

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

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

13 August 2017

The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

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

Epistle: Romans 10: 5 - 15
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22 - 33

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole
Assisting: Nick Pendry, Carolyn Lacy, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

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

6.00pm Prayer & Praise
Led by Catherine Butcher
(Refreshments from 5.30pm)

Next Sunday 20 August 2017

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching:: Nick Pendry

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Patricia Kelley, Derek Moulard & Sheila MacNicol



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	14 August
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	15 August
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
Wednesday	16 August
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
1.30pm	Funeral - Doris Rome (church)
Thursday	17 August
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)
Saturday	19 August
8.30am	Prayer Plus (followed by breakfast in the Jubilee hall)

Funeral

Alan Rome's wife Doris sadly passed away last week. The funeral is at St John's Church next Wednesday 16th August at 1.30pm. Alan regularly attends the Men's Breakfast, so it would be really good if as many of the men who attend the breakfast could come along to the service and support him.

Wall hanging

We shall be exhibiting the wonderful wall hanging of Noah's Ark, created by a group of the children from St John's School. It has been hanging in Chichester Cathedral and won a prize in their competition, so we thought it would be a lovely idea to hang here in church for everyone to see for a few weeks, then move it in the Jubilee Hall. If you look up to the choir gallery you'll see it hanging from there.

Summer - St John's Kids

During the summer break instead of Sunday Clubs there will be a DVD set up in the Jubilee Hall, and the Pauling Room will be available for use but parents will need to be responsible for their own children. We will be kicking off the new term in September. Have a great summer!





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.

Chichester Cathedral Event

Join us here at Chichester Cathedral to celebrate the **International Day of Peace** which is observed around the world each year on **21st September**. The Learning and Engagement Department is organising a day of thought provoking activities for adults including speaker Dr Justine Huxley of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, an interfaith panel discussion, art workshops and a film screening, all of which explore the ideals of peace and reconciliation. You are welcome to book just one activity or as many as you would like to. Booking in advance is essential even for free activities.



Tickets (free to £10) and full details of each event at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk in the 'What's On' section under 'Live Better Together' link. Tickets can also be bought by calling TicketSource on 0333 666 3366 or in person from the Cathedral Friends Office Tuesday and Friday 10am - 12pm.

To find out more contact the Learning and Engagement Department on 01243 812997 or email: booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

'Dear Church, can you hear me...?'

Saturday 16 September

A chance for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people to work better together. A conference at Victoria Baptist Church, 10am to 2.15pm approx., for anyone who is concerned about making the church welcoming and fully accessible to people who are deaf or experience hearing loss, whether they are Deaf BSL users or lip readers, hard of hearing or hearing. It would be wonderful to welcome at least one representative from every church.

For more information look on the website: www.hellochurch.co.uk/ or email: Daphne Brett on dmbrett@btinternet.com.

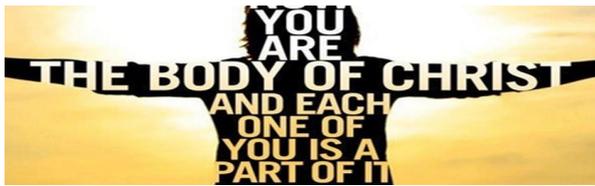
See poster in Cloister for more information.



Points for Prayer this week

- For God's blessing on all who give so much to our services by singing and playing in our worship group
- That the Songs of Praise recorded yesterday at the Eastbourne Bandstand will be a great blessing and have a lasting impact when the recording is shown on TV
- For the suffering people of the Yemen, that the desperately awaited medical and food aid will get through to all those in need

NEWS & EVENTS



VOCATIONS DAY on Saturday 30th September, from 10am till 4pm, at St Peter's, Brighton.

I remember very clearly the first time I sensed an undeniable feeling of being called. It was at the very first New Wine summer camp. I sat enthralled as the speaker brought the bible alive in a way I had never experienced before. I knew at that moment I was called in some yet undefined way to communicate to others the grace and love of God.

I was just 21 with a criminal record and no form of higher education to my name. Hardly a great CV I thought until I started reading about the likes of Peter and Paul in the bible and realising that there was much to disqualify them too! The reality is, if we are called, God will always find a way of using us. The important thing I discovered was to find ways of exploring that calling.

For me, initially at least, that didn't mean being 'collared'. Ordination seemed too great a step and besides which I loved my job which gave me access, at the time, to so many more people who didn't know Jesus. Reader ministry, which involved training alongside my day to day work, gave me the chance to both expand my bible knowledge and to continue reaching out to those I worked alongside. Readers I discovered (we have several at St John's) are a vital bridge in any parish between the clergy and the congregation. I loved this ministry and after eight years it would prove the springboard to realising that God was calling me to the priesthood.

What about you? What shape is your calling? How are you exploring what your ministry is?

If you have ever asked yourselves these questions or in reading them today you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to explore this further then can I encourage you to 'lean on the door'.

The diocese are putting on a special day to look into different forms of ministry opportunities - be that licensed, ordained or authorised ministry of some kind (including reader ministry), or some form of chaplaincy, spiritual direction, youth work, or pastoral help.

Bishop Martin will open the Day, giving his vision for ministry in the Diocese. And there'll be:

- a 'free lunch';
 - presentations on listening to God and the latest thoughts on ministry from the Church;
 - more information about the 'Living Faith' course;
 - workshops exploring ordained and lay ministries together with religious life;
 - representatives from many different forms of ministry;
 - people to speak to about training;
- and above all, there'll be opportunities to network, get more information, and meet others thinking similarly.

If you would like to know more about the day and start your own journey into exploring your calling speak to Jill or myself.

Your partner in the Gospel, Giles.

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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 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

With immediate effect the main door to the Jubilee Hall and church office has been activated with a security intercom system. This means that during office hours Monday to Friday, the main door will not be 'open'. You must press the button on the silver box located on the right hand side of the main doors and wait for someone in the office to remotely unlock the door for you. To exit through the same doors you need to press the green button on the wall - which is signposted.

Also a reminder that if you have a key to the big brown main doors of the church (a blue key), the same key will open the security door situated between the Vestry and the church office.

It's OK to say that GRIEF hurts

Have you experienced the death of a loved one (or another kind of significant loss) and would like help along that inevitable and painful journey of grieving?

There will be **6 sessions, each Tuesday, 10 am to 12 midday**. We will begin with a time of input to learn something about grief and then opportunity, in a small group, to safely share one another's experiences.

If you are willing to talk about it in this kind of programme and would like to know more details, please speak with either Sarah Hassell or Sheila Smith – email: smith63@uwclub.net
Phone 07920460266.

Closing date for applications – Sunday 3rd September

Hospital Service at the DGH

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on Sunday, 27 August, 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Please let Derek Moulard know if you wish to attend. Parking vouchers are available from the church office.

Lunch Club

Just a quick reminder that there is no Lunch Club in August but we'll be back on Monday 4 September. See you then!



Nick Pendry's Licensing Service

On Saturday 23 September at 2pm, Nick Pendry 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. If you would like to attend and give Nick some support then please let Jo in the church office know. We've hired a coach so have lots of places available - reserve your seat early to avoid disappointment!



Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come was a wonderful event marked by Anglican churches and others throughout the world at the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. In Eastbourne members of more than 22 churches gathered at Kings Church, Hampden Park, to worship and pray for our town. Our vicar, Giles, led the hundreds who gathered as we celebrated communion together. It was a significant evening and so encouraging to be there.

To keep the prayer momentum going, the next Kingdom Come event will be Saturday 23 September at 7.30pm at New Hope Church, Beach Road, Eastbourne. Kingdom Come is a twice yearly event of prayer and worship for Eastbourne, organised by a group of local Christians from different churches. This is the sixth Kingdom Come event so far. Kingdom Come enjoys the support of Churches Together in Eastbourne.

Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride & Stride Event

The annual Ride & Stride Event will be taking place again this year on Saturday 9 September between 9am - 4pm. If you would like to take part in this event or volunteer to check people in at the church then please add your name to the list in the Cloister. Sponsor forms are available from Pam Lade. Monies raised are split between the church of your choice as well as the Sussex Historic Churches Trust.



ReVive International

I am pleased to say that I have now handed over my role as Link between ReVive and St John's into the very capable hands of Debbie Holt. Please support her, and Andy & Rose as you have in the past, especially as they will be visiting us at the end of August.

Brazilian Lunch, Sunday 27 August

In honour of Andy & Rose Roberts visit to Eastbourne, we'll be holding a Brazilian Lunch in the Jubilee Hall after the services on Sunday 27 August. It will be a cold buffet lunch and tickets will cost £5 per adult and £2.50 for children.

Tickets available from Margaret Kowszun today or from the church office until Wednesday 23 August.



Peter & Effene say goodbye

We shall be moving in the next couple of weeks and will miss all our friends at St John's enormously! If any of you are ever in the Poole/Dorset area, do pop in to see us. We will think of you often and you will be in our prayers as I hope we might be in yours, especially over the next weeks and months. Pray that we will find a church where we will be as happy as we have been here for the past 20 years.

Much love and best wishes to you all

Peter & Effene Lomas

Peter & Effene's new address will be:
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Eastbourne Foodbank Barbecue

St John's Church is hosting a barbecue in aid of Eastbourne Foodbank on Saturday 2nd September 12noon - 2.30pm in the Church Vicarage garden. Entry is free.

Please tell your friends. To guarantee entry, in case of large numbers, and to help with catering please email: barbecue2sept@gmail.com and let her know that you are coming. Everyone is welcome!

