

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

3 September 2017

The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

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

Epistle: I John 5: 6 - 12
Gospel: John 10: 7 - 11 & 24 - 30

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
Hymns: 739, 456, 337, 217

Reading: I John 5: 6 - 12
Read by: Patricia Kelley

Reading: John 10: 7 - 11 & 24 - 30
Read by: Elaine Montgomerie

Next Sunday 10 September 2017

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

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell
Assisting: Clive & Kate Dilloway, Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

11.15am Morning Prayer
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	4	September
9.00am		Morning Prayer
12 noon		Lunch Club (Parish Hall)
Tuesday	5	September
10.30am		Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
Wednesday	6	September
9.30am		Quiet Prayer (chapel)
6.00pm		Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Thursday	7	September
10.00am		Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am		Holy Communion (chapel)
7.45pm		Choir practice
Saturday	9	September
9.00am		Safeguarding Training (Jubilee Hall)
12 noon		Foodbank Garden Party (Vicarage garden)

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

Sunday 24 September

Please note, due to a shortage of availability on Sunday 24 September, there will be no 11.15am service unless volunteers are forthcoming.

In order for the service to go ahead we need:

Two communion assistants
Two sidesmen

If you are able to help, please let the office know, preferably via email. Thank you.

CAMEO

Ladies our next event will be taking place on Monday 18th September, 2pm in the Jubilee Hall. David & Jill Maddock will share the amazing story of their 'Life in a Cold Climate', and Rachael will be accompanying them with the technical support! We look forward to seeing you for our Autumn programme.



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 or Linda Caroe (Chair of Governors) email: linda.caroe@meads.e-sussex.sch.uk before September 6th 2017.

St John's Kids

The new term begins today, Sunday 3 September. Looking forward to seeing you all again after the Summer break.



Lunch Club



Join us tomorrow, Monday 4 September 2017, 12 noon at the Parish Hall, for a light lunch and good companionship! No need to book just turn up. Last orders for food is 1.30pm, £3.50 per head. See you there.

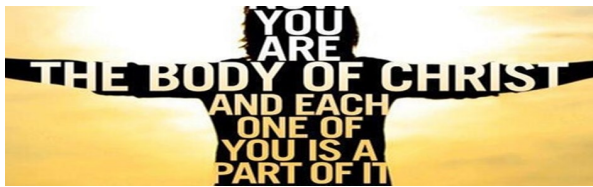
It's OK to say that GRIEF hurts

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 Phone 07920460266.

Closing date for applications TODAY – 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.

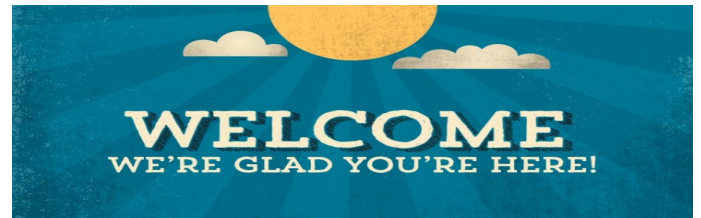
Bishop Martin will open the Day, giving his vision for ministry in the Diocese. And there'll be:

- 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.

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.

Points for Prayer this week

- For Andy and Rose Roberts as they tour the country speaking about their ministry in Brazil, that people will increasingly commit to praying and giving, and that they will reach their goal of starting a work amongst babies
- The pupils and staff of St John's Meads School as they return for the Autumn term and especially for Mrs Turner, the new interim Headteacher
- The families and friends of all those killed and injured in the fatal crash on the M1 last Saturday week, and for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and surrounding States.

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 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.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers today have been donated by Robert & Peggy Millett to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Altar Flowers

First Aid at St John's

Qualified First Aiders are required for all our church services. If you have the relevant qualifications would you consider being part of the St John's First Aid team?

Alternatively, we are running a First Aid Course on Friday 29 September, 9am - 4.30pm, and we have places still available. This is a valuable tool that can be used universally and is a recognised qualification.



If you are interested, please email Ros Ball at: rosncolin.ball@hotmail.com or text her on: 07922924529, or phone: 01323 726091.

An evening with CS Lewis

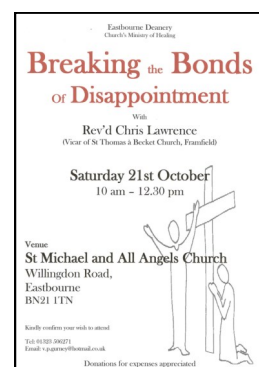
"An evening with CS Lewis" starring David Payne. David is an international professional who has been acting CS Lewis for many years in the USA and in UK. He tells the story of his life, faith and struggles to an audience, set in the 1960s. David is kindly performing this charity event in aid of PRIME, which seeks to promote compassion and whole person care as an essential foundation of academic medical care across all the continents. Tuesday 19 September, 7.30 at St John's.

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.



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!



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.

