

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 March 2017

The Second Sunday of Lent

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

Epistle: Exodus 12: 1 - 14
Gospel: Luke 22: 7- 8 & 14 - 20

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: David & Jennifer Barker
Clive & Kate Dilloway
Jorj Kowszun & Pam Lade

11.15am Sung Matins
Leading & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

5.30pm Prayer and Praise
Leading: Jorj Kowszun

Next Sunday 19 March 2017

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
Assisting: Dick Thwaites & Chris Sneath

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole

11.15am Classic Communion
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole
Assisting: Diana Guthrie, Pam Lade,
Sheila MacNicol

4.00pm Connexions
Tea at the Vicarage (invitation only)

7.00pm Streetwise Table Tennis Evening
(Jubilee Hall)

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 13 March**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 11.00am PARCHE at Camelot
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
 5.30pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 14 March**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Blands' Home Group
- Wednesday 15 March**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 6.00pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
 7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
 7.30pm Adams' Home Group
 7.30pm Springfield Home Group
- Thursday 16 March**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
 2.30pm Funeral - Christopher Gibbs (Crematorium)
 7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
- Friday 17 March**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
- Saturday 18 March**
 8.30am Prayer Plus (followed by breakfast in the Jubilee Hall)
 9.30am Coffee
 10.00am Magazine Distribution around the Parish

APCM/APM Meeting Tuesday 4 April, 7pm



ELECTORAL ROLL NOTICE

We are revising the electoral roll ready for the Annual Meeting on 4 April. If you are on the electoral roll already, you don't have to do anything (there's a list of names already on the roll, at the back of the church if you need to check). If you would like your name to be added, please pick up an application form from the back of church and return it to the church office. You are eligible if you have been baptised and live in the parish or have worshipped here for six months. If you have any queries, please contact Jo in the church office.

Festival & Summer Fete 2017 Thursday 8 June - Sunday 11 June



As 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the consecration of the new church building, our Festival this year will be themed around photography, primarily photographs of people through the years from 1957 onwards. So with this in

mind, if you have any photos dating back through the years of people (not posed photos) that would help us to tell a story through the years we'd love to see them. They don't have to be church related.

We already have lots of amazing photographs of the church just after it was bombed so we'll be setting up a display of these too.

Please bring your photo/s to the church office, we'll ensure they're clearly marked as to who they belong to and will return them to you once we've made our decisions.

Alternatively, you can send us a jpeg via email to: office@stjm.org.uk

During May we'll be picking the best to be hung in church for the Festival.

We're also looking for five or six people who have an interesting story of hope, again through the years from 60 years ago and onwards. These will each be condensed down to five minute segments. Please submit your story to Jo in the church office either via email or written by Friday 31 March.

Summer Fete - Saturday 10 June, 12 noon - 4pm

It's that time of year again when we begin to ask for donations to various stalls for our ever popular Summer Fête.

We shall need the following...

Bottles - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall so please feel free to pop into the office with any spare, unopened, bottles.

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

Bric-a-brac

Pre-loved clothes in good condition

Cakes - on Friday 9 June please, for our fantastic cake stall, plus jam, preserves, chutney, marmalade. Please bring your donations to the church office. We look forward to receiving them, thank you.

NO BOOKS NEEDED THIS YEAR - thank you



NEWS & EVENTS

Children's work - helpers needed

Over the next three weeks we be explaining the needs of our children's work.

On a Sunday we have three groups for different age brackets: Rising Stars: 0-5 year olds, Big God Space 5-10 and Streetwise for Secondary School children.



We also run a really popular Parent & Toddler Group on a Thursday morning during term time.

All of these require volunteers to serve and run these groups. You don't need previous experience skills can be learnt - all we require is people with a willing heart who could lend a hand and join the rota. Please contact Tris or Hannah for more details.

CAMEO

Ladies of St John's on Monday 20 March 2017 at 2pm, in the Jubilee Hall come and join us for an afternoon of Sharing a Poem or Prose. If you have one to share please bring it along. Refreshments to follow.

Rotary Club of Eastbourne's Annual Jazz Concert

The Storyville Strutters will be performing at the Eastbourne College Theatre on Wednesday 5 April. Doors open at 7pm, performance begins at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 available from Dennis Thompson 749329

Bible by the Beach, 28 April - 1 May 2017

'Firm Foundations - Reformation for Today'

Great speakers will be joining us over the weekend and Mark Ashworth and his team will be running a youth programme for the under 18s. Don't miss it!

Gardening Team meeting

The lovely gardens at St John's Church are a tranquil space for all to enjoy, we are currently in need of a few volunteers to help keep it looking beautiful. So if you love gardening and would like to

volunteer, or you know someone who would be interested, then please come along to the Pauling Room on Monday 27 March at 11am for a get together. Please contact Karen on 07779793096 or email: karen.fletcherwright@gmail.com for more information.



Parish Magazine Distribution, Saturday 18 March

Please join us on Saturday 18 March at 10am so we can take our batches of magazines and distribute them around the Parish. We'll be meeting in church at 9.30am for coffee first. Look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Open The Book - Update



The first Storytelling at St John's Meads School: Hezekiah Trusts God, took place on 23 February and went down really well! Please pray for the next one: Jonah the Groaner, on 13th March. If you have any old check tea towels to spare, we could do with a lot more as head squares, since the Palm Sunday performance on 23rd March will involve a large number of the children – also old tights (to keep the tea towels in place).

Any donations of tea towels and tights to Sarah Hassell. Very many thanks!

Book Publishing Freebie!

We are happy to gift 50 copies of the new e-book 'Chaos Calls to Chaos' to members of St Johns. You can read the first chapter and all the additional material on the website www.wordhive.co

It's a humorous novel written by a young team of writers setting up in self employment.

Here's what to do to get a copy: email me, Jackie Ewins, on jaci.ewins@btinternet.com to let me know you would like a gift copy. I will send you an Amazon gift voucher by email. Then, once you've received your gift voucher go on Amazon.co.uk; look under Kindle books and search for: Chaos Calls to Chaos by MD Wigg and Jay Heyes. You can redeem your gift voucher against this book.

Several members of the church have already contacted me and the writers hope you all enjoy!

Jackie Ewins

Lent Boxes

Our Lent Box appeal this year will be in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne. Please take a box from the back of the church and donate generously during the course of Lent. Boxes should be returned after Palm Sunday. Thank you for your support.



St Wilfrid's Hospice
Reaching out to transform
end of life care

Passover Meal

Join the party in the Jubilee Hall at St John's Church on Thursday 13 April at 6pm for 6.30pm. Enjoy a Passover meal together and explore its meaning.



Suggested donation - £6 per adult £3 per child or £15 for a family ticket (one adult and up to four children or two adults and two children)

Tickets available from the church office

Guests are welcome to bring their own wine

Points for Prayer this week

- For the Scout Group as they get established, and for more leaders to come forward
- For those facing the challenges of advancing years, and for all who are unwell at this time
- The people of Mosul caught between opposing armies, for protection, medical aid and food supplies

Who or what do we really worship?

In the gospels we read about Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. During this time he had to wrestle with deep questions about his identity and his purpose. The 40 days of Lent that lie ahead of us, represent an opportunity for similar self reflection.

I'd like to invite you to use these 40 days to be on your own journey of exploration asking yourself a very specific question; who or what do I worship!

Like any journey it is good to set off on the right foot, to have some road map for the way and to finish well.

Rather than having a Lent course this year, I'd like to encourage us to journey through Lent using Archbishop Justin's Lent book for 2017 as our road map.

Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, was photographed on a tube train recently reading an advance copy of this book which ask that key question about who or what we worship. There are six chapters which fit nicely into Lent. Each chapter takes a key bible passage, usually from the teaching and encounters of Jesus leading to his death and burial, and puts it alongside the big questions of global finance and, crucially for us personally, the attitudes it breeds.

Lastly, this journey, which is often marked by a period of abstinence, culminates for us this year with a very special meal. Passover, the Last Supper, Holy Communion all have the same roots in a family meal, shared together.

This meal which, 2,000 years ago, Jesus said he was really looking forward to celebrating with his followers is the same meal that we will share together to mark the end of this Lenten journey. More details of this meal will be available in next week's news sheet but places will be limited by space so if you would like to share in this meal I'd encourage you to register your interest early with the church office.

With every blessing for the journey ahead.

Giles

Sermons Online

You can 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.

