

## 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



18 December 2016

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock  
Assisting: Dick Thwaites & Richard Wells

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4 - 7  
Gospel: John 1: 19 - 28

**9.30am Family Nativity Service**  
Leading: Tris Peattie  
Preaching: Hannah Peattie

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Peter Pickett  
Preaching: Sarah Hassell  
Assisting: Robert & Peggy Millett, Deirdre Seaton, Pam Lade  
Hymns: 405, 580, 195, 631  
Readings: Romans 1: 1 - 7  
Matthew 1: 18 - end

**6.00pm Carol Service**  
Leading: Catherine Butcher  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

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Next Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

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

**10.00am Family Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece  
Assisting: Roy Orchard, Sheila O'Hanlon, Phyllis Hall, Diana Guthrie, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun



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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 19 December**  
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)  
 10.30am Alma Lodge Service  
 10.30am PARCHE @ Meads House
- Tuesday 20 December**  
 9.00am St Andrew's School Rehearsal (church)  
 10.30am Movement to Music Christmas Party (Jubilee Hall)  
 6.00pm St John's School Carol Service (church)
- Wednesday 21 December**  
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
 7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
- Thursday 22 December**  
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)  
*Presiding: Revd David Maddock*  
*Preaching: Martha Weatherill*  
 3.00pm Sunnymead Home Group
- Friday 23 December**  
 10.00am Christingle Prep (Jubilee Hall)  
 2.00pm Funeral/Thanksgiving Service - Irene Pinch (church)
- Saturday 24 December**  
 3.30pm Christingle Service  
 11.00pm Midnight Communion Service

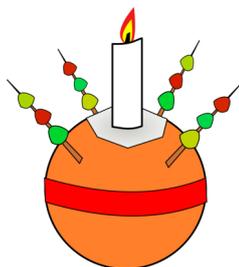
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*No Sunday Clubs for the children over the next few weeks, back on Sunday 8th January 2017.*

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### Christingle Construction!

On Friday 23rd December at 10am we would like a team of people (children obviously welcome too) to help with the preparation of the Christingles for the service the next day. If you can help, please come to the Jubilee Hall at 10am on the 23rd.



### Sermons Online

You can now find the Sunday Sermons online on our website, on Facebook or on YouTube. A great way to keep up to date with the current messages.



### New Wine Summer Camp,

Sunday 30 July to Saturday 5 August 2017, Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

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

A group from St John's will again be attending the summer 'New Wine' camp again next year, 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. There are plenty of fun activities and groups for children and young people of all ages.

For more information see The New Wine website: <https://www.new-wine.org> or contact Giles or Jill Preece.



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Don't forget the Eastbourne Foodbank this Christmas. With ever increasing demand for food and baby essentials, your help is always very gratefully appreciated.



### Alone on Christmas Day?

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne would like to hear of anyone alone on Christmas Day. They offer a Christmas Lunch from 12 - 4 pm at Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall. Guests will be collected from 11am - 11.30am.

Contact Dennis Thompson - 01323 749329.



## 2017

### New Years Eve Reflection - 'Stations of the Year'

Come and join us for an opportunity to spend an hour reflecting on, praying about and remembering the year that is ending, as well as looking forward to the year ahead.  
6pm – 7pm, refreshments after the service.

### Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing

The team return on Friday 6 January, same time, same place!  
Parish Hall, 10am - 11.30am



### Lunch Club, Monday 9 January



Monday 9 January 2017, 12 noon. Come and join us at the Parish Hall for a light lunch and good companionship!

No need to book just turn up. Last orders for food is 1.30pm, £3.50 per head.  
See you there.

### Men's Breakfast, Saturday 14 January

Saturday 14 January - Holywell Café  
The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday 14 January, 8.00am at the Holywell Café.  
Come and enjoy a full English breakfast, fellowship and friendship.



### Ian Ford has generously offered to share a thought with us on the morning.

Unfortunately over the last three breakfasts held, a number of people have added their name to the list to show attendance and then not turned up on the morning. Clearly this is unfair to café owner who will have been given the numbers for breakfast two days before the event.

If you are unable to come, please do contact Dennis Thompson on 749329, thank you.

### Eastbourne Day of Prayer - Saturday 21 January

The theme is 'So Much More ...!' (check out Ephesians 3: 20-21). Speaking on the day is Debra Green OBE, inspirational founder of Redeeming our Communities. We will focus on praying for key local leaders representing, for example, the Police, Commerce, Health, Community Life. Housing and Education. At Kings Church, Edison Road, 9.30am - 5pm. Come and go as you are able. Stay all day if you can!

### Invitation to the Coffee Team, Sunday 22 January

Sally Scott-Ralphs has taken over as Coffee Team Leader and would like to invite everyone on the coffee rota, and anyone who is interested in joining the team, to her home for tea on Sunday 22 January at 3.30pm. Please let Sally know if you can attend by either phoning her on: 01323 732504 or speaking to her in church.



## 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 tea and cake 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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### Points for Prayer this week

- The Rotary Club Christmas Lunch for those who are alone on Christmas Day, and for Matthew 25, Crisis, the Salvation Army and other organisations in all they do for the homeless over Christmas.
- For those among us who are facing the challenges of advancing years, and for those who are unwell at this time.
- The work of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, particularly in the run up to Christmas, and over the Christmas holiday.
- All who have been bereaved following the bombing of the chapel adjacent to Cairo Cathedral and the collapse of the church roof at Uyo in Nigeria.
- The Syrian government to accede to the recent ceasefire request made by several western powers; for desperately needed aid to get through and for protection for the residents of Eastern Aleppo, particularly the vulnerable.
- The children as they prepare for the Nativity and that many people may attend the wonderful family service on Sunday 18th.

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# CHRISTMAS

## at St John's

### Family Nativity Service

Sunday 18th December 9.30am

- for families and children

### Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 18th December 6.00pm

- with mince pies after the service

### Christmas Eve Christingle Service

Saturday 24th December 3.30pm

for families and children

### Christmas Eve Communion

Saturday 24th December 11.00pm

### Christmas Day

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am

Family Communion 10.00am

- family celebration

### New Years Eve Reflection

Saturday 31st December 6.00pm - 7.00pm



#### Open the Book

Children love stories - especially Bible stories when they're interactive, engaging and fun!

That's what Open The Book is all about, bringing the Bible to life for every child in every primary school. Teams of between four and eight storytellers tell Bible stories in primary schools, using drama, props and costumes - to bring the stories to life. We want to start Open The Book at St John's Meads School, in the New Year with folk from St John's as the storytellers.



#### Open the Book update

Thanks to everyone for their brilliant response so far! But are there any more men who would like to become part of this?

If you are interested in learning more, and perhaps becoming involved - either as a storyteller, or behind the scenes with props and costumes, please let Sarah Hassell know: 07904302887 or 01323 301695, email: sarah.c.hassell@gmail.com

#### Dates for your diary....

##### Tuesday 10 January 2017

11.30am Open the Book meeting in the Pauling Room

##### Tuesday 31 January 2017

9.00am - 4.00pm Open the Book Training Day (church)

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#### Urgent for Open the Book Storytellers!

If you haven't yet done so, could you please complete the DBS (police check) form and return it to Sarah Bull at the church office, so that she can then tell you the next step, leading to the certificate.

Without that certificate it won't be possible for you to take part.

If you have mislaid the form Sarah Bull gave you, please let Sarah Hassell know (07904302887 or 01323 301695) So she can get another form to you.

If you need help in completing the form, again please let Sarah Hassell know, and we'll arrange this.

Very many thanks!

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