

## 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

27 March 2016

## Easter Sunday

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd David Maddock  
Preaching: Jill Maddock

Epistle: Colossians 3: 1 - 7  
Gospel: John 20: 1 - 10

**10am Contemporary Communion & Easter Egg Hunt for the children during the service**

Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Nick Pendry, Catherine Butcher, Carolyn Lacy, May Harris, Jeremy Daniels & Phyllis Hall



*No 11.15am service today!*

**4.30pm for 5pm Hospital Service at the DGH**

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## Next Sunday

**Sunday 3 April**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Canon Michael Cole  
Assisting: Richard Wells & Diana Guthrie

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Revd Peter Pickett  
Preaching: Nick Pendry

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Peter Pickett  
Preaching: Nick Pendry  
Assisting: Trevor Salmon, Sheila MacNicol, Ann Reid & Derek Moulard

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 28 March - Easter Monday**  
**Office closed**  
 10am Church service for the housebound
- Tuesday 29 March**  
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)  
 7.00pm Community Choir practice (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 30 March**  
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Thursday 31 March**  
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)  
*Presiding & Preaching: Revd Jill Preece*
- Friday 1 April**  
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

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### New Wine Summer Camp

Saturday, 23 July to Friday, 29 July 2016

Royal Bath & West Showground,  
 Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

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.

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.

### Points for Prayer this week

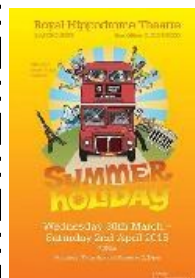
- The Easter message to bring new life to the Church worldwide
- A good response to the need for volunteers at Bible By The Beach
- Helpers to come forward to plan the celebration of the Queen's birthday
- All who mourn the loss of loved ones following the plane crash in Russia
- Thoughts and prayers for those involved and affected by the bombings in Belgium

## Children's News



No Parent & Toddler Group for the next two weeks as it's Easter half term.

### Summer Holiday, Royal Hippodrome, Eastbourne



Ilias Konstantinou will be performing at the Royal Hippodrome Theatre in a Rattonian Youth Group presentation of Summer Holiday. It's on from Wednesday 30 March to Saturday 2 April, performances start at 7.30pm. Matinees: Thursday & Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets £14. Go along and support him!

### Charity Hair Cut

Cerys Evans and her friend are having their hair cut to be made into wigs for children with Leukemia. The lovely Mel from Team Hair & Beauty, Polegate will be cutting the girls' hair. Cerys has not had her hair cut for over six months to make sure she can donate the minimum of 7 inches and her friend's hair is even longer! They would really like to raise £350 in addition to their hair donation as this is how much it costs the charity to buy a wig if they do not have any suitable for the child in need.

This is an incredibly thoughtful act for children facing the unimaginable, please consider supporting Cerys and her friend in their quest to make a difference. Maybe



you too could be inspired by their example to see a need you can support by giving something of yourself to make a difference for someone else.

Event date: Thursday 7 April 2016, 13:30 & 14:30

### 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.

### 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.

# 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](mailto:info@biblebythebeach.org) or tel: 07958 047140 and we will put you in touch with our Technical Manager to discuss further.

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## Hot Jazz from a Cool Band

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne is holding its annual Jazz Concert on Wednesday 6 April in the Eastbourne College Theatre. The band playing this year is a London band, Storyville Strutters Dixie Sextet, tickets £15 and anybody who is interested please contact Dennis Thompson on 01323 749329. All funds raised will be going to the local charity, Families for Autism.

## Eastbourne Concert Orchestra

John Caroe playing in the Eastbourne Concert Orchestra concert on Tuesday 22 March at 7.45pm in the Town Hall. Mozart Magic Flute, Grieg Peer Gynt suite and Prokofiev First symphony. Contact John Caroe for more information.

## Lending Library

The Lending Library will be at the back of the church NEXT Sunday. Please come and browse and borrow for 50p. Also please remember to return books that have been on loan for some months now. Thank you.

## Anyone seen my coat?

Mr Fletcher inadvertently collected an overcoat from the church coat rack thinking it was his, leaving his own behind. It was returned to the office and held for over a month but was never claimed. So, if someone is wearing a coat that he thinks is maybe the wrong one, please contact Allan Fletcher on 01323 410047.

## Lent Boxes

If you haven't already returned your Lent boxes then please bring them to our Easter Sunday services. Thank you.



**Open Doors**  
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

## Hospital Service at the DGH

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held this afternoon, Easter Sunday, 4.30pm for a 5pm start.

## LINKS meeting

There will be a LINKS meeting on Wednesday 20 April at 10.30am in the Pauling Room. Coffee will be served at 10am. If you would like to be part of the LINKS team or would like to find out more about it then please come along, everyone welcome!

## 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.

## CAMEO, Monday 4 April, 2pm

Ann Wilson, Secretary of the Friends of D.G.H. is coming to talk to us about their work in helping the hospital. Plus of course, our usual tea and biscuits. All ladies welcome.



## Lunch Club 2016

Come and enjoy a light lunch with us at the Parish Hall on Monday 4 April from 12 noon with last orders for food at 1.30pm. There's no need to book, so if you're on your own, don't get out much or would just simply like to come and have a chat and a bite to eat then come along, we'd love to see you. Everyone welcome!



See Cloister noticeboard for 2016 dates.

## Sunday 17 April

Rachel and Neil Grimes would like to invite everyone to join them and Astrid for a selection of sweet treats with your tea and coffee after the 9.30am service on Sunday 17th April. This is a small token of their appreciation of the overwhelming love and support all at St John's have shown them as they welcomed Astrid into the world. We hope you can join us!





## 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.

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### 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.



### Fundraising event for Foodbank



COME AND JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CAKES

Wednesday 6th April 2-4pm

The Underground Theatre

Everyone welcome - colouring for children will be available

Delicious homemade cakes will be available to buy.

Come and join us in a relaxed atmosphere and talk to volunteers about the work of Foodbank and how you can become involved.

For further information please contact Hansa Raja-Jones on 01323 409925 or [admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk)



This will be a fundraising event for Foodbank



## Summer Fête 2016

Saturday 4 June  
12 noon - 4pm

It's that time of year again when we begin to ask for donations to various stalls for our ever popular Summer Fête.

We need the following...

**Bottles** - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall so please feel free to pop into the office with 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!

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



To make it a success 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 with a van who can collect tables from the Parish Hall (and take them all back again after the event on Saturday or Sunday)
- ◆ someone to put up the bunting (and take it down again afterwards)
- ◆ tables and chairs to be arranged in the Jubilee Hall with table cloths etc

**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

Please let Jo Naunton know (in the church office) if you can help in any way.

Email: [office@stjm.org.uk](mailto:office@stjm.org.uk) or phone: 01323 738671

Thank you!