

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

12 June 2016

The Third Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett

Epistle: 1 Peter 5: 5b - 11
Gospel: Luke 15: 1 - 10

10.00am Combined Communion Service
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher
Assisting: May Harris, Carolyn Lacy, Rowena Adams, Sheila O'Hanlon, Nick Pendry & Jorj Kowszun

No 11.15am service today

2.00pm Queen's 90th birthday celebration - Street Party in Meads Street

Next Sunday

Sunday 19 June 2016

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Nick Pendry

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Peter Pickett
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Canon Michael Cole
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Sheila MacNicol, Carolyn Lacy, Margaret Kowszun & Jorj Kowszun

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 13 June**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 11.00 am PARCHE at Camelot
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 14 June**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Standing and Finance Meeting (Pauling Room)
- Wednesday 15 June**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
- Thursday 16 June**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Helen Garden)
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
 7.30pm *Start!* at St John's # 4
- Friday 17 June**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
 4.00pm Moira House Prize Giving Event (Church)
- Saturday 18 June**
 8.30am Prayer Plus
 5.00pm Parish Hall Fund Raising Event (at the Sneaths')

Points for Prayer this week

- That we continue faithful in prayer for the five people God has laid on our hearts.
- For continued blessing on all taking part in the Start Course.
- For higher morale amongst the staff at the District General Hospital, and for John Caroe and others who minister to them.
- That people will use their vote wisely at the EU Referendum on 23rd June; for informed voting.

Parish Hall fundraising event, Saturday 18 June, 5pm - 7pm

We'll be holding another wonderful Summer Soirée at the Sneaths' home in June, as a fund raising event for the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy wine and canapés in their beautiful garden. Tickets are £12 and available from the church office. Please book early to avoid disappointment!



Friends of Eastbourne Hospital Open Gardens 2016 Saturday 2 July, 10.30am - 4pm, The Meads Trail

The Village, Meads BN20 7RB

Terrie & Alasdair Rintoul
 The Folly, 19 Beachy Head Road, Eastbourne BN20 7QP

Clare & Trevor Coomber
 Bramwell House, 28 Denton Road, Eastbourne BN20 7ST

Pat Latham
 4 Cranborne Avenue, Eastbourne BN20 7TS

Sheena Bourn
 Flat 1, 59 Silverdale Road, Eastbourne BN20 7AY

St John's Church garden, St John's Road, BN20 7ND

A collection of delightful gardens ranging from the impressive allotments in The Village to the gardens of St John's Church and some beautiful individual gardens that are a joy to visit. Most of these gardens are disabled friendly - please ask at the gate. Refreshments served at St John's Parish Hall, Meads Street. Maps will be provided. Directions as 8th June No 3 Bus.



Quiet Day, St Mary's, Willingdon

On Saturday 18 June 10am - 4pm a Quiet Day will be taking place at St Mary's Willingdon, led by Bishop David entitled "Lament and Hope - inspiration from the Prophets".

All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch, £5 and something that holds memories for you - an object from home such as an old diary, photos, a small tool or implement, or a natural object from the seaside or countryside.

Also advance notice of the autumn Quiet Day on Saturday 22 October.



Summer Fete 2016.....update

Another Massive Thank You!

The count is complete and so far we have raised £1762.41.

Thank you once again to everyone involved who made this possible. A tremendous effort!

Jo Naunton

Linking Lives Eastbourne

We are delighted to formally announce that Byron Stevens has been offered and has accepted the post of co-ordinator for the Linking Lives Eastbourne charity. Please pray for Byron as he takes up this important post. If you're interested in finding out more about how you can be involved in responding to the need of lonely and isolated people in Meads and beyond then please speak to Byron.



Bishop John Taylor

It is with sadness we announce that Bishop John Taylor, who was once a Trustee of St John's, passed away last week. Please pray for his wife Linda and their family. As yet no funeral details have been communicated to us.

Speak Life

Conversations on the Street - training with Geoffrey Hilder
On Sunday 26 June, 2.30pm - 5.30pm at the Speak Life Centre in Lismore Road, Geoffrey Hilder will be holding another brilliant training session on how to build rapport and speak of Jesus with anyone. No prior experience necessary, everyone welcome,

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

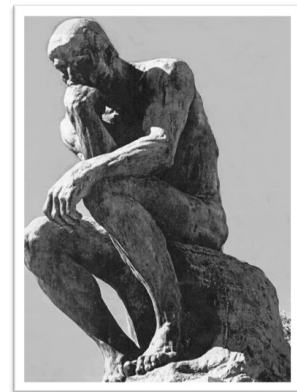
includes morning and evening celebrations, seminars, teaching, and a great opportunity to get to know other members of the church family both here at St John's and from our Deanery partner church of St Elisabeth's who we will be pitching camp with. It's going to be great fun!



Programme for Today

- 10.00am A Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Church, St John's Road
- 2.00pm Take your places at the tables and chairs provided Please give priority to elderly and disabled party guests
- 2.00pm – 4.30pm Music from Her Majesty's nine decades by Dan's Disco and local school choirs
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm Judging and prize giving for the Make Your Own Crown Competition with prizes for all age groups
- 4.00pm Communal singing of Happy Birthday to the Queen followed by the cake cutting ceremony
- 4.30pm Communal singing of the National Anthem

E.U. Referendum – June 23rd 2016



Remain or Leave?

Still Thinking?

Join us at Prayer Plus on Saturday 18th June

at 8.30am - 9.30am



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.

Might God be calling you?

No matter how confident or otherwise you might feel, if you sense that God might be calling you to explore this type of ministry why not have an initial chat to one of our team of readers: Sarah Hassell, Jorj Kowszun, Jill Maddock, Catherine Butcher* and Nick Pendry* (both in training*). Or speak to Giles who served for 8 years as a reader himself before being ordained.

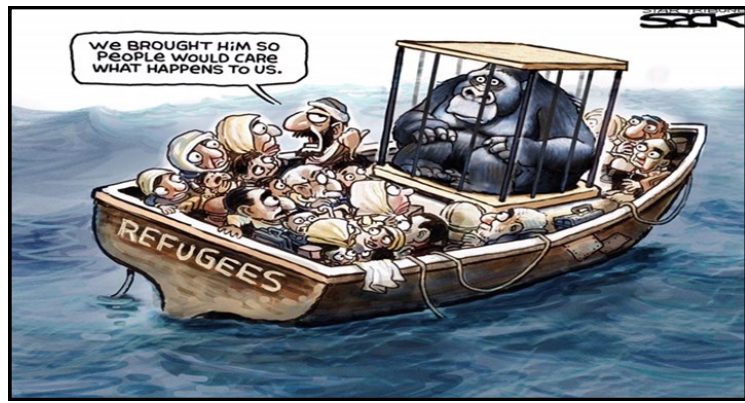
RE-IMAGING MINISTRY.... What is a Lay Reader?

Readers are lay people who have been selected, trained and licensed by the Bishop of a diocese to preach, teach and lead worship in a pastoral context. There are more than 10,000 active Readers in the Church of England. Most are licensed to a parish but some are chaplains in prisons, hospitals, hospices or schools, a few are in charge of parishes.



Eastbourne Deanery Healing Ministry Group

The next meeting is arranged for Thursday 14 July at St John's Church, Polegate, 7.30pm, preceded by refreshments. "It is great to meet with the Lord and share our experiences, support one another as well as receive some teaching".



Sometimes the cartoonist has the ability to really open a window into our souls. This was certainly true for me as this cartoon invited me to reflect on, and contrast, my initial reaction and strength of feeling towards the two very different news items brought together in this image. Where does our compassionate gaze find its most appropriate and urgent focus?

In our opening prayer at this Sunday's Thanksgiving Service for the Queen (10am) we say these words: Rejoicing at our good fortune, we nonetheless pray for those in need: the lonely and the despairing, the sick and the fearful, the weak and the oppressed – that each precious life may be redeemed by love of God and love of neighbour, that together we may share in one another's joy.

The gospel of Luke, that forms the basis of our sermon series this term, asks us, in turn, to focus on how Jesus responds to the needs of the least, the last and the lost; those on the very margins. Like us the crowds, including the religious, can respond with antipathy if not fear and aggression towards those on the margins. But Jesus calls us out of the safety of the crowd to become his disciples. As disciples our response should be, as our prayer reminds us, to treat each life as precious.

In this 'Year of Mercy' the focus of our attention here at St John's is on the plight of the most lonely and vulnerable in Eastbourne. We have responded by setting up "Linking Lives Eastbourne" which, I am delighted to announce, now has a fantastic new coordinator in Byron Stevens. Can I ask you all to pray for Byron and the work he and others will be pioneering in our community!

But we are also called to respond to the wider needs, in this regard, Bishop Mark has launched an appeal to raise £30,000 pounds to resource the work of a caseworker (working with an existing specialist charity ("Voices in Exile") to support refugees who have settled here in Sussex.

Our collection this Sunday (12th June) will go towards the work of both of these charities as part of our desire to support the lonely and the despairing, the sick and the fearful, the weak and the oppressed wherever they may be – that each precious life may be redeemed by love of God and love of neighbour, that together we may share in one another's joy. Would you please prayerfully and carefully consider how you might support both initiatives with your giving this Sunday.

Your partner in bringing the Good News to Meads and beyond,
Giles