

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

11 December 2016

The Third Sunday of Advent

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 1 - 5
Gospel: Matthew 11: 2 - 10

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole
Assisting: May Harris, Phyllis Hall, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Margaret & Jorj Kowszun

11.15am Sung Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Father Tom Mendel

Next Sunday 18 December 2016

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
Assisting: Dick Thwaites & Richard Wells

9.30am Family Nativity Service
Leading: Tris Peattie
Preaching: Hannah Peattie

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Peter Pickett
Preaching: Sarah Hassell
Assisting: Robert & Peggy Millett, Deirdre Seaton, Pam Lade

6.00pm Carol Service
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter



EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 11 December**
7.00pm Streetwise Christmas Party (Lodge)
- Monday 12 December**
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am Holywell Home Group
11.00am PARCHE @ Camelot
2.30pm Funeral - Revd David Mumford (church)
- Tuesday 13 December**
9.00am St Andrew's School Rehearsal (church)
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm Kemps' Home Group
7.30pm PCC Meeting
- Wednesday 14 December**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
9.45am Funeral - Margaret Balaam (crematorium)
2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
2.30pm Diana Guthries' Home Group
- Thursday 15 December**
10.00am Robin Hill Nursery Christmas Show & party (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
7.30pm Peatties' Home Group Party Night
7.45pm Choir practise
- Friday 16 December**
11.15am St Andrew's School Christmas Service (church)
- Saturday 17 December**
8.30am Prayer Plus followed by breakfast in Jubilee Hall
10.00am Nativity rehearsal (church)
8.00pm Beer & Carols at The Ship Pub, Meads Street

Family Nativity Service (and rehearsal !!)

The rehearsal for our Nativity Service will be taking place on Saturday 17th December at 10am in church. If your child is taking part please make sure they come for the rehearsal. Thank you very much.

Join us next **Sunday, 18th** at our **9.30am** service for our Christmas Play. The children have been working hard and we are very much looking forward to seeing them perform.



'The Three Trees'

Picture by Tina



Open the Book

Children love stories - especially Bible stories when they're interactive, engaging and fun! That's what Open The Book is all about, bringing the Bible to life for every child in every primary school. Teams of between four and eight storytellers tell Bible stories in primary schools, using drama, props and costumes - to bring the stories to life. We want to start Open The Book at St John's Meads School, in the New Year with folk from St John's as the storytellers.



Open the Book update

Thanks to everyone for their brilliant response so far! But are there any more men who would like to become part of this? If you are interested in learning more, and perhaps becoming involved - either as a storyteller, or behind the scenes with props and costumes, please let Sarah Hassell know: 07904302887 or 01323 301695, email: sarah.c.hassell@gmail.com

Streetwise Christmas Party

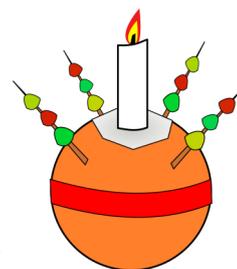
Come along to The Lodge **tonight at 7pm** for our Streetwise Party! Join us for some festive fun! See you there!



Christingle Construction!

Part 1 - Christingle advanced prep

On Sunday 18th we shall be handing out bags of cocktail sticks and sweets as advanced prep for the Christingles. This is the time consuming bit and is so much easier to do if you're sitting in front of the TV! So if you can help with threading sweets onto the cocktail sticks please pick up a bag from Amanda



Trowhill who will be at the back of church. These need to be returned to church by Friday 23rd December at 10am.....

Part 2 - Christingle preparation

On Friday 23rd December at 10am we would like a team of people (children obviously welcome too) to help with the preparation of the Christingles for the service the next day. If you can help, please come to the Jubilee Hall at 10am on the 23rd.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in cakes for the Advent Meditation Service last Sunday afternoon - they were very gratefully received!

NEWS & EVENTS

Linking Lives Update

Tuesday 22 November 2016 was a memorable day for Linking Lives Eastbourne for two big reasons: Firstly our inaugural induction training took place, with eight of our volunteers completing the mandatory training required to befriend people one to one. So on behalf of Linking Lives Eastbourne, I'd like to congratulate and say a big thank you to them and everyone, who's expressed an interest in volunteering to date.



Secondly we also held a meeting that day with the national Linking Lives management team, to ensure Linking Lives Eastbourne has everything in place to commence our befriending service. I'm very pleased...even relieved....to say that we've now got the green light! With many of our volunteers now trained and also with sign off from the national scheme, Linking Lives Eastbourne will soon be launched and operational. So I must say another big thank you to everyone both at St John's and the other churches in Eastbourne, for their time, skills, financial support and prayers to get us to this point.

I'll keep you all updated with our progress in the coming weeks but if you'd like to support us either as a volunteer, financially or in prayer please send me an email at: linkingliveseastbourne@gmail.com or contact me via the church office.

Byron Stevens



Sermons Online

You can now find the Sunday Sermons online on our website, on Facebook or on YouTube. A great way to keep up to date with the current messages.



NEWS & EVENTS



CONNEXIONS

New to St John's? - Connexions

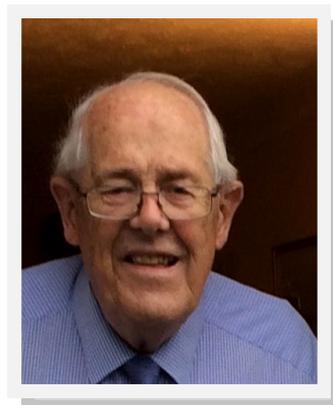
A very warm welcome from us all if you are new or visiting St John's for the first time. We hope you enjoy being part of our church family. If you are looking for a church and would like to find out more about us, Giles our vicar, and his wife Rachel, regularly host an informal afternoon with tea and cake 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.

Revd David Mumford

Many of you will be aware that sadly Revd David Mumford passed away last weekend. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of his family at this difficult time. Following a service of commendation and committal for close family at Eastbourne Crematorium, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for David's life to be held at here at St John's at 2.30pm on Monday 12 December. All those wishing to attend are invited (at David's request) to add a splash of colour, as a sign of the joy and hope we have through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the service please join the family for refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.

Donations to RNLI and Advantage Africa c/o:
C Waterhouse & Sons
Funeral Directors
Mabel's Cottage, High Street, Burwash, Nr Etchingham
E. Sussex, TN19 7ET Tel: 01435 882219



CHRISTMAS

at St John's

Beer & Carols at The Ship

Saturday 17th December 8.00pm

Family Nativity Service

Sunday 18th December 9.30am

- for families and children

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 18th December 6.00pm

- with mince pies after the service

Christmas Eve Christingle Service

Saturday 24th December 3.30pm

for families and children

Christmas Eve Communion

Saturday 24th December 11.00pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am

Family Communion 10.00am

- family celebration

New Years Eve Reflection

Saturday 31st December 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Points for Prayer this week

- Those among us who are facing the challenges of advancing years, and for those who are unwell at this time.
- For God's blessing on the Open The Book project, the DBS checks to be completed, hopefully for more men to come forward, and for ourselves as we gel together and move towards the Training Day at the end of January.
- Matthew 25, Crisis, The Salvation Army and other organisations in all that they do for the homeless over Christmas, and for the Rotary Club Christmas lunch for those who are alone on Christmas Day.
- The work of the Beachy Head Chaplains, particularly in the run up to Christmas, and over the Christmas holiday.
- For the besieged people of Aleppo, for food and medical aid to get through and medical facilities to be reinstated.
- The children as they prepare for the Nativity and that many people may attend the wonderful family service.

Horam Community Vox - 'Sing the Musicals'

Saturday 17 December, 7.30pm

All Saints Church, Eastbourne

A truly unique choir with a beautiful sound, performing a huge variety of songs from some of the best known musicals.

Raising funds for the RNLI.

For ticket details please see the poster on the noticeboard in the Cloister.

Alone on Christmas Day?

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne would like to hear of anyone alone on Christmas Day. They offer a Christmas Lunch from 12 - 4 pm at Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall. Guests will be collected from 11am - 11.30am.

Contact Dennis Thompson - 01323 749329.



New Years Eve Reflection - 'Stations of the Year'

Come and join us for an opportunity to spend an hour reflecting on, praying about and remembering the year that is ending, as well as looking forward to the year ahead. 6pm - 7pm, refreshments after the service.

Eastbourne Day of Prayer - Saturday 21 January 2017

The theme is 'So Much More ...!'

(check out Ephesians 3: 20-21). Speaking on the day is Debra Green OBE, inspirational founder of Redeeming our Communities. We will focus on praying for key local leaders representing, for example, the Police, Commerce, Health, Community Life. Housing and Education. At Kings Church, Edison Road. 9.30am - 5pm. Come and go as you are able. Stay all day if you can!
