

## 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 January 2016

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Old Testament: Romans 12: 6 - 16a  
Gospel: John 2: 1 - 11

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett  
Assisting: Sheila O'Hanlon, Patricia Kelley & May Harris  
Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11  
John 2: 1 - 11  
Hymns: 105, 609, 293

**4.00pm Connexions**  
Afternoon tea at the Vicarage (by invitation)

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## Next Sunday 24 January 2016

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

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

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Trevor Salmon, Derek Moulard, Sheila MacNicol & Diana Guthrie

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 18 January**  
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)  
 10.30am PARCHE at Alma Lodge  
 2.00pm CAMEO (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 19 January**  
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 20 January**  
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
 2.30pm Diana Guthrie's Home Group
- Thursday 21 January**  
 10.00am Parents & Toddlers Group (Jubilee Hall)  
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)  
*Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter*
- Friday 22 January**  
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

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### After the 9.30 service today ....

#### Prayer Ministry

After 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.

#### Coffee and Tea-Time

*Please join us for refreshments.*

*Donations please, as usual, but if you are visiting us today the drinks are on us!*

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### CAMEO

Calling all ladies! Come and join us for our next CAMEO meeting tomorrow, Monday 18 January at 2pm in the Jubilee Hall where we'll be hearing from Julie Smith from the Shaftesbury Society.



### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given today by Carolyn Lacy in loving memory of Trevor.

#### Points for Prayer this week

- Connexions Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage
- A generous response to the appeal for lifts to church
- All who mourn the death of Eleazer Martin
- Outcome of meetings of Anglican Primates with Archbishop Welby

### 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.



### The Cloggz live in Eastbourne

Mark Edwards' band The Cloggz return to Eastbourne on Saturday 6 February, 8pm at the Printers Playhouse. Drawing from tango, klezmer, jazz, circus, classical and Latin American music, they perform cinematic re-imaginings of material from a wide range of composers including Brad Melhdau, Tom Waits, Ennio Morricone and John Williams, as well as original compositions. Come and enjoy a great night out!

### Bible By The Beach - Distinctive

Be part of a wonderful weekend of Christian refreshment, once again at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. Whether you are returning for your eighth conference or coming for the first time you can be sure of a warm welcome, excellent and challenging teaching and an action-packed youth programme - all by the beach (not on the beach)!



BIBLE BY THE BEACH



There are three ways to book:  
 on line

Simply click on the logo for all ticketing information. There is a £1.50 charge per booking regardless of size.

by post

Download the booking brochure and send to The Good Book Company, BI Blenheim House, 1 Blenheim Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 9AP. Please note there is a charge of £3 per booking (max 2 adults & 3 children per form).

by phone

Call The Good Book Company on 0333 123 0880 . Please note there is a charge of £3 per booking (max 2 adults & 3 children).

## Eastbourne Day of Prayer, Saturday 23 January 2016



Les Isaac OBE, founder of Street Pastors, will be joining us for our sixth EastbOURne's Day of Prayer. Held in the Gold Room, Winter Garden. We will be praying in particular for the different geographical areas of

our town and wider area so the theme is 'Come Lord Jesus ... where we worship, work and live'. Our focus will be on worship and prayer together, with interactive personal prayer stations too. There will be prayer stands of local Christian agencies. Starts at 9.30am with a finale from about 4.15 - 5pm. Les Isaac will be speaking at 11am. Stay as long as you can!

## Help! Exhibition 2016

On Wednesday 3 February between 10am - 4pm at the Winter Gardens Floral Hall, the Eastbourne Advice Network will be holding an exhibition showcasing the amazing range of services on offer in the Eastbourne area for vulnerable people in need of help. The target audience is school pastoral teams, church pastoral teams, doctors, health visitors, police, local councillors, and anyone working or volunteering for an agency but not knowing where HELP is available from. It is also a brilliant opportunity to network. The general public will also be invited. Admission is free.



## Empowered to Heal

The Diocesan Day of Resourcing for healing ministry will take place on Saturday 20 February at Victoria Baptist Church with Revd Eric Delves as keynote speaker. Booking fee £10, contact John Jardine email: empoweredtoheal@yahoo.co.uk

## Prayer Ministry Team

We will be holding training for our Prayer Ministry team on Saturday 27 February 2016, from 9.30am - 1pm, followed by a bring and share lunch. If you are interested in joining this team please speak to Jill Preece.



## Services at Chaseley

In order to accommodate other than Anglican residents we are making a few changes this year. We will be having more of a 'hymn sandwich' (songs of praise with hymns and favourite readings). Due to holidays there won't be a service in January, so the changes will begin on Tuesday 16 February and then the third Tuesday of each month. We will have a communion service on special occasions such as Easter. If you would like to join us for these services please contact Vic Lawrence.

## The Children's Society

If you still have any of the Children's Society house boxes could you please bring them back to church so Zoe Evans can empty them or please contact Zoe on 01323 726020. Thank you.



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

## What are you doing this summer?

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.

Billed as an 'unforgettable week with acclaimed teaching, passionate worship and life-transforming prayer', can you afford NOT to be there?!

The New Wine tag-line of 'Local churches changing nations' is reflected in this year's theme, 'United'.

For more information see:

The New Wine website

<https://www.new-wine.org>

or alternatively contact Giles or Jill Preece for more information.



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## Lift sharing

We have a few people who would love to come to church on a Sunday but unfortunately can't get here without a lift. If you come by car and would be able to pick up someone on the way then please let either Giles, Jill Preece or the wardens know. Many thanks in advance.





## 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.

### Service of Farewell for The Venerable Philip Jones

Philip Jones, the Archdeacon of Hastings, will be retiring as Archdeacon at the end of January. His farewell service will be Choral Evensong at St John's Upper St Leonard's on Sunday 31 January at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the service. I know many of us here at St John's feel a deep sense of gratitude to Philip for his ministry as our Archdeacon and for all that he has contributed to the life of the Diocese and I hope as many as possible of you, will join us that evening in giving thanks for Philip's ministry.



Giles

### Tearfund

The Spring edition of Tear Times is available on the table in the Cloister. Please help yourself to a copy if you want to learn more about the recent work of Tearfund. We donated a special collection to Tearfund in the autumn for the Refugees in Europe. If you would like to read about how this money was spent, then go to [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org) and on the front page is a link to an article called "Refugees: how you helped".

### Foundation Governors needed!

As a voluntary aided school St John's Meads has a long history of putting the gospel at the heart of the life of the school community. We are now recruiting for new foundation governors with a passion for ensuring the school continues to deliver outstanding education for our children with a distinctive Christian ethos.

If you feel you might have the passion, time and the relevant skills for school governance the governing body would like to hear from you. You do not need to have an educational background but skills acquired through a background in human resources, business leadership and finance would be most valuable to the governing body. To find out more initial enquiries should be directed to Giles at: [vicar@stjm.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjm.org.uk)



## Coming up this term!

The season of Lent (starts on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb) 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**?

With this thought in mind, both in the build-up and during Lent, we will be embarking on a different take this season by focussing our teaching on a series of sermons on generosity that draw their ideas from the miraculous signs of Jesus in the Book of John.

Alongside the series each of us is invited to participate in a **generosity challenge** to undertake forty simple acts of generosity, which will challenge us to 'do Lent generously' in 2016. Small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our communities, to our churches and ultimately, to our world.

Resources, including a daily prompt to your smart phone, are available at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk) but we will also have paper resources available nearer the time.

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 to each of us so much so let's all do Lent generously this year!

Giles

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### 11.15am service on the Second Sunday of the month

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey regarding the second Sunday of the month 11.15am service.

Following the results we are pleased to announce that we shall be re-introducing the BCP Morning Prayer Service at 11.15am on the second Sunday of each month for the duration of the trial period (until after Easter) of our new pattern of worship.

### A 'One Off' opportunity

A number of Katie England's books are looking for a new home. Some biographies, some novels, some Christian reading, some reference - including gardening etc etc.

On **Monday afternoon, 25 January** from 2pm - 4pm her house, 11 Holywell Close, will be open to any of the congregation who would like to come, choose and take away.

We are sure that Katie would like her books to be used, read, re-loved and give pleasure.

It would be helpful, but not obligatory, if you could telephone Sheila O'Hanlon on 639954 to say you are coming, or leave a message on the answer phone. Thank you.