

## 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

17 April 2016

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock  
Assisting: Diana Guthrie

Epistle: 1 Peter 2: 11 - 17  
Gospel: John 16: 16 - 22

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Chris Oldroyd

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Chris Oldroyd  
Assisting: Patricia Kelley, Ann Reid, Margaret Kowszun & Trevor Salmon  
Hymns: 754, 649, 434  
Readings: Acts 9: 36 - end  
John 15: 1 - 5 & 16 - 17  
Voluntary: Fugue in E flat - Bach  
Introduction & Fugue - John Stanley

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## Next Sunday



## Sunday 24 April - Vision Day

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

**10.00am Contemporary Communion**  
Leading: Revd Peter Pickett  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: May Harris, Sheila O'Hanlon, Carolyn Lacy, Ann Reid & Rowena Adams

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 18 April**  
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)  
10.30am PARCHE at Alma Lodge
- Tuesday 19 April**  
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)  
2.00pm Chaseley Songs of Praise service  
7.00pm APM & APCM meetings (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 20 April**  
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
10.00am LINKS meeting (Pauling Room)
- Thursday 21 April**  
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)  
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)  
*Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock*  
3.00pm Dennis Fowler's Home Group  
7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
- Friday 22 April**  
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)  
11.00am Gardeners meeting (Pauling Room)
- Saturday 23 April**  
9.30am Intercessors meeting (church)

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### Children's News

#### Thank you!

Cerys was overwhelmed with the generosity of the congregation on Sunday in response to her hair donation to the Little Princess Trust. She collected £252.50 on Sunday after the service, which is fantastic. With the sponsorship already collected and gift aid the total is just over £600 which is almost enough to purchase two wigs for children fighting cancer. Thank you.



### Points for Prayer this week

- Openness to the guidance of God's Spirit at the APCM on 19 April
- Volunteers to come forward for the Summer fete on 4 June
- Adrian Butcher as he takes up his position as Director of Communications in the Church of England
- Songs of Praise at Chaseley on Tuesday



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...

**Bottles** - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall - 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! **Plus cakes for the refreshments please.**

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

## Volunteers!



**We still need help in the following areas. If you can help in any way then please let Jo know. We desperately need a team of people who can work behind the scenes gathering together everything we need on the day (and the day before).**

Our requirements are:

#### The day before :-

- ♦ someone with a van who can collect tables from the Parish Hall (and take them all back again after the event on Saturday or Sunday)
- ♦ someone to put up the bunting (and take it down again afterwards)

#### On the day AM :-

- ♦ approx. 20/30 chairs to be set up for the Silver Band
- ♦ tables and chairs to be set up on the day for the stall holders
- ♦ general help if anyone needs an extra pair of hands
- ♦ Refreshments - helpers needed in the Jubilee Hall to serve tea/coffee/cake. Please add your name to the list in the Cloister if you can help.

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

Email: [office@stjm.org.uk](mailto:office@stjm.org.uk) or phone: 01323 738671

Thank you!

**Bible By The Beach**  
DISTINCTIVE -  
the power of  
transforming grace  
29 April - 2 May 2016,  
Congress Theatre,  
Eastbourne.



**Volunteers needed** to assist at as many sessions/seminars as they are able. We offer free entry to the all the events over the weekend, meals provided when on duty and coffee/tea available all the weekend. Stewarding is a great way of meeting people attending the event as well as having a really good time, learning, sharing your faith and working for God's Kingdom! Volunteer application forms are available in the Cloister.

**Also Two Volunteer Tech assistants required:**  
Two people required who are happy to lift and carry, and bend, and put down a carpet etc, for Friday 29 April - 9am - 6pm (Congress: Eastbourne) and potentially available on Thursday 28 April from 2pm - 6pm... to help the tech team generally and also set up radios.



BIBLE BY THE BEACH

If interested please contact the Bible By The Beach Events team on [info@biblebythebeach.org](mailto:info@biblebythebeach.org) or tel: 07958 047140 and we will put you in touch with our Technical Manager to discuss further.

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**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.



**APCM/APM Meeting Tuesday 19 April, 7pm for 7.30pm**

## ELECTORAL ROLL NOTICE

We are revising the electoral roll ready for the Annual Meeting on 19 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.

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS NOTICE

The Annual Church Meetings will take place on Tuesday 19 April in the Jubilee Hall - 7pm for drinks and nibbles with the meeting starting at 7.30pm.

We require nominations for the PCC members. Please use the nomination forms at the back of the church. Nominees must be on the electoral roll and have attended the church for six months. If you wish to nominate someone, please complete the correct form (including the nominee's signature) and give it to a churchwarden.

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## Vision Sunday, Sunday 24 April

Next Sunday 24 April there will be a 10am Combined Communion Service followed by coffee/tea and biscuits as usual. Following that there will be an opportunity for you to discover more about the exciting plans for developing our mission and our worship space at St John's. There will be a bouncy castle in the vicarage garden for the children, all of which will be followed by a barbecue lunch. If the weather is good bring a garden chair with you!

## Final Call for Return of Lent Boxes

Please return any remaining Lent Boxes via the collection either today or next Sunday. We will then send a final cheque for the contents of all the boxes to support the work of Open Doors in the Middle East.



**Open Doors**  
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide



## 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.

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## Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

St John's is inviting the community to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 12 June followed by a street party. We would like to give street party guests a

copy of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* – a souvenir book which uses the Queen's own words to draw out the central role of her trust in Jesus Christ. Copies are available to order in bulk at £10 for 10 copies (plus p&p). To keep p&p costs down we are placing a bulk order. Preview a copy of the book at the back of church today and place your order – a donation of £5 per person will secure you a copy to keep, a copy to give away and three copies for St John's to give away to street party guests. Donations will be taken upon collection of the books.



## Talking about Jesus

In almost every Christmas broadcast the Queen talks naturally about her faith in Jesus Christ. On Saturday 21 May, Catherine Butcher (co-author of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*) will hold a short workshop on talking about Jesus using the book *The Servant Queen*. The workshop is in the Jubilee Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon.

## 50 Years of Marriage

Our love and congratulations go to Clive and Kate Dilloway on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.



## Today, Sunday 17 April



Rachel & Neil Grimes would like to invite everyone to join them and Astrid for a selection of sweet treats with your tea and coffee after the 9.30am service today. This is a small token of their appreciation of the overwhelming love and support all at St John's have shown them as they

welcomed Astrid into the world. We hope you can join us!

## Chaseley Songs of Praise Service

Our next Songs of Praise at Chaseley will be on Tuesday 19 April at 2pm. Please let Vic Lawrence know if you'd like to join in.



## LINKS meeting

There will be a LINKS meeting on Wednesday 20 April at 10.30am in the Pauling Room. Coffee will be served at 10am. If you would like to be part of the LINKS team or would like to find out more about it then please come along, everyone welcome!

## Deanery Healing Ministry Group

The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Hampden Park by kind invitation of Revd Mike Blanch. Refreshments from 7.10pm. Everyone welcome.

## Vintage Fair at the Parish Hall, Saturday 23 April, 10am - 3.30pm

Pop along to the Parish Hall on Saturday 23 April and immerse yourself in a Vintage Home & Lifestyle Market. Lots of lovely stalls, food and there'll also be a swing singer singing live! Don't miss it!

## The Organ

Work on the current phase of refurbishment is going well and much of the internal mechanism is in a workshop in Yorkshire at present. However the organ builders hope to have a small section working for the next few weeks before the final reassembly, so there will be organ music but it will sound a bit thin. A very good reason to raise our voices even higher!