

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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NEWS SHEET



13 March 2016

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Nick & Rosemary Bland

Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11 - 15
Gospel: John 8: 46 - end

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett
Assisting: May Harris, Rowena Adams,
David & Jenny Barker,
Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

11.15am Morning Prayer
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett

4.00pm Connexions - Tea at the Vicarage
(by invitation)

Next Sunday 20 March 2016 - Palm Sunday

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

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

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole
Assisting: Deirdre Seaton, Derek Moulard,
Diana Guthrie & Sheila MacNicol

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 14 March**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 12.00pm Interment of Ashes - Mrs Iris Scott
 2.30pm Rainbow Celebration Event (church)
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 15 March**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 12.30pm Lent Series # 5
 2.00pm Chaseley Songs of Praise Service
 2.30pm Funeral service for Ivy Lade (Crematorium)
 7.00pm PCC meeting & supper
- Wednesday 16 March - office closed**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 2.30pm Diana Guthrie's Home Group
 7.30pm Adams' Home Group
- Thursday 17 March**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
 7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
- Friday 18 March**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
 (Parish Hall)
- Saturday 19 March**
 8.30am Prayer Plus (back of church)

After the 9.30 service today

Prayer Ministry

During the service members of the prayer ministry team are available in **the chapel** to pray with you, or any issue you wish to bring before God, or simply for a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit.

Points for Prayer this week

- The last session of the Lent Course
- The next service at Chaseley on Tuesday
- Preparations for the St John's School services this week and next
- The people of Aleppo in their trials and struggles

Men's Breakfast

The next meeting will be on Saturday 26 March at the Holywell Café. We will be focusing on the Eastbourne Food Bank and it's expanding ministry in the community, with updates from a few important representatives from our local centre.



Our support at St John's emanated early on from an initial introduction to the Food Bank at one of our first Men's Breakfasts 3 - 4 years ago. Can we go further? Come and see!

Eastbourne Food Bank



The Food Bank is always in need of provisions, especially at this time of year. Please remember to add an extra tin or two when you're shopping and bring your donations to church for the Food Bank crate, situated in the cloister. Thank you.

Postcards

I am still collecting postcards to be sold at auction to raise money for the church in Sudan and South Sudan. The money supplements meagre or non-existent salaries for pastors, many of whom are playing a vital role in reconciliation. All postcards have a value: new, used, coloured, black & white or sepia, individual or in albums. I am happy to pick up any or they can be left in the pigeon hole under R, or contact me on 01323 645516. Thank you very much.



Helen Roe



New Wine Summer Camp

Saturday, 23 July to Friday, 29 July 2016
 Royal Bath & West Showground,
 Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

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.

For more information and to book go to The New Wine website: <https://www.new-wine.org> and book under St Elisabeth's (NOT St John's) or alternatively contact Giles or Jill Preece for more information.

Parish Magazines

If you haven't already picked up your batch of magazines for distribution, then please pick them up on your way out today. A big Thank You to everyone who has already delivered their batches.

We are still in need of some help as there are lots of gaps where certain streets/flats are not being delivered to. If you can help then please, please get in touch with Jo in the office.

Can you help with: Ascham Place, The Dentons, Denton Road, Wells Close, Hyde Tynings Close, Lordslaine Close, Hill Court, Rustington Court, Endcliff Court.

Bible By The Beach

DISTINCTIVE - the power of transforming grace
29 April - 2 May 2016,
Congress Theatre,
Eastbourne.



Come for a weekend of spiritual refreshment and growth in Eastbourne with an international line up of speakers including David Cook, Tim Lane, Jonathan Lamb, Mike Ovey, Emma Scrivener, Ray Evans, Paul Mallard & Chris Sinkinson. Bible By The Beach 2016 will focus on what the Bible teaches about being distinctive as Christians, and will challenge us all to live for Christ. Music by Andy Fenton & Stuart Townend. A full youth programme runs alongside the adult seminars, celebrations and bible readings, making this a great weekend for the whole family. Visit www.biblebythebeach.org for all the latest updates and book tickets at: www.thegoodbook.co.uk/biblebythebeach2106.



BIBLE BY THE BEACH

Side by Side - Faith Movement for Gender Justice

Some will probably have seen on Facebook that Geoffrey Daintree is retiring from Christian Aid at Easter. He is, however, continuing as one of the leaders in a world-wide effort for Gender Justice, on which he has been working for some time. This is a multi-faith movement, and already regional workshops have been held with many representatives, in Nairobi for East Africa and Sao Paulo for Latin America, as well as in London. Others are planned in South Africa and Europe. You may be interested to discover more about this movement on their website. www.sidebysidegender.org

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

We are planning to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with a Thanksgiving Service at St John's on Sunday 12 June, followed by a street party. On the same day 10,000 people will be guests of Her Majesty at a street party in The Mall and communities around the country will be celebrating. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please come along to an initial discussion meeting in the Pauling Room at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd March or contact Catherine Butcher or Tony Mottram. There is a Facebook page 'The Queen's 90th Birthday in Meads, Eastbourne' to keep in touch with plans as they progress.



THE QUEEN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

Mid Week Lent Reflections

A series of five weekly reflections concludes on Tuesday 15 March at 12.30pm (bring lunch to eat together at 1.15pm). I'd like to invite you to take a step through the 'Door of Mercy' this Lent!

Following Bishop Martin declaring 2016 a Year of Mercy, our midweek Lenten reflections will explore what it means for us to live generously, reflecting the mercy that God has shown to us to others.

Whether you have made time for Lenten reflections in the past or considering it for the first time, you are invited, through a quiet act of worship, bible reflection and prayer, to walk through this 'Door of Mercy' to go deeper in your faith and your response to God's extravagant mercy. **Giles**



The season of Lent marks a pivotal point in the history of the church, when Jesus prepared to give himself up as a sacrifice. Traditionally we mark Lent by giving something up, but what if it could be more than that? What if Lent was a preparation for a lifetime of **big-heartedness**?

Home groups that would like to reflect more on the series can also access small group resources on line or get paper copies via the church office. Using the material in a small group setting, people can examine each sign by looking at some study questions that build to a recurring vital question: 'What do these signs say about Jesus?' God has given so much to each of us so let's all do Lent generously this year! **Giles**

THE DAY JUSTICE DIED

Three Hours at the Cross

Join us in church on Good Friday, 25 March, between 12 noon and 3pm for a reflective service of music composed by Mark Edwards and monologues, written by Dr Jonathan Burnside (Professor of Biblical Law at Bristol University), based on the trials of Jesus, as seen through the eyes of Judas, Caiaphas, Pilate, A man in the Crowd, Jesus' mother and Nicodemus.



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.

Hospital Service at the DGH

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on Easter Sunday, 27 March, 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Parking vouchers are available from the church office.

Chaseley Services

Our next short service is on Tuesday 15 March at 2pm. We are looking for volunteers from St John's to support this, and possibly future events. There is a list in the porch, if you are able and willing to support us, sign up or speak to Vic on 417113, and come along. **Vic Lawrence**

Renaissance Singers Concert

Followers of the Renaissance Singers may be interested to know that they will be giving a concert entitled "Music for the Lenten Season" at St. Saviours Church, South Street at 3pm today, 13th March. Admission is free.

Funeral

The funeral of Ivy Lade will take place on Tuesday 15 March at 2.30pm, in the Main Chapel at Eastbourne Crematorium. Followed by refreshments at The Ship Inn, Meads Street.

Thank you for your prayers!

Baby Charlotte, her parents and grandmother, Anne Yule, so much want to thank you and let you know how greatly your prayers, love and support have been appreciated during a difficult few days. All appears to be resolved now, thanks to the power of prayer and the efforts of the NHS at its very best. Bless you.



Saturday 4 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 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

Cakes - on Friday 3 June please, for our fantastic cake stall, plus jam, preserve, chutney, marmalade are all very popular too!

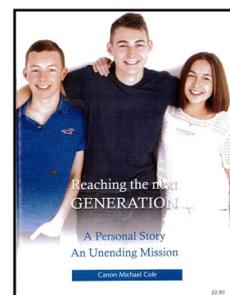
Books

Please bring your donations... to the church office. We look forward to receiving them, thank you.

If you are able to help in any way, collecting tables from the Parish Hall, helping with set up and clear up, manning a stall etc then please contact Jo in the church office.

New Book Available

Copies of Michael Cole's latest book 'Reaching the Next Generation' will be available for purchase after the 9.30am service this Sunday and also on Sunday 20 March. All funds will go the work of the Nationwide Christ Trust.



Pastoral Matters

It would be really helpful to know which care homes have a representative of St John's visiting them on a regular basis. Please let Jill Preece know either via email: jill@stjm.org.uk or phone 01323 638020. Thank you.

Messy Church this Easter, 10am, Jubilee Hall



Kids come and join us for fun, craft, creative reflections around the cross and hot cross buns on Good Friday at 10am in the Jubilee Hall. Everyone welcome!