

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

20 March 2016

Palm Sunday

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
Assisting: Chris Sneath & Dick Thwaites

Epistle: Philippians 2: 5 - 11
Gospel: Matthew 27: 33 - 54

9.30am Contemporary Service

Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole

11.15am Classic Communion

Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole
Assisting: Deirdre Seaton, Derek Moulard,
Diana Guthrie & Sheila MacNicol
Readings: Philippians 2: 5 - 11
Luke 19: 28 - 40
Hymns: 14, 463, 583

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

11.00am Holy Communion
7.00pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

Good Friday

10.00am Messy Church (Jubilee Hall)
12pm Three Hours at the Cross

Sunday 27 March - Easter Sunday

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd David Maddock
Preaching: Jill Maddock

10am Contemporary Communion & Easter Egg Hunt for the children after the service
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Nick Pendry, Catherine Butcher,
Carolyn Lacy, May Harris,
Jeremy Daniels & Phyllis Hall



No 11.15am service today!

4.30pm for 5pm Hospital Service at the DGH

Easter Monday

10.00am Church service for the housebound

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 21 March**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 10.30am PARCHE at Alma Lodge
 3.15pm Funeral service for Alice Cooper -
 (Crematorium)
 4.00pm Parish Hall Committee meeting
 (Pauling Room)
- Tuesday 22 March**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 2.30pm Moulands' Home Group
 7.00pm Kemps' Home Group
 8.00pm Community Choir practice (Jubilee Hall)
 7.00pm Queen's 90th birthday event meeting
 (Pauling Room)
- Wednesday 23 March**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 2.45pm Robin Hill Nursery - Giant Wiggle picnic
 (Jubilee Hall)
 7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
 7.30pm Adams' Home Group
- Thursday 24 March - Maundy Thursday**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Nick Pendry
 12.15pm Funeral - Gordon Simpson (Crematorium)
 2.45pm St John's School Easter Service (church)
 5.00pm Rehearsal for Good Friday monologues
 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
 7.30pm Thompsons' Home Group
- Friday 25 March - Good Friday - office closed**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
 (Parish Hall)
- Saturday 26 March**
 8.00am Men's Breakfast at the Holywell Café

Points for Prayer this week

- All involved in leading and preaching during Holy Week and Easter
- The hospital service on Easter Sunday
- We may respond to the challenge of Michael Cole's latest book
- The persecuted church as it celebrates Easter

Men's Breakfast

The next meeting will be on Saturday 26 March at the Holywell Café. We will be focusing on the Eastbourne Food Bank and it's expanding ministry in the community, with updates from a few important representatives from our local centre.

Our support at St John's emanated early on from an initial introduction to the Food Bank at one of our first Men's Breakfasts 3 - 4 years ago. Can we go further? Come and see!



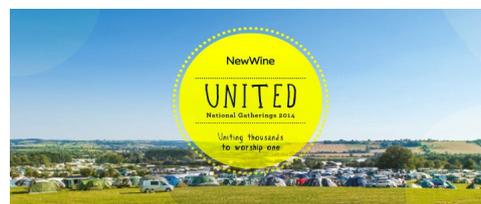
Postcards

I am still collecting postcards to be sold at auction to raise money for the church in Sudan and South Sudan. The money supplements meagre or non-existent salaries for pastors, many of whom are playing a vital role in reconciliation.

All postcards have a value: new, used, coloured, black & white or sepia, individual or in albums. I am happy to pick up any or they can be left in the pigeon hole under R, or contact me on 01323 645516. Thank you very much.

Helen Roe





New Wine Summer Camp

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

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.

For more information and to book go to The New Wine website: <https://www.new-wine.org> and book under St Elisabeth's (NOT St John's) or alternatively contact Giles or Jill Preece for more information.

Bible By The Beach
DISTINCTIVE -
the power of
transforming grace
29 April - 2 May 2016,
Congress Theatre,
Eastbourne.



Volunteers needed to assist at as many sessions/seminars as they are able, we offer free entry to the all the events over the weekend, meals provided when on duty and coffee/tea available all the weekend. Stewarding is a great way of meeting people attending the event as well as having a really good time, learning, sharing your faith and working for God's Kingdom!
Volunteer application forms are available in the Cloister.

Also Two Volunteer Tech assistants required:
Two people required who are happy to lift and carry, and bend, and put down a carpet etc, for Friday 29 April - 9am - 6pm (Congress: Eastbourne) and potentially available on Thursday 28 April from 2pm - 6pm... to help the tech team generally and also set up radios.



BIBLE BY THE BEACH

If interested please contact the Bible By The Beach Events team on info@biblebythebeach.org or tel 07958 047140 and we will put you in touch with our Technical Manager to discuss further.

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

We are planning to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with a Thanksgiving Service at St John's on Sunday 12 June, followed by a street party. On the same day 10,000 people will be guests of Her Majesty at a street party in The Mall and communities around the country will be celebrating. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please come along to an initial discussion meeting in the Pauling Room at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd March or contact Catherine Butcher or Tony Mottram. There is a Facebook page 'The Queen's 90th Birthday in Meads, Eastbourne' to keep in touch with plans as they progress.



THE QUEEN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

Hot Jazz from a Cool Band

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne is holding its annual Jazz Concert on Wednesday 6 April in the Eastbourne College Theatre. The band playing this year is a London band, Storyville Strutters Dixie Sextet, tickets £15 and anybody who is interested please contact Dennis Thompson on 01323 749329. All funds raised will be going to the local charity, Families for Autism.

Funeral

The funeral of Gordon Simpson will take place on Maundy Thursday, 24th March at 12:15pm in the main chapel at the Eastbourne Crematorium. Friends are very welcome to attend.

Eastbourne Concert Orchestra

John Caroe playing in the Eastbourne Concert Orchestra concert on Tuesday 22 March at 7.45pm in the Town Hall. Mozart Magic Flute, Grieg Peer Gynt suite and Prokofiev First symphony. Contact John Caroe for more information.



The season of Lent 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**?

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

Giles

THE DAY JUSTICE DIED

Three Hours at the Cross

Join us in church on Good Friday, 25 March, between 12 noon and 3pm for a reflective service of music composed by Mark Edwards and monologues, written by Dr Jonathan Burnside (Professor of Biblical Law at Bristol University), based on the trials of Jesus, as seen through the eyes of Judas, Caiaphas, Pilate, A man in the Crowd, Jesus' mother and Nicodemus.

Messy Church this Easter, Good Friday, 10am, Jubilee Hall,



Kids come and join us for fun, craft, creative reflections around the cross and hot cross buns on Good Friday at 10am in the Jubilee Hall. Everyone welcome!

Hospital Service at the DGH

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on Easter Sunday, 27 March, 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Parking vouchers are available from the church office.

Lent boxes

Please return your Lent boxes at any of the Good Friday or Easter Sunday services. Thank you.



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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.

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.



Fundraising event for Foodbank



COME AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CAKES

Wednesday 6th April 2-4pm

The Underground Theatre

Everyone welcome - colouring for children will be available

Delicious homemade cakes will be available to buy.

Come and join us in a relaxed atmosphere and talk to volunteers about the work of Foodbank and how you can become involved.

For further information please contact Hansa Raja-Jones on 01323 409925 or admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk



This will be a fundraising event for Foodbank



Summer Fête 2016

Saturday 4 June
12 noon - 4pm

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

We 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

Cakes - on Friday 3 June please, for our fantastic cake stall, plus jam, preserve, chutney, marmalade are all very popular too!

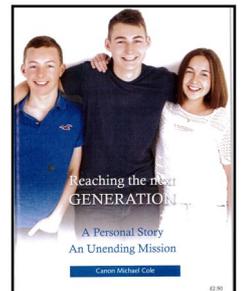
Books

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

If you are able to help in any way, collecting tables from the Parish Hall, helping with set up and clear up, manning a stall etc then please contact Jo in the church office.

New Book Available

Copies of Michael Cole's latest book 'Reaching the Next Generation' will be available for purchase after the 9.30am service this Sunday. All funds will go the work of the Nationwide Christ Trust.



Pastoral Matters

It would be really helpful to know which care homes have a representative of St John's visiting them on a regular basis. Please let Jill Preece know either via email: jill@stjm.org.uk or phone 01323 638020. Thank you.

Sunday 17 April

Rachel and Neil Grimes would like to invite everyone to join them and Astrid for a selection of sweet treats with your tea and coffee after the 9.30am service on Sunday 17th April. This is a small token of their appreciation of the overwhelming love and support all at St John's have shown them as they welcomed Astrid into the world. We hope you can join us!