

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

23 October 2016

The Last Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Diana Guthrie & Richard Wells

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11
Gospel: Luke 18: 9 - 14

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Phyllis Hall, Sheila O'Hanlon, May Harris, Clive & Kate Dilloway

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Robert & Peggy Millett, Pam Lade, Deirdre Seaton
Hymns: 227, 420, 165, 684
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11
Luke 18: 9 - 14

Next Sunday

Sunday 30 October 2016

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

10.00am Combined Communion
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett
Assisting: David & Jenny Barker, Diana Guthrie, Margret and Jorj Kowszun

No 11.15 service today!

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 October
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 10.30am PARCH at Meads House
 2.00pm CAMEO - Pink Afternoon (Jubilee Hall)

Tuesday 25 October
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Funeral - Pat Goodchild (church)
 7.00pm Kemps' Home Group
 7.30pm Blands' Home Group

Wednesday 26 October
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Adams' Home Group

Thursday 27 October
 11.00am Holy Communion with Healing (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
 3.00pm Sunnymead Home Group
 7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group

Friday 28 October
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
 (Parish Hall)

Patricia Goodchild

The funeral of Pat Goodchild will take place here at St John's on Tuesday 25 October at 11am, followed by a service in the Family Chapel of Eastbourne Crematorium at 12pm. Friends are invited to stay at St John's after the church service for refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.

65th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Maurice & Edith Taylor on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating together.



Alone on Christmas Day?

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne would like to hear of anyone alone on Christmas Day. They offer a Christmas Lunch from 12 - 4 pm at Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall. Guests will be collected from 11am - 11.30am. Contact Christine Haniver on 07710 078027.

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.

CAMEO - Pink Afternoon

Monday 24 October, 2pm - Jubilee Hall

Come along to our Pink Afternoon in aid of Breast Cancer, we will have a bring and buy sale, a pink quiz and tea and biscuits. All proceeds will go towards Cancer Research. Come along and wear **something pink!**



Vision Night

We had a wonderful Vision Night on Friday 14 October. It was great to get together, set out our vision and spend some time honing our skills as a team. A huge thankyou to everyone that came along! If you have a passion for children's work and missed the evening please have a chat with Tris or Hannah and they will be happy to let you know more!

"A Christmas Carol"

Ben Evans from our Streetwise group will be starring in "A Christmas Carol" at the Hippodrome Theatre on 2/3/4 December. If you would like to go along and support this budding young actor from our church, tickets can be purchased from the Box Office: 01323 802020.



Sunday 6 November

On Sunday 6 November our 11.15 service will be a Choral Matins service instead of Communion. This is because the following Sunday, 13 November, our Remembrance Service will be at 10am.

Linking Lives Update

October's been a great month for volunteer recruitment! So firstly a big thank you to those who've come forward to give their time and talents. Secondly for those who are considering volunteering or simply finding out more information, please do 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. Our first induction training for volunteers will happen towards the end of November, so get in touch soon if you'd like to be involved and help us tackle loneliness and isolation in Eastbourne.



"The Age of Loneliness" BBC documentary

The Age of Loneliness has people of all ages in it, from Isobel the 19 year old student to Olive the feisty 100 year old, Ben the divorcee, Jaye the 40 year old singleton, Richard the 72 year old internet-dating widower, to Martin, Iain and Christine talking about their mental health problems. Everyone talks with such remarkable honesty and bravery that you can't help but be touched by their stories. It's available on BBC iPlayer for the next 25 days. It clearly evidences the impact of loneliness across a cross section of the population. I think will help people better understand the issue that Linking Lives Eastbourne will tackle and perhaps provide some context and information on which our church family can offer their prayers and support.

Byron Stevens

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.

Prayer & Praise 6 - 7pm, Sunday 6 November, Jubilee Hall

When Jesus' friends asked him how to pray, he gave them a model prayer. We call it the Lord's Prayer, and it gives us a great pattern that starts with praise. On Sunday 6th November we will gather to pray and praise God. There's tea and cake from 5.30pm.

Meads Magic - can you help?

Meads Magic will be taking place on Friday 25 November and because last year was so successful, the organisers are looking for helpers to volunteer with making teas and coffees in the Parish Hall again, for the duration of the event. If you are able to help then please get in touch with Jo in the church office and she'll pass on your details.



Points for Prayer this week

- For a good response to last week's Stewardship Sunday and that our giving should reflect our heart's attitude to our Lord.
- For new premises for Foodbank in Eastbourne and the money to purchase and renovate them.
- For God's blessing on St John's Meads School - the pupils, the staff and the parents, for all that Tristram Peattie does to strengthen the links between the School and St John's and to make their RE lessons come alive.
- For every aspect of the Linking Lives Eastbourne project, for the new volunteers, for more folk to volunteer and for Byron Stevens as he co-ordinates and leads this venture.
- For medical aid, food, shelter and safe drinking water to get through to the needy people of Eastern Aleppo; also for an end to the fighting.
- For the people of Haiti, for desperately needed aid to all devastated areas and for the authorities to plan ahead against future hurricanes.

Winter Night Shelter Training, 24 November 7.30pm.

At All Saints Church. This training evening is primarily a refresher for previous volunteers, although new or interested volunteers are welcome!



Prayer Request!

Foodbank have been hit with a challenging and major snag in the development of the proposed new premises in Susan's Road.



The costs of the mandatory building regulations have spiralled out of reach of their already tight budget. The team have a deadline date for vacating their current premises. They have seen another building which also requires substantial refurbishment so they would value everyone standing together in prayer. So please pray for the suitable premises they urgently need and for favour to be shown in the huge costs of the project. Also for the vital role they play in assisting the needy in Eastbourne.

They are looking for helpful, supportive contacts within suppliers to the building trade who may be willing to either give wood and plasterboard or reduce the price significantly.

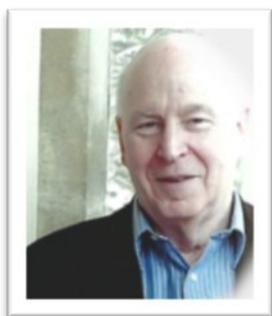
Love In A Box - Mustard Seed Relief Mission

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.



Please tell us what you think.

If you are a regular at our 11.15am service we would love to have your thoughts and reflections on your service. Clive Dilloway has kindly agreed to collate these, on behalf of the PCC, as part of our ongoing aim to make sure we shape this service to be the best it can be. Do speak to Clive or email him at (cjdilloway@btinternet.com), alternatively you can pass your thoughts on via any members of the PCC. Thank you.



Lunch Club



Our monthly Lunch Club at the Parish Hall is going from strength to strength and we now have a large number of regular visitors who really enjoy coming to have a nice lunch in a friendly atmosphere, meet up with friends and have a chat. If you'd like to come along to our next lunch it will be held on Monday 7 November from 12 noon, lunch costs £3. This month we were awarded a 5 star rating by the council for our food hygiene and general running of the Lunch Club. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who is involved with the Lunch Club, you all work so hard to make it a success every time we meet - we couldn't do it without you!

Letter from the Vicar

Note from the Vicar

Last week we were thinking about what it means to be good stewards of the things God has entrusted to us. This includes reminding ourselves of just some of the things God has done among us this year through the gifts of time, talent and financial support that you and others like you have so generously given. Things like the launch of the LinkingLives charity, responding to the needs of the lonely and isolated, which was no more than a pipedream a year ago. And the Street Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday which gave us a great opportunity to reach out to the Meads community, to work in partnership with other groups in the village and to share the message of Jesus through these growing friendships and the distribution of literally thousands of copies of 'The Servant Queen and the King she Serves'.

This coming year is also shaping up to be an exciting one for St John's with the planned reordering of our worship space (subject to a forthcoming faculty application). This includes improvements to our sound, seating and the installation of audio visual equipment and the copper cross (in memory of Reverend Katie England) to replace the existing curtain in the chancel. 2017 also marks the sixtieth anniversary of the consecration of St John's in 1957. We will be launching several new initiatives including a new bible series for the year to deepen our knowledge of God's word and we plan to sponsor a new St John's Meads Scouting group exactly 50 years since a group here last closed its doors back in 1967. Lastly we will be aiming to respond to the Archbishops' call to prayer and mission with a week long summer mission to coincide with our biannual festival.

These are exciting times and it needs us all to play our part as the body of Christ. So in whatever capacity that you will be loving, serving and giving to the life of St John's this year may I commend to you all this prayer of dedication:

My church is composed of people like me – I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly – if I am.

Its pews will be filled – if I help fill them.

It will do great work – if I work.

It will make generous gifts – if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship – if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a church of love and faith - if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be. Amen.

Your partner in the glorious gospel.

Giles