

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

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

NEWS SHEET



21 May 2017

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Testimony Sunday

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Richard Wells & Chris Sneath

Epistle: Acts 17: 22-31
Gospel: John 14: 15-21

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Various testimonies

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Peggy & Robert Millett, Pam Lade, & Diana Guthrie
Hymns: 392, 161, 485, 359

Reading: Acts 17: 22-31
Read by: Carolyn Lacy

Reading: John 14: 15-21
Read by: Christine Symes

Next Sunday 28 May 2017

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Dick Thwaites

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Jorj & Margaret Kowszun, Carolyn Lacy, Phyllis Hall, Nick Pendry & Roy Orchard

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Pam Lade, David & Jill Maddock

6.00pm Evensong
Led by David & Jill Maddock

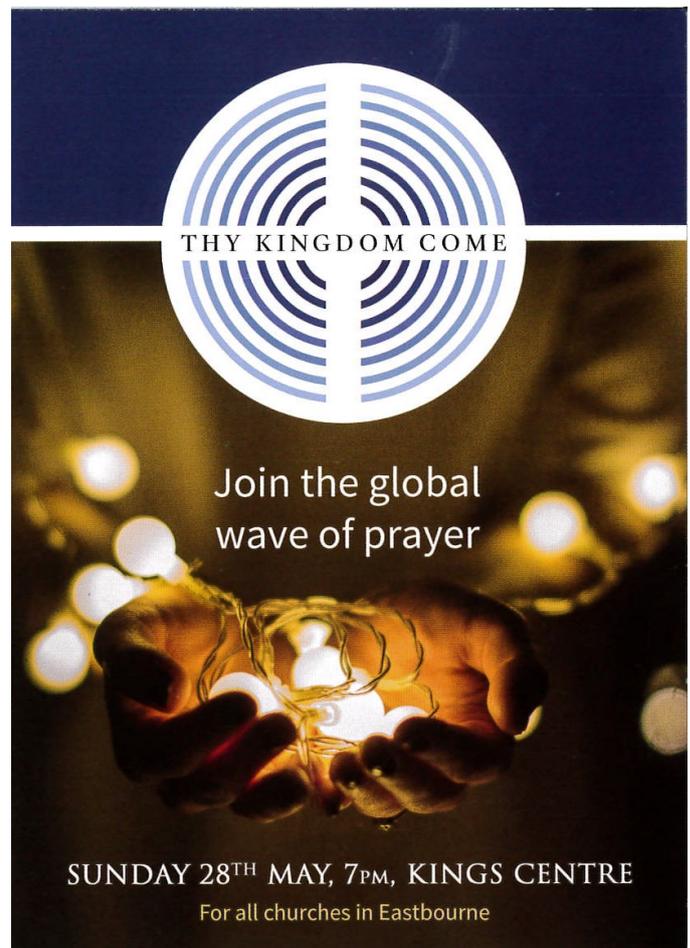


EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 22 May**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 10.30am PARCHE at Meads House
 5.30pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Alpha - introduction evening (Peter Picketts)
- Tuesday 23 May**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 24 May**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 6.00pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Springfield Home Group
 7.30pm Adams' Home Group
- Thursday 25 May**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
 2.30pm St John's School Ascension Day Service
 2.30pm Maddocks' Home Group
 7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
- Friday 26 May**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
 (Parish Hall)
- Saturday 27 May**
 8.00am Men's Breakfast at Holywell Café

Points for Prayer this week

- For all those attending the new Alpha Course and for the preparation and arrangements for the Seniors' Alpha, that folk on both courses will encounter Jesus.
- For the residents of the Care Homes in our Parish, and for the opportunity of taking services at two further Care Homes.
- For the people of Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan and Libya impacted by the fighting and famine.



'Thy Kingdom Come' - Sunday 28 May

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Justin Welby says: 'We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to God's call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer'. Christians in the Eastbourne area have an opportunity to come together in worship and prayer in an inter-church event at the Kings Centre, Edison Road BN23 6PT at 7 pm.

Mens Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 27th May at 8am, at the Holywell Café. Please tick your name on the list on the notice board in the Cloister if you're joining us. Clive Dilloway will be sharing his thought for the day at the breakfast.



Future dates for your diary, all at Holywell Café:

8 July Byron Stevens

23 September Derek Mouland

St John's Diamond Photographic Festival

Thursday 8 - Sunday 11 June

Theme: *Made in His Image - Imago Dei (Genesis 1:27-28)*

At the very beginning of our journey through the Big Bible Story we saw how God created a good world with the pinnacle of His creation being Adam and Eve, made in God's image. Despite the brokenness in the world and in humanity we all still bear the 'imago dei' the image of God. God has given us our creativity, our capacity to love and be loved, to feel empathy and to be those who work for justice.

'Imago Dei' is the theme of our photographic part of the festival this year and all are invited to submit photos (a selection of which will be on display) that reflect this theme. They may be shots of people serving others, playing, creating, working, smiling, praying, gardening etc. In fact anything that expresses the sense of us being made in the image of a creative and life giving God. Made to be a blessing to others. Hard copies or emailed copy to Jo in the office please with a submission deadline of 21st May.

Also, as part of the Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations in June, and to compliment the photographs of people being displayed around the church, we would like to have some photographs of the current congregation of St John's.

Sue Lockhart will be taking pictures of the congregation (in the Cloister) today after the 8am service and 9.30am. If you would like to be 'framed' please look out for her.



Festival Events

We are delighted to announce the events taking place during our Festival this year.

The first is a Jazz Evening on Friday 9 June at 8.00pm which promises to be a great, entertaining evening with award-winning saxophonist, Jo Fooks, joining Mark and his musicians.

Tickets are £10 per person (includes wine & cheese) and are available from the church office.

Secondly, as a Festival Finale on Sunday 11 June, Mark has Written, especially for us, a wonderful performance entitled 'A Part of the Main' including a combination of stories, music, and visuals for a live audience. We have invited a number of people from our parish and across Eastbourne to tell a story. This will be a story from their life. It may be a memory, a near escape, a strange coincidence, a family anecdote... something funny, scary, difficult, irreverent, poignant... Throughout these stories will be woven live music, poems, and visuals. There are two opportunities to see the production; 4.30pm and 7.30pm on Sunday 11 June in the Jubilee Hall.

Tickets are £7 per person and are available from the church office.

Please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



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.

Alpha

We'll be launching with a taster evening tomorrow, Monday 22 May at 7:30pm at Peter Pickett's home. Please see the leaflet for the address.

It will then run on Monday evenings from Monday 5 June to Monday 17 July at 7:30pm. There will be food, a short talk and time to chat and ask questions.

For more information do visit <http://uk.alpha.org> if you have any questions, or if you are interested in taking part, please speak to Tris or Hannah, or call the church office on 01323 738671.





Altar Flowers today

In loving memory of my Beloved Husband Rae Wildman who was called home to be with our Lord one year ago today. Safe in the arms of our Lord.

I will love you forever.

Your ever loving wife Joan. xxx

Pastoral Care

Our vision is to be a church that is growing in 3 dimensions:
Up - as we worship God; **In** - as we build his church;
Out - as we love and serve our neighbours.

If you can spare an hour or so a month to join 'in' through visiting those within the church who would welcome regular or occasional visitors please come to a meeting on **Tuesday 30th May at 2.30 pm** in the Pauling Room.

Our 'out' activity includes several teams who visit residential homes once a month to hold an informal service and to talk with the residents. We now have an opportunity to extend this, so if you would like to join a team, or already do this and would like to visit another home, please contact Jill Preece on 638020 or by email: jill@stjm.org.uk.

Coffee Team

A great opportunity has arisen to join one of the most dynamic teams at St John's The hospitality team are urgently seeking people to come and give them a hand serving coffee on a Sunday morning to our thirsty brothers and sisters in Christ.

Anybody is welcome to join all that's needed is a welcoming smile.... please contact me, after church or on the following numbers:

01323 732504 or 07572124512

Sally Scott-Ralphs

Note from the Wardens

The churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens at the 11.15am service have felt that it would be beneficial to all if we cease the use of the collection bags during this service. So with effect from the first Sunday in June, in conjunction with the new rota, the collection bag will not be used. If you have any questions please contact Giles or the Wardens.

Thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the Lent Appeal for St Wilfrid's Hospice, which with Gift Aid raised over £2,000. We are delighted to receive such a generous sum towards our work, for our community in Meads and also others in Eastbourne and beyond. It is a blessing for the hospice and brings to mind the words of Saint Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians: *'Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.'*



St Wilfrid's Hospice
Reaching out to transform
end of life care

David Scott-Ralphs, St Wilfrid's CEO



St John's Diamond Jubilee Year

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

Please keep bringing in your donations...

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated so far, we still need:

Bottles - Urgently needed 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!



Mission Trip to Southern India!

Are you interested in joining a team from St John's to visit our mission partners CMCT in the city of Chennai (Madras) in Southern India? If you missed our last fact-finding evening and would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity to get some hands on experience of mission and ministry in this fascinating part of the world speak to our vicar Giles or Olly Margry and book in for a quiz and fact-finding evening at the Vicarage 9 Buxton road on Thursday 1 June at 7.30pm.