

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

There will be no supervised children's groups next Sunday 9th April. Rising Stars will be open for parents to use.

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

2 April 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Epistle: Exodus 3: 15 - 17
Gospel: John 14: 2 - 4

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Jorj Kowszun
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Canon Michael Cole
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Peggy & Robert Millett, Pam Lade & Patricia Kelley

Hymns: 572, 738, 535, 687

Reading: Exodus 3: 15 - 17
Read by: Jean Tucker

Reading: John 14: 2 - 4
Read by: Sheila MacNicol

Next Sunday 9 April 2017 - Palm Sunday

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Martha Weatherill

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Dan Inman
Assisting: Roy Orchard, Pam Lade, Phyllis Hall, Nick Pendry, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

11.15am Choral Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Dan Inman
Assisting: Peggy & Robert Millett, Pam Lade & Patricia Kelley

6.00pm Prayer & Praise
Lead by Catherine Butcher



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	3 April
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
12.00pm	Lunch Club (Parish Hall)
4.00pm	Funeral - Edna Johnson (Crematorium)
Tuesday	4 April
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm	APM/APCM meetings (Jubilee Hall)
Wednesday	5 April
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
2.30pm	Diana Guthrie's Home Group
Thursday	6 April
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
7.30pm	Peatties' Home Group
7.45pm	Choir Practice
Friday	7 April
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
Saturday	8 April
8.00am	Men's Breakfast at Holywell Café

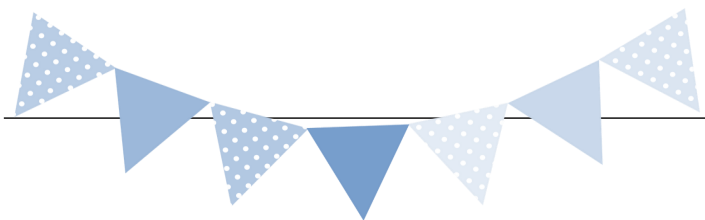


**Tuesday 4 April refreshments at 7pm
meeting begins 7.30pm**

Martha Weatherill

We are looking forward to welcoming Martha, Jonathan and Amy back to St John's on Palm Sunday, 9th April, where she will be leading prayers at the 9.30 and 11.15am services and preaching at the 8am service.

Martha is being ordained at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 1st July so if you would like to go and support her please let Martha know on Palm Sunday or leave your details with the church office and she will try to obtain tickets for you.



St John's Diamond Jubilee Year

Summer Fete - Saturday 10 June, 12 noon - 4pm

It's that time of year again when we need donations to various stalls for our ever popular Summer Fête.

We shall need the following...

Bottles - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall so please feel free to pop into the office with any spare, unopened, bottles.

Plants - cuttings, plug plants, house plants or outdoor plants *lots needed!*

Bric-a-brac

Pre-loved clothes in good condition

Cakes - on Friday 9 June please, for our fantastic cake stall, plus jam, preserves, chutney, marmalade.

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

NO BOOKS NEEDED THIS YEAR - thank you

Festival & Summer Fete 2017 Thursday 8 June - Sunday 11 June

Helpers Needed - Refreshments & Stewards

The church will be open to the public at various times during the Festival so we shall need some helpers to steward/ welcome visitors and we'll also be providing refreshments at those times too. If you are able to help with refreshments or stewarding at any point during our Festival, then please add your name to the sign up sheets on the noticeboard in the Cloister. Thank you.

As 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the consecration of the new church building, our Festival this year will be themed around photography, primarily photographs of people through the years from 1957

onwards. So with this in mind, if you have any photos dating back through the years of people (not posed photos) that would help us to tell a story through the years we'd love to see them. They don't have to be church related. Please bring your photo/s to the church office, we'll ensure they're clearly marked as to who they belong to and will return them to you once we've made our decisions. Alternatively, you can send us a jpeg via email to: office@stjm.org.uk



During May we'll be picking the best to be hung in church for the Festival.

NEWS & EVENTS

Lunch Club, tomorrow

Monday 3 April 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

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 8 April at 8.00am, returning to our normal venue of the Holywell Café, please tick your name on the list on the notice board in the church porch. Keith Adams will be sharing his thought for the day at the breakfast.



Future dates for your diary, all at Holywell Café,

27 May - Clive Dilloway

8 July - Byron

23 September - Derek Mouland

Bible by the Beach, 28 April - 1 May 2017

'Firm Foundations - Reformation for Today'

Great speakers will be joining us over the weekend and Mark Ashworth and his team will be running a youth programme for the under 18s. Don't miss it!

Children's Volunteers Cream Tea - today

We have a wonderful team of volunteers serving the children at St John's. Over the past few weeks we have heard about the ongoing need for more volunteers. If you would be interested in joining this wonderful team then come along to a Cream Tea at the Vicarage on this afternoon at 4pm to find out more. Please let Tris or Hannah know if you are planning to attend.



Hospital Service at the DGH

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on Easter Sunday, 16 April, 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Parking vouchers are available from the church office. Please let Derek Mouland know if you wish to attend. Parking tickets available from the church office.

Alpha just got better!

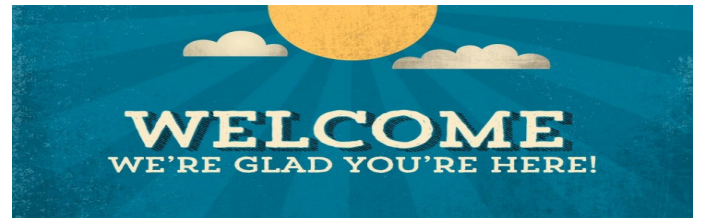
We are looking to put together a team to help plan and deliver the new look Alpha course that we hope to run later this Spring; could this be you? Alpha has been completely revamped with options to tailor courses to suit different groups and with this in mind we are hoping to be able to run both an evening course and a daytime one aimed at 'Seniors'. If you would like to know more have a look at the website <http://uk.alpha.org> and speak to Giles, Jill, Tris or Hannah.



Rotary Club of Eastbourne's Annual Jazz Concert

The Storyville Strutters will be performing at the Eastbourne College Theatre on Wednesday 5 April. Doors open at 7pm, performance begins at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 available from Dennis Thompson 749329

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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.

DAC Comments on our Application for Reordering at St John's

Following on from our initial application to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, the following observations and feedback were made.

"The committee supported the principle of the proposals, noting that the reordering would involve replacing the pews with chairs, a new lighting scheme, the introduction of ramped access to the chancel and removable handrails, the creation of an additional fire exit, and the removal of the baldachin behind the altar and the introduction of a copper cross with feature lighting."

They indicated that the installation of the cross, would provide a focal point to the church. The committee were inclined to think that addressing the issue of the acoustics was a positive move. The proposed ramp will improve access to the chancel area but were inclined to think that permanently fixed hand rails should be utilised. They have asked that careful consideration be given to the type of replacement chairs to be used, noting that this will offer flexibility of use in the church.

Their decision was that:

"The committee was enthusiastic about the reordering project and requested a site visit to discuss the specifics of the proposals in more detail."

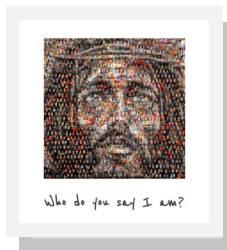
The visit is planned for Thursday 27 April.

A Crown of Thorns

Would anyone be able to make a crown of thorns for the top of the cross on Good Friday? If you can then please speak to Jill Preece who will be able to give you more information. Thank you.



Who Do You Say I Am?



'Who Do You Say I Am?' takes readers on a journey of discovery using evidence and experience to help verify that Jesus was a real person who lived in the Middle East 2,000 years ago. This illustrated paperback explains why Jesus died and what the resurrection can mean for people today. Written by St John's Reader

Catherine Butcher, it includes Adrian Butcher's story of finding faith as a student on a gap year in Israel, and also quotes Art Historian Helen Rufus-Ward, also a member at St John's.

Visit www.easterhope.org.uk/film to watch Helen talking about Jesus – the interview was filmed at St John's.

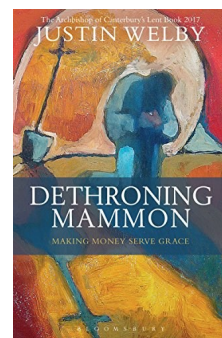
Copies of 'Who Do You Say I Am?' are available in packs of 10 for £11.50 (plus p&p) from www.cpo.org.uk/hopeshop Phone: 01903 263354 to order copies – or sign the list in the church foyer to order your copies to give away to friends and family members as an Easter gift.

Points for Prayer this week

- For the three new Beachy Head Chaplains as they begin their three month probationary period
- The work of the Foodbank, for generous Donations and for suitable new premises to be found
- Those attending the Men's Breakfast next weekend
- For a united Britain as we move a step closer to the UK's exit from Europe

Who or what do we really worship?

In the gospels we read about Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. During this time he had to wrestle with deep questions about his identity and his purpose. The 40 days of Lent that lie ahead of us, represent an opportunity for similar self reflection.



I'd like to invite you to use these 40 days to be on your own journey of exploration asking yourself a very specific question; who or what do I worship!

Like any journey it is good to set off on the right foot, to have some road map for the way and to finish well.

Rather than having a Lent course this year, I'd like to encourage us to journey through Lent using Archbishop Justin's Lent book for 2017 as our road map.

Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, was photographed on a tube train recently reading an advance copy of this book which ask that key question about who or what we worship. There are six chapters which fit nicely into Lent. Each chapter takes a key bible passage, usually from the teaching and encounters of Jesus leading to his death and burial, and puts it alongside the big questions of global finance and, crucially for us personally, the attitudes it breeds.

Lastly, this journey, which is often marked by a period of abstinence, culminates for us this year with a very special meal. Passover, the Last Supper, Holy Communion all have the same roots in a family meal, shared together.

This meal which, 2,000 years ago, Jesus said he was really looking forward to celebrating with his followers is the same meal that we will share together to mark the end of this Lenten journey. More details of this meal will be available in next week's news sheet but places will be limited by space so if you would like to share in this meal I'd encourage you to register your interest early with the church office.

With every blessing for the journey ahead.

Giles

St Wilfrid's Hospice

An excellent way of disposing of your obsolete £1 coins would be to use them to fill a Lent Box in aid of the St Wilfrid's Hospice. There are still a few boxes remaining at the back of the church and more can be supplied if needed.

Please return all Lent Boxes with all your contributions either on Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter Day.

