

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 January 2016

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Heritage Communion**
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Nick Pendry
First reading: I Corinthians 9: 24 - end
Gospel: Matthew 20: 1 - 16
- 9.30am Contemporary Service**
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
- 11.15am Classic Communion**
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Trevor Salmon, Derek Moulard, Sheila MacNicol & Diana Guthrie
Readings: I Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a
Luke 4: 14 - 21
Hymns: 97, 163, 689
Voluntary: Puer natus in Bethlehem - Buxtehude
Tocatta for the Flutes - Pietro Yon

Next Sunday 31 January 2016

- 8.00am Heritage Communion**
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
- 9.30am Combined Communion**
Leading: Revd Peter Pickett
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Catherine Butcher, Ann Reid, Susan Taylor, Derek & Muriel Peterson

No 11.15 service on Sunday 31 January

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 25 January**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 10.30am PARCHE at Meads House
- Tuesday 26 January**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 2.30pm Moulands' Home Group
 7.00pm Kemps' Home Group
 7.30pm Blands's Home Group
- Wednesday 27 January**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
 7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
 7.30pm Peter Pickett's Home Group
- Thursday 28 January**
 10.00am Parents & Toddlers Group (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
 2.30pm Maddocks' Home Group
 3.00pm Dennis Fowler's Home Group
 7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
 7.30pm Thompsons' Home Group
- Friday 29 January**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

After the 9.30 service today

Prayer Ministry

After the service members of the prayer ministry team are available in **the chapel** to pray with you, or any issue you wish to bring before God, or simply for a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit.

Coffee and Tea-Time

Please join us for refreshments.

Donations please, as usual, but if you are visiting us today the drinks are on us!

Points for Prayer this week

- Committed volunteers to come forward for the Prayer Ministry Team
- Helpers to participate in the next service at Chaseley
- Blessing on our town after the Day of Prayer
- Farewell service for Archdeacon Phillip Jones next Sunday

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.



The Cloggz live in Eastbourne

Mark Edwards' band The Cloggz return to Eastbourne on Saturday 6 February, 8pm at the Printers Playhouse. Drawing from tango, klezmer, jazz, circus, classical and Latin American music, they perform cinematic re-imaginings of material from a wide range of composers including Brad Melhdau, Tom Waits, Ennio Morricone and John Williams, as well as original compositions. Come and enjoy a great night out! Tickets available from the church office priced £8.

Bible By The Beach - Distinctive

Be part of a wonderful weekend of Christian refreshment, once again at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. Whether you are returning for your eighth conference or coming for the first time you can be sure of a warm welcome, excellent and challenging teaching and an action-packed youth programme - all by the beach (not on the beach)!



BIBLE BY THE BEACH



A 'One Off' opportunity

A number of Katie England's books are looking for a new home. Some biographies, some novels, some Christian reading, some reference - including gardening etc etc.

On **Monday afternoon, 25 January** from 2pm - 4pm her house, 11 Holywell Close, will be open to any of the congregation who would like to come, choose and take away.

We are sure that Katie would like her books to be used, read, re-loved and give pleasure.

It would be helpful, but not obligatory, if you could telephone Sheila O'Hanlon on 639954 to say you are coming, or leave a message on the answer phone. Thank you.

NEWS & EVENTS

Help! Exhibition 2016

On Wednesday 3 February between 10am - 4pm at the Winter Gardens Floral Hall, the Eastbourne Advice Network will be holding an exhibition showcasing the amazing range of services on offer in the Eastbourne area for vulnerable people in need of help. The target audience is school pastoral teams, church pastoral teams, doctors, health visitors, police, local councillors, and anyone working or volunteering for an agency but not knowing where HELP is available from. It is also a brilliant opportunity to network. The general public will also be invited. Admission is free.



Empowered to Heal

The Diocesan Day of Resourcing for healing ministry will take place on Saturday 20 February at Victoria Baptist Church with Revd Eric Delves as keynote speaker. Booking fee £10, contact John Jardine email: empoweredtoheal@yahoo.co.uk

Prayer Ministry Team

We will be holding training for our Prayer Ministry team on Saturday 27 February 2016, from 9.30am - 1pm, followed by a bring and share lunch. If you are interested in joining this team please speak to Jill Preece.



The Children's Society

If you still have any of the Children's Society house boxes could you please bring them back to church so Zoe Evans can empty them or please contact Zoe on 01323 726020. Thank you.

Tearfund

The Spring edition of Tear Times is available on the table in the Cloister. Please help yourself to a copy if you want to learn more about the recent work of Tearfund. We donated a special collection to Tearfund in the autumn for the Refugees in Europe. If you would like to read about how this money was spent, then go to www.tearfund.org and on the front page is a link to an article called "Refugees: how you helped".

Spring Conference of the Chichester Diocesan Fellowship

"Tongue-tied? Having Confidence to speak for Jesus" is the theme of the Spring Conference of the Chichester Evangelical Fellowship on Saturday 12 March, at St Andrew's Church, Cants Lane, Burgess Hill, RH15 8AJ from 9.30am to 1pm. Speaker: Glen Scrivener. All welcome. Further details: www.chichesterdef.org.uk or Sue Murray 01293 533727



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

What are you doing this summer?

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.

Billed as an 'unforgettable week with acclaimed teaching, passionate worship and life-transforming prayer', can you afford NOT to be there?!

The New Wine tag-line of 'Local churches changing nations' is reflected in this year's theme, 'United'.

For more information see:

The New Wine website

<https://www.new-wine.org>

or alternatively contact Giles or Jill Preece for more information.



Lift sharing

We have a few people who would love to come to church on a Sunday but unfortunately can't get here without a lift. If you come by car and would be able to pick up someone on the way then please let either Giles, Jill Preece or the wardens know. Many thanks in advance.





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.

Service of Farewell for The Venerable Philip Jones

Philip Jones, the Archdeacon of Hastings, will be retiring as Archdeacon at the end of January. His farewell service will be Choral Evensong at St John's Upper St Leonard's on Sunday 31 January at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the service. I know many of us here at St John's feel a deep sense of gratitude to Philip for his ministry as our Archdeacon and for all that he has contributed to the life of the Diocese and I hope as many as possible of you, will join us that evening in giving thanks for Philip's ministry.



Giles

Niche Sunday

On Sunday 7 February we shall be holding our Niche Sunday where we will be considering the talents and skills we have to offer and share with the church. So please join us and share your talents!

Foundation Governors needed!

As a voluntary aided school St John's Meads has a long history of putting the gospel at the heart of the life of the school community. We are now recruiting for new foundation governors with a passion for ensuring the school continues to deliver outstanding education for our children with a distinctive Christian ethos.

If you feel you might have the passion, time and the relevant skills for school governance the governing body would like to hear from you. You do not need to have an educational background but skills acquired through a background in human resources, business leadership and finance would be most valuable to the governing body. To find out more initial enquiries should be directed to Giles at: vicar@stjm.org.uk



Coming up this term!

The season of Lent (starts on 10th Feb) 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**?

With this thought in mind, both in the build-up and during Lent, we will be embarking on a different take this season by focussing our teaching on a series of sermons on generosity that draw their ideas from the miraculous signs of Jesus in the Book of John.

Alongside the series each of us is invited to participate in a **generosity challenge** to undertake forty simple acts of generosity, which will challenge us to 'do Lent generously' in 2016. Small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our communities, to our churches and ultimately, to our world.

Resources, including a daily prompt to your smart phone, are available at www.40acts.org.uk but we will also have paper resources available nearer the time.

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

Giles

11.15am service on the Second Sunday of the month

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey regarding the second Sunday of the month 11.15am service.

Following the results we are pleased to announce that we shall be re-introducing the BCP Morning Prayer Service at 11.15am on the second Sunday of each month for the duration of the trial period (until after Easter) of our new pattern of worship.