

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

15 May 2016

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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

Epistle: Acts 2: 1 - 21
Gospel: John 14: 8 - 17

9.30am Contemporary Service & Baptism
Leading: Jorj Kowszun
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Presiding at the Baptism:
Revd Giles Carpenter

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Patricia Kelley, Trevor Salmon, Ann Reid
Hymns: 500, 114, 84
Readings: Acts 2: 1 - 21
John 14: 8 - 17
Voluntaries: Pastoral - Herbert Sumsion
Toccata (Symphony No 5) - Widor

Next Sunday

Sunday 22 May 2016 - Trinity Sunday

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

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: Phyllis Hall, Deirdre Seaton, Ann Reid

Fairtrade table at all services on Sunday 22 May

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 16 May**
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am PARCHE at Alma Lodge
2.15pm Care Home meeting (Pauling Room)
- Tuesday 17 May**
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
2.00pm Chaseley Songs of Praise service
7.00pm Community choir practice (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 18 May**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
7.30pm Peter Pickett's Home Group
- Thursday 19 May**
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
12.00pm Funeral service of Louis Cass - Crematorium
3.00pm Dennis Fowler's Home Group
7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
- Friday 20 May**
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
- Saturday 21 May**
8.30am Prayer Plus (back of church)
10.30am The Servant Queen Workshop (Jubilee Hall)
7.45pm Foodbank Quiz Night (Jubilee Hall)

Points for Prayer this week

- Christian Aid Week - a generous response to the appeal
- Applicants interviewed for the post of Early Years & Admin Assistant
- Parish hall fund raising event on Saturday 18 June
- Provision to be made for the thousands of displaced Christians in the Middle East



Summer Fête 2016

Saturday 4 June
12 noon - 4pm

Thank you to everyone who has donated something so far!
We still need more of the following...

Lots of Bottles please! - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall - any spare, unopened, bottles of anything.

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! **Plus cakes for the refreshments please.**

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

Please let Jo Naunton know (in the church office) if you can help in any way.

Email: office@stjm.org.uk or phone: 01323 738671

Thank you!

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. Tickets are £12 and available from the church office. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

CAMEO

Next CAMEO for Ladies of St John's will be on Monday 23 May at 2pm in the Jubilee Hall. This time we'll be flower arranging with Jacqui Greenstreet and have a chance to win one of the arrangements. Do come along and join in the fun!



Thank you!

Dorothy & Edward Dickinson would like to thank everyone for their kind words and cards wishing them happy landings in their new home. Praise God - he moves too!

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!

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.





Thursday 26 May sees the launch of our 5-week course based on the *START!* course series.

The *START!* course is an introduction to Christianity - a place to discover more and ask questions, to help people who are starting, restarting or revisiting the basis of Christianity.

We are going to meet over five consecutive weeks. We will share a meal together first, listen to a presentation and have the chance to chat, ask questions and reflect on the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere.

We will be starting at 7.30pm and will finish at roughly 9.30pm.

This will be hosted by Olly and Isha Margry at 9 Ascham Place, Meads, BN20 7QQ.

For more information please contact the church office on 01323 738671.

Date for your Diary

On Tuesday 31 May, the celebrated German male voice choir, Die Alten Knaben, have generously offered to give us a free concert at the end of their tour of this country. The concert will start at 7pm in church and refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome!



Christian Aid Week, 15th - 21st May



This year Christian Aid Week has the title "Love Every Neighbour". Their particular appeal is for the people of Bangladesh, struggling to survive in the frequently flooded areas of the Ganges Delta.

Pictures will be on the Mission Board and donation envelopes put in the pews. Please remember to take one and give as generously as you can. There will be a box in the reception area to receive them on the following two Sundays.

If anyone is able to collect from friends or neighbours, please contact me on 727611 and I will provide envelopes and other information.

Thank you, Margaret Parr

Early Years and Administrative Assistant

St John's Church, Meads is seeking to appoint an Early Years and Administrative Assistant to assist the Family & Children's Worker in the development of the church's ministry to pre-school children and their parents and carers, and also provide administrative support to the Church Administrator. The post is for 14 hours per week.

Further details and the job description are available from the Church Administrator at the Church Office, St John the Evangelist, St John's Road, Meads, Eastbourne, BN20 7ND. Tel: 01323 738671 Email: office@stjm.org.uk or visit the church website www.stjm.org.uk/church/

Closing date for applications is Monday 16th May 2016 and interviews will be held on Monday 23 May 2016.

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





New to St John's? - Connexions

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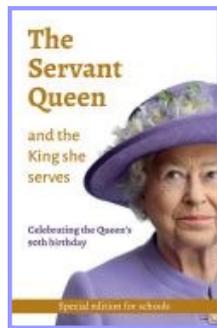
A very warm welcome from us all if you are new or visiting St John's for the first time. We hope you enjoy being part of our church family. If you are looking for a church and would like to find out more about us, Giles our vicar, and his wife Rachel, regularly host an informal afternoon (by invitation) 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.

The Servant Queen books now available

Copies of *The Servant Queen* and *the King She Serves* are now available. Thanks to all who have donated funds to enable us to give copies away at the street party. Further orders and further donations are welcome.



Learning lessons from the Queen

In her 2014 Christmas broadcast the Queen said: '*For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace ... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.*' How do you describe Jesus? On Saturday 21 May from 10.30am - 12 noon Catherine Butcher (co-author of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*) will hold a short workshop in the Jubilee Hall on talking about Jesus, using the book *The Servant Queen*. The aim is to help you find natural, un-forced opportunities to talk with friends, family members and colleagues about the Christian faith. No experience necessary!

European Union Referendum

We have a number of leaflets at the back of church with useful information about the upcoming EU referendum. Price 50p each.



THY KINGDOM COME

Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation. That's why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost, from 8 - 15 May - let's pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith.

Find out more at: www.thykingdom.co.uk

Pray for five

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do; persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives.

Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.

Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and make a list of their names. If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Once you have settled on five names, commit to praying for them regularly.

Sarah Hassell granted a transfer of her Lay Reader License!

We are delighted to announce that Sarah Hassell has been granted a license by Bishop Richard to exercise her ministry as a Lay reader here at St John's. Sarah was a reader for 18 years in her last parish in Rochester diocese before moving to Eastbourne with her husband Ray last year. We are thrilled to have Sarah on our ministry team here at St Johns and hope that Sarah will be more formally welcomed as a reader in the diocese at a special service for all Lay Readers later this year.



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.



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.