

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

24 April 2016

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vision Sunday



8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Nick & Rosemary Bland

Epistle: Acts 11: 1 - 18
Gospel: John 13: 31 - 35

10.00am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Peter Pickett
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: May Harris, Sheila O'Hanlon, Carolyn Lacy, Ann Reid, Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry

Next Sunday

Sunday 1 May

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jill Maddock

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Catherine Butcher

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher
Assisting: Ann Reid, Susan Taylor, Diana Guthrie & Derek Moulard

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25 April
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am PARCHE at Meads House

Tuesday 26 April
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
2.30pm Moulands' Home Group
7.00pm Kemps' Home Group
7.30pm Blands' Home Group

Wednesday 27 April
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
2.30pm Diana Guthrie's Home Group
7.30pm Adams' Home Group
7.30pm Peter Pickett's Home Group

Thursday 28 April
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion + healing (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
1.45pm Funeral Dennis Cawthorn - Crematorium
2.30pm Maddock's Home Group
7.30pm Thompsons' Home Group

Friday 29 April
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
(Parish Hall)

Saturday 30 April
8.00am Men's Breakfast at Holywell Café

Points for Prayer this week

- Outcome of the vision Day presentation
- New people moving into the parish
- Volunteers to help with distribution of Christian Aid envelopes
- Earthquake victims and those seeking to help them



Summer Fête 2016

Saturday 4 June
12 noon - 4pm

Thank you to everyone who has donated something so far!
We still need more of the following...

Bottles - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall - 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! **Plus cakes for the refreshments please.**

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



We still need help in the following areas. If you can help in any way then please let Jo know. We desperately need a team of people who can work behind the scenes gathering together everything we need on the day (and the day before).

Our requirements are:

The day before :-

- ◆ someone to put up the bunting (and take it down again afterwards)

On the day AM :-

- ◆ approx. 20/30 chairs to be set up for the Silver Band
- ◆ tables and chairs to be set up on the day for the stall holders
- ◆ general help if anyone needs an extra pair of hands
- ◆ Refreshments - helpers needed in the Jubilee Hall to serve tea/coffee/cake. Please add your name to the list in the Cloister if you can help.

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!

NEWS & EVENTS

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.



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.

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.



Vision Sunday, today



Today, after the 10am Combined Communion Service we shall have coffee/tea and biscuits as usual. Following that there will be an opportunity for you to discover more about the exciting plans for developing our mission and our worship space at St John's. There will be a bouncy castle in the vicarage garden for the children, all of which will be followed by a barbecue lunch.

If the weather is good
bring a garden chair
with you!



We've also got a survey form for you to complete. Once completed please pop it into the big wooden collection box at the back of church. Thank you!

European Union Referendum



We have a number of leaflets at the back of church with useful information about the upcoming EU referendum. Price 50p each.

Early Years and Administrative Assistant

St John's Church, Meads is seeking to appoint an Early Years and Administrative Assistant to assist the Family & Children's Worker in the development of the church's ministry to pre-school children and their parents and carers, and also provide administrative support to the Church Administrator. The post is for 14 hours per week. Further details and the job description are available from the Church Administrator at the Church Office, St John the Evangelist, St John's Road, Meads, Eastbourne, BN20 7ND. Tel: 01323 738671 Email: office@stjm.org.uk or visit the church website www.stjm.org.uk/church/
Closing date for applications is Monday 16th May 2016 and interviews will be held on Monday 23 May 2016.

Dream of Gerontius by Elgar - this evening

Do please think of coming to this most moving work which explores a man's spiritual journey towards death and then his journey with his angel to meet the Lord face to face. It is the Symphony Orchestra's annual choral concert, tonight, 7.30pm at St Saviour's. You will see many familiar faces!



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.

Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

St John's is inviting the community to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 12 June followed by a street party. We would like to give street party guests a

copy of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* – a souvenir book which uses the Queen's own words to draw out the central role of her trust in Jesus Christ. Copies are available to order in bulk at £10 for 10 copies (plus p&p). To keep p&p costs down we are placing a bulk order. Preview a copy of the book at the back of church today and place your order – a donation of £5 per person will secure you a copy to keep, a copy to give away and three copies for St John's to give away to street party guests. Donations will be taken upon collection of the books.



Talking about Jesus

In almost every Christmas broadcast the Queen talks naturally about her faith in Jesus Christ. On Saturday 21 May, Catherine Butcher (co-author of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*) will hold a short workshop on talking about Jesus using the book *The Servant Queen*. The workshop is in the Jubilee Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Men's Breakfast

Due to requests from a number of attendees to meet every month the next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 30 April. We hope that the next breakfast will concentrate on the 'link visiting' that is part of the Diocesan and church vision for the future. What is it? How can we be part of it? Come and find out - we men have a big part to play!



Deanery Healing Ministry Group

The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Hampden Park by kind invitation of Revd Mike Blanch. Refreshments from 7.10pm. Everyone welcome.

The Organ

Work on the current phase of refurbishment is going well and much of the internal mechanism is in a workshop in Yorkshire at present. However the organ builders hope to have a small section working for the next few weeks before the final reassembly, so there will be organ music but it will sound a bit thin. A very good reason to raise our voices even higher!

Eastbourne Food Bank

The Food Bank is always in need of provisions. 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.



Children's News

Vision Sunday - today

Parents - please note, we have an additional survey form for you to complete, relating to the Children's Groups here at St John's. Once completed please leave the forms in the large wooden collection box at the back of church. Thank you!

Next Lunch Club



Due to the first Monday in May being a Bank Holiday our Lunch Club at the Parish Hall will be taking place the week after on Monday 9 May, usual time 12 noon.

Lending Library

The Lending Library will be available NEXT Sunday. Please remember to return books too!

