas of the Ganges Delta.

Pictures will be on the Mission Board and donation envelopes put in the pews on Sunday 8 May. Please remember to take one and give as generously as you can. There will be a box in the reception area to receive them on the following two Sundays.

If anyone is able to collect from friends or neighbours, please contact me on 727611 and I will provide envelopes and other information.

Thank you, Margaret Parr



New to St John's? - Connexions

CONNEXIONS

A very warm welcome from us all if you are new or visiting St John's for the first time. We hope you enjoy being part of our church family. If you are looking for a church and would like to find out more about us, Giles our vicar, and his wife Rachel, regularly host an informal afternoon (by invitation) with a cream tea at the vicarage. This is a great chance to find out more about the vision of St John's church and our mission to make disciples and to serve the community of Meads.

For more details please complete one of the Connexions/Welcome cards (usually available in the pews) and return it to one of our welcome team.

Another way in which we like to reach people is through our 'Keeping In Touch' email list. To be included in the mailing list please sign one of the forms on the Welcome Desk. You'll then receive regular updates and news.

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

Plans are taking shape to hold a street party in Meads Street on Sunday 12th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

There's a planning meeting in the Pauling Room at 7pm on Wednesday 4th May – all welcome. Please give your name and telephone number to Effene Lomas if you can volunteer as a street party steward on 12th June for an hour between 1pm and 5pm.

The Servant Queen books now available

Copies of *The Servant Queen* and *the King She Serves* are now available. Thanks to all who have donated funds to enable us to give copies away at the street party. Further orders and further donations are welcome.



Learning lessons from the Queen

In her 2014 Christmas broadcast the Queen said: 'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace ... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.' How do you describe Jesus? On Saturday 21st May from 10.30am - 12 noon Catherine Butcher (co-author of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*) will hold a short workshop in the Jubilee Hall on talking about Jesus, using the book *The Servant Queen*. The aim is to help you find natural, un-forced opportunities to talk with friends, family members and colleagues about the Christian faith. No experience necessary!

Date for your Diary

On Tuesday 31 May, the celebrated German male voice choir, Das Alten Knaben, have generously offered to give us a free concert at the end of their tour of this country. The concert will start at 7pm in church and refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome!



Deanery Healing Ministry Group

The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Hampden Park by kind invitation of Revd Mike Blanch. Refreshments from 7.10pm. Everyone welcome.

The Organ

Work on the current phase of refurbishment is going well and much of the internal mechanism is in a workshop in Yorkshire at present. However the organ builders hope to have a small section working for the next few weeks before the final reassembly, so there will be organ music but it will sound a bit thin. A very good reason to raise our voices even higher!

Next Lunch Club

Due to the first Monday in May being a Bank Holiday our Lunch Club at the Parish Hall will be taking place the week after on Monday 9 May, usual time 12 noon.



COME AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CAKES

Saturday 7th May 10am-12pm

Victoria Baptist Church

Eldon Road, BN21 1UE

Everyone welcome - colouring for children will be available

Delicious homemade cakes will be available to buy.

Come and join us in a relaxed atmosphere and talk to volunteers about the work of Foodbank and how you can become involved.

For further information please contact Hansa Raja-Jones on 01323 409925 or admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk



This will be a fundraising event for Foodbank



Gardening question!



Does anybody in the church have any Verbena Bonariensis in their garden and, if so, would they be able to donate a small root to the church garden? Pam Mayhew would like some for her 'patch', so any donations could go straight to her. Many thanks.