

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

16 October 2016

The Twenty-First Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell

Epistle: Ephesians 6 : 10 - 20
Gospel: John 4 : 46b - 54

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher
Assisting: Patricia Kelly, Pam Lade,
Diane Seaton, Derek Moulard
Hymns: 37, 552, 13, 503
Readings: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5
Luke 19: 11 - 27

Next Sunday

Sunday 23 October 2016

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Diana Guthrie & Richard Wells

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: ?

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Robert & Peggy Millett, Pam Lade,
Deirdre Seaton

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 16 October
7.00pm Streetwise - Games and Pizza (The Lodge)

Monday 17 October
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am Alma Lodge Service
10.30am Holywell Home Group

Tuesday 18 October
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm Deanery Synod Meeting

Wednesday 19 October
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
2.30pm Diana Guthrie's Home Group
7.00pm Dilloway's Home Group

Thursday 20 October
8.30am Moira House Harvest Service (church)
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
2.30pm Maddock's Home Group
7.15pm Peattie's Home Group

Friday 21 October
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

Sunday 6 November

On Sunday 6 November our 11.15 service will be a Choral Matins service instead of Communion. This is because the following Sunday 13 November, our Remembrance Service will be at 10am.

Patricia Goodchild

The funeral of Pat Goodchild will take place here at St John's on Tuesday 25 October at 11am, followed by a service in the Family Chapel of Eastbourne Crematorium at 12pm. Friends are invited to stay at St John's after the church service for refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.

Encouraging International Friendship – Can You Help?

Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home this Christmas and make the world a little friendlier. Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus, and would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing Christmas festivities, and telling you about their own country. Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more, please visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.



CAMEO - Pink Afternoon

Monday 24th October, 2pm - Jubilee Hall

Come along to our Pink afternoon in aid of Breast Cancer, we will have a bring and buy sale, a pink quiz and tea and biscuits.

All proceeds will go towards Cancer Research.

Come along and wear **something pink!**





STREETWISE

Come along to the Lodge tonight for a Pizza and Games Night! Bring your friends. See you there at 7pm!



Lodge Refit

If you didn't get a chance to see the Lodge a few weeks ago then please feel free to have a look around on Sunday.



Love In A Box - Mustard Seed Relief Mission

It's that time of year again when Mustard Seed begin to launch their annual appeal, Love In A Box, which sends shoe boxes full of goodies to orphaned children throughout Europe. Our collection date is Monday 21 November, so pick up a leaflet today from the Cloister, and make a child happy.



NEWS & EVENTS

Linking Lives Update

September's been a very productive month in setting up Linking Lives Eastbourne. We're in the final stages of preparations to launch the scheme which has included the recruitment of our first intake of volunteers, plus meeting with other interested local churches. In mid October the first volunteer training session will take place and if you're considering to volunteer as a befriender or would like further information, please contact us either via the Church Office on 01323 738671 or at linkingliveseastbourne@gmail.com. Linking Lives Eastbourne is committed to matching volunteers based on their availability and preferences, so if you can commit 1 hour a week or just every other week, there are many lonely and isolated people in our community who'll benefit from your time.

Byron Stevens



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 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.

Points for Prayer this week

- For the PCC and all that is involved in considering and implementing feedback from the recently held listening sessions as we seek to move forward in all areas of our church life.
- For Foodbank in Eastbourne in their need to move premises, that there will be sufficient funds to enable them to proceed with suitable new premises and that suppliers to the building trade will give free or significantly reduced prices for materials.
- For Linking Lives Eastbourne, for the first volunteer training session taking place in mid October, and for more volunteers to come forward.
- For comfort and much needed aid to reach the people of Haiti after the tragic events of Hurricane Matthew that has destroyed many homes and killed over 800 people. Also that the cholera outbreak can be contained.
- For the needs of the people of East Aleppo, for a miracle to enable desperately needed medical supplies and water to get through.

Prayer & Praise 6 - 7pm, Sunday 6 November, Jubilee Hall

When Jesus' friends asked him how to pray, he gave them a model prayer. We call it the Lord's Prayer, and it gives us a great pattern that starts with praise. On Sunday 6th November we will gather to pray and praise God. There's tea and cake from 5.30pm.

Meads Magic - can you help?

Meads Magic will be taking place on Friday 25 November and because last year was so successful, the organisers are looking for helpers to volunteer with making teas and coffees in the Parish Hall again, for the duration of the event. If you are able to help then please get in touch with Jo in the church office and she'll pass on your details.



Prayer Request!

Foodbank have been hit with a challenging and major snag in the development of the proposed new premises in Susan's Road.



The costs of the mandatory building regulations have spiralled out of reach of their already tight budget. The team have a deadline date for vacating their current premises. They have seen another building which also requires substantial refurbishment so they would value everyone standing together in prayer. So please pray for the suitable premises they urgently need and for favour to be shown in the huge costs of the project. Also for the vital role they play in assisting the needy in Eastbourne.

They are looking for helpful, supportive contacts within suppliers to the building trade who may be willing to either give wood and plasterboard or reduce the price significantly.

Best Start Baby Baskets

- New mattress / soft lining
- Size 0-1 nappies, cotton wool and nappy bags
- Travel or disposable changing mats
- Vests, sleepsuits and first clothes
- Hats, mits and socks
- Muslins, bibs and baby towels
- Blankets and sheets
- Baby toiletries
- Soft / interactive toy



Best Start Mum To Be

- Maternity pads
- Disposable maternity knickers
- Breast pads
- Pamper / bag toiletries
- Chocolate and energy drinks!



Best Start Essentials

- Clean, unstained items of clothing
- Shoes, boots and wellies (all sizes)
- Bedding including clean sheets, sleeping bags, duvets and sets
- Moses baskets, bouncers, pushchairs, travel systems, baby gyms, baths and inserts etc.



Lunch Club

Our monthly Lunch Club at the Parish Hall is going from strength to strength and we now have a large number of regular visitors who really enjoy coming to have a nice lunch in a friendly atmosphere, meet up with friends and have a chat. If you'd like to come along to our next lunch it will be held on Monday 7 November from 12 noon, lunch costs £3. This month we were awarded a 5 star rating by the council for our food hygiene and general running of the Lunch Club. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who is involved with the Lunch Club, you all work so hard to make it a success every time we meet - we couldn't do it without you!



Letter from the Vicar

Note from the Vicar

Today we are thinking about what it means to be good stewards of the things God has entrusted to us. This includes reminding ourselves of just some of the things God has done among us this year through the gifts of time, talent and financial support that you and others like you have so generously given. Things like the launch of the LinkingLives charity, responding to the needs of the lonely and isolated, which was no more than a pipedream a year ago. And the Street Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday which gave us a great opportunity to reach out to the Meads community, to work in partnership with other groups in the village and to share the message of Jesus through these growing friendships and the distribution of literally thousands of copies of 'The Servant Queen and the King she Serves'.

This coming year is also shaping up to be an exciting one for St John's with the planned reordering of our worship space (subject to a forthcoming faculty application). This includes improvements to our sound, seating and the installation of audio visual equipment and the copper cross (in memory of Reverend Katie England) to replace the existing curtain in the chancel. 2017 also marks the sixtieth anniversary of the consecration of St John's in 1957. We will be launching several new initiatives including a new bible series for the year to deepen our knowledge of God's word and we plan to sponsor a new St John's Meads Scouting group exactly 50 years since a group here last closed its doors back in 1967. Lastly we will be aiming to respond to the Archbishops' call to prayer and mission with a week long summer mission to coincide with our biannual festival.

These are exciting times and it needs us all to play our part as the body of Christ. So in whatever capacity that you will be loving, serving and giving to the life of St John's this year may I commend to you all this prayer of dedication:

My church is composed of people like me – I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly – if I am.

Its pews will be filled – if I help fill them.

It will do great work – if I work.

It will make generous gifts – if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship – if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a church of love and faith - if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be. Amen.

Your partner in the glorious gospel.

Giles