

## 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 September 2016

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Sarah Hassell

Epistle: Ephesians 3: 13 - end  
Gospel: Luke 7: 11 - 17

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Catherine Butcher  
Assisting: Phyllis Hall, Diana Guthrie, Pam Lade, Peter Pickett

**11.15am Morning Prayer**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

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## Next Sunday

Sunday 18 September 2016

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Richard Wells, Dick Thwaites

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Trevor Salmon, Pam Lade, Carolyn Lacy & Diana Guthrie

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12 September</b>
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
11.00am	Listening Hour (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	PARCHE at Camelot
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13 September</b>
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
2.30pm	Moulands' Home Group
7.30pm	Blands' Home Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14 September</b>
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
7.30pm	Springfield Home Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15 September</b>
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion <i>Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter</i> <i>Preaching: Sarah Hassell</i>
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
3.00pm	Listening Hour (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16 September</b>
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffeepot Computing (Parish Hall)
12 noon	Interment of Ashes - Dick James
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17 September</b>
8.30am	Prayer Plus
2.00pm	Catherine Butcher– Licencing Service

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### Thank you Brian, we'll miss you!

Brian Steer is retiring from the organ loft! Sung Matins today will be the last of Brian's official duties. He has played a key role as part of our talented organ team. A reception with drinks is planned immediately after the 11.15am service today. All are warmly invited.



### Thank you

Brenda Prior would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has sent her their love, good wishes, flowers and cards. Although still frail she is on the road to recovery and is looking forward to coming back to church in the near future.

### Love In A Box - Mustard Seed Relief Mission

It's that time of year again when Mustard Seed begin to launch their annual appeal, Love In A Box, which sends shoe boxes full of goodies to orphaned children throughout Europe. Our collection date is Monday 21 November, so pick up a leaflet today from the Cloister, and make a child happy.



### Church Gardens

If you're a keen gardener and would like to become part of the church garden team then please let us know.

We still have two specific needs:-

1. for somebody who is willing to take on the overall co-ordination of the gardens
2. for somebody to take on the shrubbery, on the right hand side as you enter from Staveley Road - this is quite a physically demanding patch!



### Meads Village Picnic

Friends of Meads Parks and Gardens are hosting the Meads Village Picnic today at 12noon until 5.30pm at Helen Gardens, various activities for children and families throughout the day!

### Kingdom Come Event

Saturday 1 October, 7.30pm at New Hope Baptist Church. Kingdom Come is a night of prayer, worship and prophetic encounter. Members of different churches throughout the town take part in this evening of worship and prayer together. All are welcome.

### How do I make 'Me' in this changing world with Revd David Gillard

Saturday 15th October 10.00-12.30  
St Elisabeth's Church

Please confirm attendance on 01323 506271

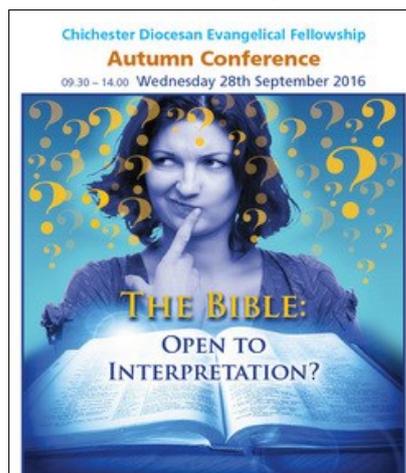


David Gillard will be talking about our identities and being in Christ - looking at how we construct our identity in today's fluid world.

### Berry Pomeroy Residential Care Home

This 21 bed care home at 26 - 28 Compton Street provides a Christian-based living environment for people over the age of 65. There are currently two vacancies. Find out more at [www.berrypomeroy.org.uk](http://www.berrypomeroy.org.uk) or phone 01323 720721.

### Chichester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship



#### Speaker

The Revd Dr Ian Paul  
Venue  
Bishop Hannington Church, Neville Ave, Hove.

Cost - £5

Date - Wednesday 28 September

Time - 9.30am - 2pm



## Sunday Kids Restart Today!

All the children's groups will be restarting today. We are really excited about the new term ahead. Please see Tris or Hannah Peattie for group information.

## The Lodge - Streetwise Launch Party

We are very pleased to announce that we have renovated The Lodge and we'll be having a launch party for Streetwise (our Secondary School and above age group) today. This transformation from shed to youth space happened over the summer and we are really looking forward to seeing how God works in these young people's lives and believe the space now reflects something of the value and care we place on these young people. You are welcome to see the room after the service for yourselves.

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## Knitted Patchwork Love, knitters needed!!

A new, exciting project is coming to St John's, it's being launched on 18th September.

If you're a keen knitter and would like to be involved then please contact Toni Lawrence on 417113 for more information.



## Points for Prayer this week

- For our church family as we begin a new term in the life of our church, with many groups and events starting up again as the month progresses; for new challenges and so much to look forward to.
- For our children and young people as they start a new term at school and especially those going up to senior school for the first time, and for those who teach them.
- For Catherine Butcher as she prepares to be licenced as a Lay Reader on 17th September; for God's rich blessing on her future ministry among us.
- For the work of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, and for more volunteers to join the team



# 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 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. The next one will be held on **Sunday 25th September 2016 at 4pm. (by invitation)**

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.

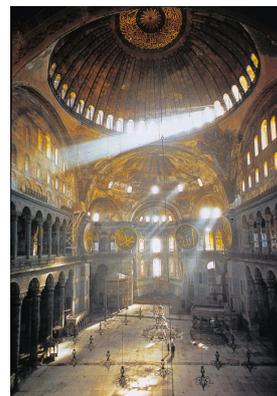
Another way in which we like to reach people is through our 'Keeping In Touch' email list. To be included in the mailing list please sign one of the forms on the Welcome Desk. You'll then receive regular updates and news.

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## CAMEO, ladies at St John's

Join us on Monday 19 September at 2pm in the Jubilee Hall for the fascinating talk about Hagia Sophia by Dr Helen Rufus-Ward.

## Hagia Sophia: Constantinople's glorious sixth-century church of Holy Wisdom talk by Dr Helen Rufus-Ward



The cathedral church of Hagia Sophia (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) was built in the sixth century by the Byzantine emperor Justinian I, at the heart of the empire's capital Constantinople (modern day Istanbul). The emperor spared no expense for its interior decoration from its enormous dome (56 metres from floor level), to the use of expensive and rare materials – multi-coloured marbles, monumental bronze doors and sparkling mosaics. The main focus

of the lecture will be an examination of the church's world famous mosaics which offer an insight into the secret world of powerful emperors and empresses.

# Letter from the Vicar

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"The doctor will be in shortly to type on the computer and update your chart. If he has time, he will ask how you're feeling and take a look at your rash."

## Data is great but being heard is even better!

Last month Rachel was given a 'Fitbit' for her birthday. For the uninitiated, a 'Fitbit' is an amazing gadget that monitors your heartbeat through the day and night recording your levels of activity, sleep patterns and even recommending changes to the wearer's lifestyle.

Data and charts can undoubtedly be very helpful. Through the recent church family survey for example we learnt that, among other things, 79% of us get a sense of intimacy with God in the services and 89% go away with a sense of having met with God. These are great to know and hugely encouraging but charts and data don't tell you all you need to know. After twenty plus years of marriage I am still learning (like most husbands) the importance of asking Rachel how she is and (here's the key) actually listening to the answer!

In our journey through the gospel of Luke this year we have been given several lessons in listening from Jesus. Perhaps because Luke was himself a doctor, in his gospel he often emphasises how Jesus pays particular attention to those whose voices have been least heard; often those who are dispirited and most in danger of being overlooked. To get a sense of how Jesus listens well just look afresh at how he listens to the dispirited disciples on the road to Emmaus and the difference that makes (chapter 24).

On the 24th September the PCC will be on our annual away day. This is time aside to listen and, as I emphasised following our church survey, to ensure that 'the process of discernment is always ongoing'.

We will be listening together for God's guidance and direction as we seek to make wise decisions on behalf of the whole body of Christ here at St John's. To make those wise decisions we recognise the need to not only look at the data but to listen to you and to take stock of the wellbeing of our whole body/church family.

With this in mind, over the following 2 weeks, we are going to be running dedicated listening times. A small team of representatives from the PCC along with myself and Jill Preece will be available to listen to you either one to one or in a group setting as you prefer.

What do we want to hear? Simply how you feel and what you would like us to be mindful of ahead of the PCC away day.

In the last few months, for example, several members of our church family have approached me to suggest exciting new initiatives connected to the Diocesan 'Vision for Growth' and some of these ideas will be reflected and prayed over during our away day. Equally there are those who feel that, amidst all this talk of plans and change, their own voice has been lost. This is of particular concern to me. It is essential that, as a body, we not only celebrate with each other but that we support and empathise with each other too.

Please come and share with us. There is no need to book in. These are informal gatherings, so please just turn up at any one of the drop in times below in the Jubilee hall. Help yourself to the tea, coffee and cake that will be available and tell us your thoughts. We promise to listen, to reflect and above all to honour and respect your voice and views.

## Venue: Jubilee Hall.

Monday 12 September 11am - 12 noon

Thursday 15 September 3pm - 4pm

Monday 19 September 7pm - 8pm

With love and thanks for your partnership in the gospel.

Giles

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## Licensing Service for Catherine Butcher

**On Saturday 17 September at 2pm,**

Catherine Butcher will officially become a Lay Reader at a Licensing Service to be held at Chichester Cathedral. There will be a reception afterwards in the Sherborne Room of the Bishop's Palace, where Afternoon Tea will be served.



Details for those of you going by coach.....

The coach will depart from St John's Church at 11.45am and arrive at the Cathedral at approx. 1.30pm

Pick up from the Cathedral at 5.30pm  
Arrive back at St John's 7pm

Please bring a packed lunch for the coach journey there.