

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

19 June 2016

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Nick Pendry

Epistle: Galatians 3: 23 - end
Gospel: Luke 8: 26 - 39

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

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Canon Michael Cole
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Sheila MacNicol, Carolyn Lacy, Margaret Kowszun & Jorj Kowszun
Hymns: 131 (omit verse 4), 32, 188
Readings: Galatians 3: 23 - end
Luke 8: 26 - 39

Next Sunday

Sunday 26 June 2016

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

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Sheila MacNicol, Trevor Salmon, Patricia Kelley & Deirdre Seaton

4.00pm Connexions - Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage (invitation only)

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 20 June**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 10.30am PARCHE at Alma Lodge
 12.45pm Funeral - Horace Parker (Crematorium)
- Tuesday 21 June**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 22 June**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
- Thursday 23 June**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Helen Gardens)
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding : Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching : Nick Pendry
 7.30pm *Start!* at St John's # 5
- Friday 24 June**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

Points for Prayer this week

- We give thanks for God's blessing on our celebration of the Queen's Birthday - the Service and the Street Party: brilliant atmosphere and great attendance despite the weather!
- For all who are taking part in the Start at St John's Course.
- For pupils and teachers at St John's Meads School, especially those in Year 6, preparing to move up to Senior School next term; also for the Key to Life van in the school from 6th – 8th July.
- For ourselves that we use our vote wisely at the EU Referendum on 23rd June.

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.



Best Start - Can you help?

This is a project run by Eastbourne Foodbank. Aiming to provide basic baby items for families facing difficult circumstances. Can you help?

- Donate items (please see leaflets for suggested items)
- Spread the word; with family and friends
- Come to a fundraising cake morning
- Hold your own fundraising event



Our aim is to provide hope and love in an otherwise difficult situation. We believe every child has the right to start life with their basic needs met. Please contact 01323 409925 for more information.

Foodbank National Collection - Volunteers needed

Foodbank are having their national collection at Tesco shortly and are in desperate need of volunteers for the two days. They rely on this weekend to help boost their stock levels and keep them going! They need people to sign up for two hour shifts, between 9am - 4pm either Friday 1 July or Saturday 2 July. They cover three stores - Hampden Park., Langney and Lottbridge Road.

If anyone would like to sign up and help please contact Hansa directly via email: admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk or call 01323 409925.

It's important people sign up and not just turn up as they need to know who is coming to ensure they don't have too many people on any one shift. Thank you.



Linking Lives Eastbourne

We are delighted to formally announce that Byron Stevens has been offered and has accepted the post of co-ordinator for the Linking Lives Eastbourne charity. Please pray for Byron as he takes up this important post. If you're interested in finding out more about how you can be involved in responding to the need of lonely and isolated people in Meads and beyond then please speak to Byron.



Speak Life

Conversations on the Street - training with Geoffrey Hilder On Sunday 26 June, 2.30pm - 5.30pm at the Speak Life Centre in Lismore Road, Geoffrey Hilder will be holding another brilliant training session on how to build rapport and speak of Jesus with anyone. No prior experience necessary, everyone welcome,

Update on Liz Guest

Liz Guest is delighted to announce that she has been recommended for ordination training, following the selection panel a couple of weeks ago - which means she'll begin training in September! She would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind thoughts and good wishes.



Kathleen Harwood

Kathleen Harwood would like everyone to know that she has now moved full-time to Berry Pomeroy Residential Home in Compton Street, and is very much enjoying it. She'd be very happy to have some visitors.

Men's Breakfast

At long last we can announce our next Men's Breakfast on Saturday 2 July at 8am! Hopefully the weather will be such that we can dine alfresco. Please put your name on the list in the Cloister if you'd like to join us.



To the Congregation and Clergy of St John's

On behalf of Dennis and myself we wish to thank members of the congregation and clergy for their prayers, thoughts, cards and hospital visits during my stay at the Irvine Rehab Unit in Bexhill. My recovery has taken 10 weeks after my fall from my mobility scooter, but with the dedication of the wonderful staff at the Irvine Unit, your prayers and the Lord's intervention and some hard work on my part, there is light at the end of the tunnel. During the majority of my stay I was mobile with my small home indoor scooter on which I was able to whiz round the wards talking with people and on a number of occasions about their faith and several copies of The Servant Queen were issued. I am pleased to be back in my own home and surroundings and I look forward to picking up my life from when I had the accident. Promenade here I come!

Geraldine Thompson



A big thumbs up to Catherine and her team!

A few additions ago I wrote in the Parish Magazine about the value of working in partnership with others towards the enrichment of our community. This is part of what Bishop Martin has in mind when he speaks about us 'Seeking the Common Good'. This is the third strand of our Diocesan Mission Action Plan.

I am confident that everyone at Sunday's event will have experienced a sense of being united around a shared celebration and vision and that this will have been felt most keenly by those who have been actively working together towards that shared goal.

Working together builds relationships, relationships lead to trust and respect and that in turn creates a platform for lives to open up to each other and stories (including our faith story) to be shared.

Of course these events and the new relationships they kindle don't happen by accident. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Catherine and a highly dedicated team of supporters from St John's, the bowls club, parks and gardens and the MCA. What a staggering job they did. I would like to pay tribute to each and every one and thank them on behalf of us all for showing what is possible with vision and collaboration.

My prayer is that we will actively seek further opportunities to work together with our friends in Meads to promote all that makes for peace and builds up the common good. **Giles**

Crown Making Competition

Congratulations to Gabriel, Cerys and Mary for very nearly sweeping the board at Sunday's crown making competition! NB Ben collecting the prize on behalf of his sister.



Reflections of Faith During the Passing of the Years

Our thanks to our very own nonagenarians Jean, Helen and Kathleen (not pictured) for sharing their wonderful testimonies last week which were read with such drama and passion by Pearl (centre) from Big God's Space.





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.

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!



Sometimes the cartoonist has the ability to really open a window into our souls. This was certainly true for me as this cartoon invited me to reflect on, and contrast, my initial reaction and strength of feeling towards the two very different news items brought together in this image. Where does our compassionate gaze find its most appropriate and urgent focus?

In our opening prayer at last Sunday's Thanksgiving Service for the Queen we said these words: Rejoicing at our good fortune, we nonetheless pray for those in need: the lonely and the despairing, the sick and the fearful, the weak and the oppressed – that each precious life may be redeemed by love of God and love of neighbour, that together we may share in one another's joy.

The gospel of Luke, that forms the basis of our sermon series this term, asks us, in turn, to focus on how Jesus responds to the needs of the least, the last and the lost; those on the very margins. Like us the crowds, including the religious, can respond with antipathy if not fear and aggression towards those on the margins. But Jesus calls us out of the safety of the crowd to become his disciples. As disciples our response should be, as our prayer reminds us, to treat each life as precious.

In this 'Year of Mercy' the focus of our attention here at St John's is on the plight of the most lonely and vulnerable in Eastbourne. We have responded by setting up "Linking Lives Eastbourne" which, I am delighted to announce, now has a fantastic new coordinator in Byron Stevens. Can I ask you all to pray for Byron and the work he and others will be pioneering in our community!

But we are also called to respond to the wider needs, in this regard, Bishop Mark has launched an appeal to raise £30,000 pounds to resource the work of a caseworker working with an existing specialist charity ("Voices in Exile") to support refugees who have settled here in Sussex.

Our collection this Sunday (19th June) will go towards the work of both of these charities as part of our desire to support the lonely and the despairing, the sick and the fearful, the weak and the oppressed wherever they may be – that each precious life may be redeemed by love of God and love of neighbour, that together we may share in one another's joy. Would you please prayerfully and carefully consider how you might support both initiatives with your giving this Sunday.

Your partner in bringing the Good News to Meads and beyond,
Giles