

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

22 May 2016

Trinity Sunday

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

Epistle: Revelation 4: 1 - 11
Gospel: John 3: 1 - 15

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Canon Michael Cole
Assisting: Phyllis Hall, Trevor Salmon,
Ann Reid & Margaret Kowszun
Hymns: 286, 163, 379
Readings: Romans 5: 1 - 5
John 16: 12 - 15

Fairtrade table at all services on Sunday 22 May

Pauline Stapleton will have her Fairtrade stall at the back of church today, please take a look.

Next Sunday

Sunday 29 May 2016

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

9.30am Combined Communion
Presiding: Canon Michael Cole
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: David & Jenny Barker,
Sheila O'Hanlon, Carolyn Lacy,
Clive & Kate Dilloway

No 11.15 service

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 23 May**
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
2.00pm CAMEO (Jubilee Hall)
2.00pm Interviews for Early Years Leader & Admin Assistant (Pauling Room)
- Tuesday 24 May**
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm Kemps' Home Group
7.00pm Community choir practice (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm Blands' Home Group
- Wednesday 25 May**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
10.45am Funeral of Irene MacKenzie - Crematorium
2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
2.30pm Diana Guthrie's Home Group
4.30pm Parish Hall Committee meeting (Pauling Room)
7.30pm Adams' Home Group
- Thursday 26 May**
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
2.30pm Maddocks' Home Group
7.30pm Thompsons' Home Group
7.30pm *Start!* course # 1
- Friday 27 May**
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

Points for Prayer this week

- Praying for Five - that we continue to pray faithfully for the five people the Lord has laid on our hearts
- Start Course: an introduction to Christianity, beginning Thursday 26 May
- That the 'Servant Queen' books find their way into the right hands and bring many to faith
- Christians in Baghdad, and for all those recently bereaved following the car bomb attacks last week



The Summer Fete is coming very soon! Please help us to make it another great event.

We still need:

Lots of Bottles please! - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall - any spare, unopened, bottles of anything.

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! **Plus cakes for the refreshments please.**

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

Please let Jo Naunton know (in the church office) if you can help in any way.

Email: office@stjm.org.uk or phone: 01323 738671

Thank you!

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.



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!

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.





Thursday 26 May sees the launch of our 5-week course based on the *START!* course series.

The *START!* course is an introduction to Christianity - a place to discover more and ask questions, to help people who are starting, restarting or revisiting the basis of Christianity. We are going to meet over five consecutive weeks. We will share a meal together first, listen to a presentation and have the chance to chat, ask questions and reflect on the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere.

We will be starting at 7.30pm and will finish at roughly 9.30pm. This will be hosted by Olly and Isha Margry at 9 Ascham Place, Meads, BN20 7QQ.

For more information please contact the church office on 01323 738671.

Parish Hall fundraising event, Saturday 18 June, 5pm - 7pm

We'll be holding another wonderful Summer Soirée at the Sneaths' home in June, as a fund raising event for the Parish Hall. Tickets are £12 and available from the church office. Please book early to avoid disappointment!



CAMEO



Next CAMEO for Ladies of St John's will be tomorrow, Monday 23 May at 2pm in the Jubilee Hall. This time we'll be flower arranging with Jacqui Greenstreet and have a chance to win one of the arrangements. Do come along and join in the fun!



You are invited to a community street party in Meads Street 2.00pm - 4.30pm on Sunday 12th June, 2016 to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

Her Majesty's nine decades will be celebrated with music so bring your dancing shoes!

- ◆ Make Your Own Crown Competition
- ◆ Wear red white and blue – full fancy dress optional
- ◆ Tombola with prizes provided by TESCO

Organised by St. John's Church, Meads Community Association, St. John's Bowling Club and Friends of Meads Parks and Gardens.

Volunteers are needed to help on the day – please contact Effene Lomas, Tony Mottram or Catherine Butcher.

Programme for Sunday 12 June 2016

- 10.00am A Service of Thanksgiving at St. John's Church, St. John's Road
- 2.00pm Take your places at the tables and chairs provided Please give priority to elderly and disabled party guests
- 2.00pm – 4.30pm Music from Her Majesty's nine decades by Dan's Disco and local school choirs
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm Judging and prize giving for the Make Your Own Crown Competition with prizes for all age groups
- 4.00pm Communal singing of Happy Birthday to the Queen followed by the cake cutting ceremony
- 4.30pm Communal singing of the National Anthem

- Entertainment, tables, chairs and decorations will be provided
- Seats are available on a first come, first served basis
- Bring your own food – supplementary items will be provided by TESCO.

St. John's Parish Hall, Meads Street is the wet-weather alternative venue

Visit us on Facebook: The Queen's 90th Birthday in Meads, Eastbourne



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.

The Servant Queen books now available

Copies of The Servant Queen and the King She Serves are now available. Thanks to all who have donated funds to enable us to give copies away at the street party. Further orders and further donations are welcome.



Funeral - Irene MacKenzie

Longer-serving members of St John's will be sorry to hear that Irene MacKenzie died on 8 May, aged 93. Over the years Irene was involved in many church activities. She was on the PCC, sang in the choir and also helped at the original Lunch Club. Her funeral is on Wednesday 25 May at 10.45am in the Main Chapel of Eastbourne Crematorium.

German Choir here at St John's

On Tuesday 31 May, the celebrated German male voice choir, Die Alten Knaben, have generously offered to give us a free concert at the end of their tour of this country. The concert will start at 7pm in church and refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome!



Everest for Esubi

On Monday 30 May Richard Pasco & Andy Williams will be attempting a feat that has only been achieved by a handful of others - cycling the height of Mount Everest in a day. Starting at 5am they will be cycling up and down Pashley Road a total of 219 times (that's 172 miles cycling) all in aid of Esuudi, a charity which works with some of Uganda's neediest children. For more details see the leaflets and poster in the Cloister.



THY KINGDOM COME

Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation. That's why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost, from 8 - 15 May - let's pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith.

Find out more at: www.thykingdom.co.uk

Pray for five

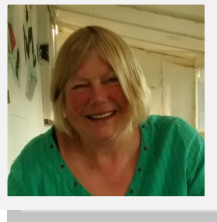
Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do; persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives.

Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.

Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and make a list of their names. If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Once you have settled on five names, commit to praying for them regularly.

Sarah Hassell granted a transfer of her Lay Reader License!

We are delighted to announce that Sarah Hassell has been granted a license by Bishop Richard to exercise her ministry as a Lay Reader here at St John's. Sarah was a reader for 18 years in her last parish in Rochester diocese before moving to Eastbourne with her husband Ray last year. We are thrilled to have Sarah on our ministry team here at St John's and hope she will be more formally welcomed as a reader in the diocese at a special service for all Lay Readers later this year.



RE-IMAGING MINISTRY.... What is a Lay Reader?

Readers are lay people who have been selected, trained and licensed by the Bishop of a diocese to preach, teach and lead worship in a pastoral context. There are more than 10,000 active Readers in the Church of England. Most are licensed to a parish but some are chaplains in prisons, hospitals, hospices or schools, a few are in charge of parishes.



Might God be calling you?

No matter how confident or otherwise you might feel, if you sense that God might be calling you to explore this type of ministry why not have an initial chat to one of our team of readers: Sarah Hassell, Jorj Kowszun, Jill Maddock, Catherine Butcher* and Nick Pendry* (both in training*). Or speak to Giles who served for 8 years as a reader himself before being ordained.

Liz Guest

For those of you who remember Liz, she will be going before the Selection Panel tomorrow, Monday 23 May, for three days, to discern her vocation to be ordained in the Church of England. Please pray for her and for a clear sense of guidance for her through the process. If successful she'll then train for two years as an ordinand.

