

## 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

### 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

27 August 2017

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

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

Epistle: Romans 12: 1 - 8  
Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 - 20

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Andy Roberts  
Assisting: Peggy & Robert Millett, Rowena Adams, Phyllis Hall, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Andy Roberts  
Assisting: Diana Guthrie, Jill Maddock & Pam Lade  
Hymns: 105, 362, 682, 352  
Reading: Ezekiel 16: 49 - 52  
Read by: *Diana Guthrie*  
Reading: Luke 4: 14 - 21  
Read by: *Patricia Kelley*

**6.00pm Evensong**  
Leading: Nick Pendry  
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece

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Next Sunday 3 September 2017

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

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Catherine Butcher  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Peter Pickett  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Patricia Kelley, Pam Lade & Sheila MacNicol



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 28 August - Bank Holiday**  
Office closed
- Tuesday 29 August**  
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 30 August**  
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Thursday 31 August**  
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
- Friday 1 September**  
2.30pm Funeral - Mr Roger Foxton (church)
- Saturday 2 September**  
10.00am Coffee Concert 'Meads Duo' (church)  
12 noon Foodbank Garden Party (Vicarage garden)

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### Church office

Jo will be on annual leave for two weeks beginning Friday 1 September so the office will only be open on the following dates, when Diana Guthrie will be in 'holding the fort'!

Opening hours: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 1 September  
Wednesday 6 September  
Friday 8 September  
Wednesday 13 September  
Friday 15 September

### Summer - St John's Kids



During the summer break instead of Sunday Clubs there will be a DVD set up in the Jubilee Hall, and the Pauling Room will be available for use, but parents will need to be responsible for their own children. We will be kicking off the new term on Sunday 3 September.

Have a great summer!

### Eastbourne Foodbank Barbecue

St John's Church is hosting a barbecue in aid of Eastbourne Foodbank on Saturday 2nd September 12noon - 2.30pm in the Church Vicarage garden. There will be live music, bouncy castle, tombola and cake stall. Entry is free so please tell your friends and neighbours - everyone is welcome!

To guarantee entry, in case of large numbers, and to help with catering please email: [barbecue2sept@gmail.com](mailto:barbecue2sept@gmail.com) and let them know you are coming.



### Foundation Governors posts

The Governors of St John's Meads CE Primary school are currently looking to recruit new Foundation Governors who will be appointed by the Diocese of Chichester. Foundation Governors must be active members of their local Anglican Church or another parish church, or of another Christian church in fellowship with the Church of England.

Governors set the vision and strategic direction for the school. They meet regularly to make corporate decisions and work within clearly defined statutory roles and responsibilities; these include monitoring the children's progress, setting the budget, reviewing school policies and safeguarding. We are looking particularly for someone who has experience of working with special educational needs and also a person with experience in data analysis or with finance skills. However, all applications will be considered as training and support is available for this interesting and worthwhile voluntary role.

Becoming a governor could be considered to be a Christian calling: a situation in which you are being asked to commit your time and energy for a fixed term, working 'in the world', for a better world. To have a Christian vocation is to be a person who seeks to develop and to nurture the gifts that God provides and to utilise them in the service of God and other people.

If you are interested in finding out more about this rewarding role, please contact Giles Carpenter, email: [vicar@stjm.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjm.org.uk) or Linda Caroe (Chair of Governors) email: [linda.caroe@meads.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:linda.caroe@meads.e-sussex.sch.uk) before September 6th 2017.

### Points for Prayer this week

- God's blessing on Giles and all the Ministry Team as the Autumn approaches and church life gears up again
- For the work of the security services and intelligence agencies in discovering and foiling terrorist plots
- All who have been affected by the recent mudslides in Sierra Leone and by the floods in South East Asia, and for aid to get through to remote areas

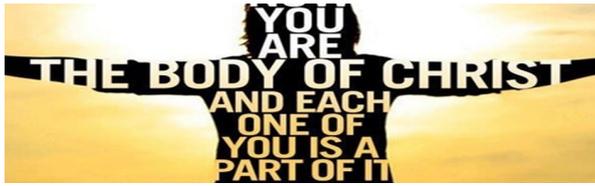
### It's OK to say that GRIEF hurts

The Alpha Bereavement Journey Group will begin on 12th September 2017. There will be **6 sessions, each Tuesday, 10 am to 12 midday**. We will begin with a time of input to learn something about grief and then opportunity, in a small group, to safely share one another's experiences.

To join please speak with either Sarah Hassell or Sheila Smith – email: [smith63@uwclub.net](mailto:smith63@uwclub.net) Phone 07920460266.

**Closing date for applications – Sunday 3rd September**

# NEWS & EVENTS



**VOCATIONS DAY on Saturday 30th September, from 10am till 4pm, at St Peter's, Brighton.**

I remember very clearly the first time I sensed an undeniable feeling of being called. It was at the very first New Wine summer camp. I sat enthralled as the speaker brought the bible alive in a way I had never experienced before. I knew at that moment I was called in some yet undefined way to communicate to others the grace and love of God.

I was just 21 with a criminal record and no form of higher education to my name. Hardly a great CV I thought until I started reading about the likes of Peter and Paul in the bible and realising that there was much to disqualify them too! The reality is, if we are called, God will always find a way of using us. The important thing I discovered was to find ways of exploring that calling.

For me, initially at least, that didn't mean being 'collared'. Ordination seemed too great a step and besides which I loved my job which gave me access, at the time, to so many more people who didn't know Jesus. Reader ministry, which involved training alongside my day to day work, gave me the chance to both expand my bible knowledge and to continue reaching out to those I worked alongside. Readers I discovered (we have several at St John's) are a vital bridge in any parish between the clergy and the congregation. I loved this ministry and after eight years it would prove the springboard to realising that God was calling me to the priesthood.

What about you? What shape is your calling? How are you exploring what your ministry is?

If you have ever asked yourselves these questions or in reading them today you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to explore this further then can I encourage you to 'lean on the door'.

The diocese are putting on a special day to look into different forms of ministry opportunities - be that licensed, ordained or authorised ministry of some kind (including reader ministry), or some form of chaplaincy, spiritual direction, youth work, or pastoral help.

Bishop Martin will open the Day, giving his vision for ministry in the Diocese. And there'll be:

- a 'free lunch';
  - presentations on listening to God and the latest thoughts on ministry from the Church;
  - more information about the 'Living Faith' course;
  - workshops exploring ordained and lay ministries together with religious life;
  - representatives from many different forms of ministry;
  - people to speak to about training;
- and above all, there'll be opportunities to network, get more information, and meet others thinking similarly.

If you would like to know more about the day and start your own journey into exploring your calling speak to Jill or myself.

Your partner in the Gospel, Giles.

# NEWS & EVENTS



## 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 tea and cake 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 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.

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

With immediate effect the main door to the Jubilee Hall and church office has been activated with a security intercom system. This means that during office hours Monday to Friday, the main door will not be 'open'. You must press the button on the silver box located on the right hand side of the main doors and wait for someone in the office to remotely unlock the door for you. To exit through the same doors you need to press the green button on the wall - which is signposted.

Also a reminder that if you have a key to the big brown main doors of the church (a blue key), the same key will open the security door situated between the Vestry and the church office.

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Have you experienced the death of a loved one (or another kind of significant loss) and would like help along that inevitable and painful journey of grieving?

If you are willing to talk about it in this kind of programme and would like to know more details,

### Hospital Service at the DGH - this evening

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on Sunday 27 August, 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Please let Derek Moulard know if you wish to attend. Parking vouchers are available from the church office.

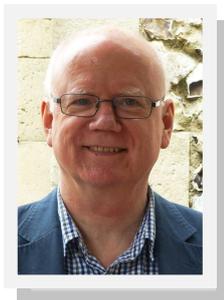
### Coffee Concert Saturday 2nd September

The next Coffee Concert will feature the home grown team of Rachael Maddock and Brian Steer in a programme of piano duets featuring music by Rossini and Weber amongst others. As usual coffee will be available from 10am and the concert will start at 10.30am.

Admission is free with retiring donations welcome.

### Nick Pendry's Licensing Service

On Saturday 23 September at 2pm, Nick Pendry will officially become a Lay Reader at a Licensing Service to be held at Chichester Cathedral. There will be a reception afterwards in the Sherborne Room of the Bishop's Palace, where Afternoon Tea will be served. If you would like to attend and give Nick some support then please let Jo in the church office know.



**\*\* Lots of places available on the coach - reserve your seat now to avoid disappointment! \*\***

### Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come was a wonderful event marked by Anglican churches and others throughout the world at the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. In Eastbourne members of more than 22 churches gathered at Kings Church, Hampden Park, to worship and pray for our town. Our vicar, Giles, led the hundreds who gathered as we celebrated communion together. It was a significant evening and so encouraging to be there.

To keep the prayer momentum going, the next Kingdom Come event will be Saturday 23 September at 7.30pm at New Hope Church, Beach Road, Eastbourne. Kingdom Come is a twice yearly event of prayer and worship for Eastbourne, organised by a group of local Christians from different churches. This is the sixth Kingdom Come event so far. Kingdom Come enjoys the support of Churches Together in Eastbourne.

### Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Ride & Stride Event

The annual Ride & Stride Event will be taking place again this year on Saturday 9 September between 9am - 5pm. If you would like to take part in this event or volunteer to check people in at the church then please add your name to the list in the Cloister. Sponsor forms are available from Pam Lade. Monies raised are split between the church of your choice as well as the Sussex Historic Churches Trust.



### \*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*

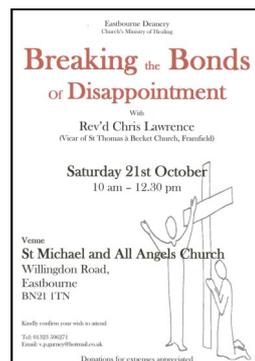
On Tuesday 19 September, St John's will be hosting 'An Evening with C S Lewis' in the Jubilee Hall from 7pm. Save the date....more details to follow shortly!

### Day of Prayer

There will be a 'Day of Prayer' for our nation on Friday 8 September, 2017 at All Saints Church, Grange Road. Linking with the London 'Day of Prayer', from 10am to 3pm then 7pm to 8pm. There will be led sessions on the hour and prayer stations for private prayer. Everyone welcome.

### Eastbourne Deanery Healing Service Saturday 21 October, 10am - 12.30pm,

The next Deanery Healing Service entitled 'Breaking the Bonds of Disappointment' will be held at St Michael and All Angels Church, Willington Road, Eastbourne.



### Congratulations!

Peggy and Robert Millett will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 31 August, and want to thank the Family of St John's for their love and support since they've lived in Eastbourne, which has contributed to 60 years of happiness under God's richest blessing.

### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 23 September at the Holywell Café, 8am, when Derek Moulard will be sharing his Thought for the Day.

The sign up list will be in the Cloister and please remember if you sign up and cannot attend, cross your name off the list or call me on 749329. The list will be removed the Tuesday before the event.

The 23rd is the same date as for Nick Pendry's Licensing Service in Chichester Cathedral, but Nick assures me there will be plenty of time for those going to be able to catch the coach after the breakfast finishes.

The last breakfast for 2017 is Saturday 4th November when our speaker will be Graeme Wallis. We also have a list of names waiting to take their turn in 2018!



### Rotas

The next round of rotas are now available in the pigeon holes in the Cloister for those of you not on email. Please pick yours up today. Thank you.