

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

25 September 2016

The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
Assisting: Nick & Rosemary Bland

Epistle: I Corinthians 1 : 4 - 8
Gospel: Matthew 22 : 34 - end

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

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Robert & Peggy Millett,
Sheila MacNicol & Patricia Kelley
Hymns: 755, 584, 204, 205
Readings: I Timothy 6: 6 - 19
Luke 16: 19 - end

4.00pm Connexions
Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage (by invitation)

Next Sunday

2 October 2016

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Newnham

10.00am Harvest Celebration
Leading & Preaching: Tris Peattie
with help from the Sunday Club children

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday 25 September**
 4.00pm Connexions (by invitation– at Vicarage)
 6.00pm Harvest Choral Evensong at St Saviours
- Monday 26 September**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
- Tuesday 27 September**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 7.00pm Lawrences' Home Group
 7.30pm Blands' Home Group
- Wednesday 28 September**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 11.15am Funeral - Dennis Pratt (Crematorium)
 2.30pm Scrabble (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Springfield Home Group
 7.30pm Adams' Home Group
- Thursday 29 September**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
 2.30pm Maddocks' Home Group
 2.45pm St Johns School Harvest Service
- Friday 30 September**
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
 (Parish Hall)
 3.00pm (Knitted) Patchwork Love meeting
 (Jubilee Hall)

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.



Woodworking Workshop

Informal woodworking instruction by local craftsman, Mitch Peacock, at the Multi-Skills Workshop in Polegate. Complete beginners and upwards welcome. You can bring your own project along to work on or seek advice, or just enjoy a few hours with like minded makers whilst learning something.



Contact Mitch on 07780596597 or mail@womadeod.co.uk

(Knitted) Patchwork Love, meeting

Inaugural meeting: Friday 30 September, 3pm in the Jubilee Hall

No needles or wool needed at this first get together. We just want to welcome you to the project and explain where we are so far and what our next steps will be.



Altar Flowers



Today's altar flowers are in celebration of Toni & Vic Lawrence's Golden Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Kingdom Come Event

Saturday 1 October, 7.30pm at New Hope Baptist Church. Kingdom Come is a night of prayer, worship and prophetic encounter. Members of different churches throughout the town take part in this evening of worship and prayer together. All are welcome.

Caring & Sharing Eucharist, Saturday 8 October

This will be held here at St John's on Saturday 8 October at 11am. Bishop Nicholas Reade, formerly Bishop of Blackburn and now assistant Bishop in this Diocese will be celebrating the Eucharist and our speaker will be talking about Clergy Pensions in Rwanda. Bring a packed lunch – drinks will be provided.

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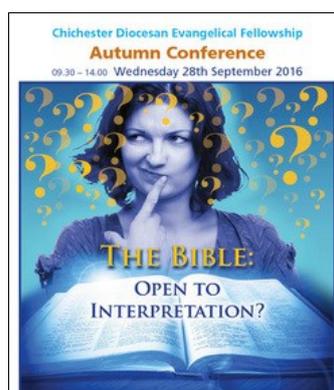
How do I make 'Me' in this changing world with Revd David Gillard

**Saturday 15 October 10am -12.30pm
 St Elisabeth's Church**

Please confirm attendance on 01323 506271
 David Gillard will be talking about our identities and being in Christ - looking at how we construct our identity in today's fluid world.



Chichester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship



Speaker

The Revd Dr Ian Paul

Venue

Bishop Hannington Church,
 Neville Ave, Hove.

Cost - £5

Date - Wednesday 28 September

Time - 9.30am - 2pm

Linking Lives Update

September's been a very productive month in setting up Linking Lives Eastbourne. We're in the final stages of preparations to launch the scheme which has included the recruitment of our first intake of volunteers, plus meeting with other interested local churches. In mid October the first volunteer training session will take place and if you're considering to volunteer as a befriender or would like further information, please 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.

Byron Stevens



Ride & Stride Event

Thank you to all who supported me along with the other recorders. We've managed to raise £1000 through your generous sponsorship, half of which will go to St John's. Over the next few weeks, when it's convenient to you, I'll be collecting your sponsor money. Many thanks.

Pam Lade

Harvest Choral Evensong at St Saviours

St John's Singers will be combining with St Saviours Choir for their Harvest Choral Evensong at 6pm this evening, Sunday 25 September, in St Saviours Church, South Street. Any members of St John's wishing to attend will be extremely welcome.

Points for Prayer this week

- Outcomes of the PCC Away Day on 24th September as these are put into effect, for the benefit of our church and parish and for the glory of God.
- For the Patchwork Love project, and that many people will take this up.
- For Linking Lives Eastbourne, for all the involvement of St John's and for Byron Stevens as he co-ordinates this venture.
- For the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, and for more volunteers to join this vital ministry



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. The next one will be held

Today at 4pm. (by invitation)

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.

Harvest 2016

Come and join us for our Harvest Celebration next Sunday 2 October 2016

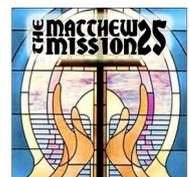
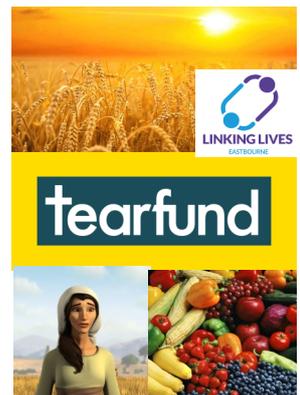
10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving for all the family led by our Junior Church

Followed by a Harvest Brunch at 11.30am in the Jubilee Hall supporting Tearfund & Linking Lives, Eastbourne.

Sarah Newnham of Tearfund will be speaking at our Harvest Services. There are some of the latest Tear Times magazines available in the Cloister and if you want to find out more, then go to www.tearfund.org for the latest information.

Tickets for the Brunch are £2 per person, £1 per child, and are available from the church office. Spaces are limited so get yours now! Everyone welcome!

All our Harvest food donations will again be split between the Eastbourne Foodbank and the Matthew 25 Mission, as we did last year.



Letter from the Vicar

What's Coming Up - Harvest and Home Groups!

The following two weeks sees the focus of our worship at St John's centre around the themes of Home Groups (today) and Harvest next week.

Both these themes provide a great opportunity to remind ourselves of what is special about being part of this church community and how our Sunday worship helps to reinforce some of our core values and the vision here.

At the last count we have eight evening and five afternoon home groups providing a vital role of support, prayer and fellowship for around 150 members of St John's. We want to use this Sunday to celebrate what God is doing through these groups and thank the great team of leaders who lead them.

Home groups are not simply a 'nice' thing to have as a church; they are a vital part of how we grow. As one commentator has put it, "Great small groups celebrate success, suffer with one another, and expect God to do more than they can do themselves."

As we grow bigger as a church and the size of our Sunday service makes it harder to get to know everyone, our Home groups are the place where we "find intimate community and practical help."

This year we are launching two new groups to meet the growth in new people joining St John's. My prayer is that, as you hear more about these in today's service, you will be encouraged to find out what all the fuss is about!

Please have in mind that these groups are not simply for the 'serious Christians'! Whether your faith is small and your confidence shaky or you have been a Christian for many years, these groups provide a fun, friendly and accessible way for us all to form great friendships and grow deeper in our faith.

They provide a safe space for us to grow through finding an appropriate way to participate ourselves in what God is doing at St John's. The way we express this is that 'every person counts!'

This is also a key aim for our annual Harvest celebration. For the third year running the Harvest service will be led by our young people under Tris' guidance.

What can you expect from our Harvest service?

Well, firstly, we can expect to see our young people stepping out and demonstrating that they are as much the leaders of today as they are the leaders of tomorrow. They will be taking responsibility for different parts of the service, including leading us in prayer and in interviewing our very special guest Sarah Newnham from Tearfund who will be speaking both at our 8am service and at a brunch after the 10am service (get your tickets in advance from the office £2).

The sung worship will be led by our worship group and our organists as an expression of how we want to celebrate the diversity of worship at St John's.

I hope you enjoy being part of these services and celebrating together the diverse ways in which God is at work among us.

With joy in our shared service together.

Giles

Sunday Club Family Walk, Abbots Wood, 10.30am, Saturday 15 October

We'll be having a Family Walk on Saturday 15 October, in Abbots Wood. Come along and join us, bring the whole family, dogs and friends very welcome! We'll meet in the field next to the car park. Don't forget your wellies!



Kids Leaders Vision Evening, Friday 14 October

Whether you volunteer with the children of St John's, have children in the group or are interested in joining the team, please come along and find out about the Vision for the Children's Work at St John's. We will have some lovely nibbles and drinks too! Please contact Tris or Hannah to confirm attendance.
