

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

2 October 2016

The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Newnham
Assisting: Nick & Rosemary Bland

Epistle: Mark 10: 46 - 52
Gospel: Luke 10: 25 - 37

10.00am Harvest Celebration
Leading & Preaching: Tris Peattie
with help from the Sunday Club children

Followed by Harvest Brunch at 11.30am

Next Sunday

9 October 2016

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Robert Orchard, Derek Peterson,
David & Jenny Barker,
Clive & Kate Dilloway

11.15am Sung Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	3	October
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)	
10.30am	Holywell Home Group	
12.00pm	Lunch Club (Parish Hall)	
2.30pm	Holy Communion (Elstree)	
Tuesday	4	October
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)	
7.00pm	Dilloways' Home Group	
Wednesday	5	October
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)	
2.30pm	Diana Guthrie's Home Group	
Thursday	6	October
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)	
11.00am	Holy Communion <i>Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter</i>	
7.15pm	Rustington Court Home Group	
7.30pm	Peatties' Home Group	
Friday	7	October
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)	
Saturday	8	October
11.00am	Caring & Sharing Annual Eucharist (church)	

Love In A Box - Mustard Seed Relief Mission

It's that time of year again when Mustard Seed begin to launch their annual appeal, Love In A Box, which sends shoe boxes full of goodies to orphaned children throughout Europe. Our collection date is Monday 21 November, so pick up a leaflet today from the Cloister, and make a child happy.



LINKS meeting

The next LINKS meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 12 October at 10.30am in the Pauling Room.

Thank you!

Toni & Vic Lawrence would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards, flowers, presents and good wishes on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Thank's
You

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the memory of Rae Wildman, whose birthday was on the 1st October. Rae would have been 90 years of age. With all my love always.

Joan Wildman

Caring & Sharing Eucharist, Saturday 8 October

This will be held here at St John's on Saturday 8 October at 11am. Bishop Nicholas Reade, formerly Bishop of Blackburn and now assistant Bishop in this Diocese will be celebrating the Eucharist and our speaker will be talking about Clergy Pensions in Rwanda. Bring a packed lunch – drinks will be provided.

Deanery Teaching Morning

How do I make 'Me' in this changing world
with Revd David Gillard

Saturday 15 October 10am - 12.30pm

St Elisabeth's Church

Please confirm attendance on 01323 506271

David Gillard will be talking about our identities and being in Christ - looking at how we construct our identity in today's fluid world.



Encouraging International Friendship – Can You Help?

Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home this Christmas and make the world a little friendlier. Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus, and would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing Christmas festivities, and telling you about their own country. Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more, please visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.



Lodge Refit

If you didn't get a chance to see the Lodge a few weeks ago then please feel free to have a look around on Sunday.



NEWS & EVENTS

Linking Lives Update

September's been a very productive month in setting up Linking Lives Eastbourne. We're in the final stages of preparations to launch the scheme which has included the recruitment of our first intake of volunteers, plus meeting with other interested local churches. In mid October the first volunteer training session will take place and if you're considering to volunteer as a befriender or would like further information, please contact us either via the Church Office on 01323 738671 or at linkingliveseastbourne@gmail.com. Linking Lives Eastbourne is committed to matching volunteers based on their availability



and preferences, so if you can commit 1 hour a week or just every other week, there are many lonely and isolated people in our community who'll benefit from your time.

Byron Stevens



Keen Gardeners Needed!

The lovely gardens at St John's Church are a tranquil space for all to enjoy, we are currently in need of a few volunteers to help keep it looking beautiful. We would also like to keep the Parish Hall gardens looking lovely too, so if you love gardening and would like to volunteer, or you know someone who would be interested, then please contact Karen on 07779793096 or email: karen.fletcherwright@gmail.com for more information.



Points for Prayer this week

- We thank God for the very positive PCC Away Day last weekend, and we pray for God's blessing on our church and parish as the outcomes are put into effect.
- For each of our Home Groups, that they may be places of support, prayer and fellowship, praying for those who lead, and praying that everyone may find the Home Group that is right for them.
- For Byron Stevens in the final stages of launching Linking Lives Eastbourne, and for volunteers to become befrienders of lonely and needy people in our parish and town.
- For the Kids Leaders Vision Evening on 14th October, and for those who may join the team.

NEWS & EVENTS



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 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.

Harvest 2016

Thanks for joining us today for our Harvest Celebration, led by our Junior Church.

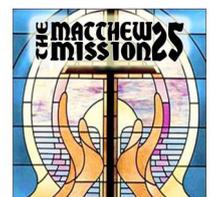
Following the service today will be a Harvest Brunch at 11.30am in the Jubilee Hall supporting Tearfund & Linking Lives, Eastbourne. (ticketed)



Sarah Newnham of Tearfund will be speaking at our Harvest Service today. There are some of the latest Tearfund Times magazines available in the Cloister and if you want to find out more, then go to www.tearfund.org for the latest information.



All our Harvest food donations will again be split between the Eastbourne Foodbank and the Matthew 25 Mission, as we did last year.



Letter from the Vicar

What's Coming Up - Harvest and Home Groups!

Over the last two weeks sees the focus of our worship at St John's centre around the themes of Home Groups (last week) and Harvest (today)

Both these themes provide a great opportunity to remind ourselves of what is special about being part of this church community and how our Sunday worship helps to reinforce some of our core values and the vision here.

At the last count we have eight evening and five afternoon home groups providing a vital role of support, prayer and fellowship for around 150 members of St John's. We want to use this Sunday to celebrate what God is doing through these groups and thank the great team of leaders who lead them.

Home groups are not simply a 'nice' thing to have as a church; they are a vital part of how we grow. As one commentator has put it, "Great small groups celebrate success, suffer with one another, and expect God to do more than they can do themselves."

As we grow bigger as a church and the size of our Sunday service makes it harder to get to know everyone, our Home groups are the place where we "find intimate community and practical help."

This year we are launching two new groups to meet the growth in new people joining St John's. My prayer is that, as you hear more about these in today's service, you will be encouraged to find out what all the fuss is about!

Please have in mind that these groups are not simply for the 'serious Christians'! Whether your faith is small and your confidence shaky or you have been a Christian for many years, these groups provide a fun, friendly and accessible way for us all to form great friendships and grow deeper in our faith.

They provide a safe space for us to grow through finding an appropriate way to participate ourselves in what God is doing at St John's. The way we express this is that 'every person counts!'

This is also a key aim for our annual Harvest celebration. For the third year running the Harvest service will be led by our young people under Tris' guidance.

What can you expect from our Harvest service?

Well, firstly, we can expect to see our young people stepping out and demonstrating that they are as much the leaders of today as they are the leaders of tomorrow. They will be taking responsibility for different parts of the service, including leading us in prayer and in interviewing our very special guest Sarah Newnham from Tearfund who will be speaking both at our 8am service and at a brunch after the 10am service (get your tickets in advance from the office £2).

The sung worship will be led by our worship group and our organists as an expression of how we want to celebrate the diversity of worship at St John's.

I hope you enjoy being part of these services and celebrating together the diverse ways in which God is at work among us.

With joy in our shared service together.

Giles



Sunday Club Family Walk Abbots Wood, 10.30am Saturday 15 October

We'll be having a Family Walk on Saturday 15 October, in Abbots Wood. Come along and join us, bring the whole family, dogs and friends very welcome! We'll meet in the field next to the car park. Don't forget your wellies!



Kids Leaders Vision Evening, Friday 14 October

Whether you volunteer with the children of St John's, have children in the group or are interested in joining the team, please come along and find out about the Vision for the Children's Work at St John's. We will have some lovely nibbles and drinks too! Please contact Tris or Hannah to confirm attendance.

Streetwise - Table Tennis this evening

Calling all 11 - 18 year olds, we're holding a Table Tennis tournament in the Jubilee Hall at 7pm tonight. Come along and bring your friends - there'll be nibbles and drinks too!

