

## 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

30 July 2017

The Seventh Sunday After Trinity

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Peter Pickett  
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

Epistle: 1 Peter 4: 7 - 11  
Gospel: John 13: 1 - 17

**10.00am Combined Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Peter Pickett  
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun  
Assisting: Diana Guthrie, Nick Pendry, Margaret Kowszun, Clive & Kate Dilloway

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Next Sunday 6 August 2017

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett

**9.30am Contemporary Service & Baptisms**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Sarah Hassell

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Sarah Hassell  
Assisting: Diana Guthrie, Patricia Kelley & Pam Lade



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Monday 31 July**  
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)

**Tuesday 1 August**  
**\*\*CANCELLED\*\*** Movement to Music

**Wednesday 2 August**  
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)

**Thursday 3 August**  
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)

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### Points for Prayer this week

- All those on holiday at this time, for safety in travelling and for rest, renewal and relaxation
- For the Songs of Praise afternoon at Elstree Care Home on Monday 7 August
- For the suffering people of the Yemen, and for a miracle to enable desperately needed medical and food supplies can get through

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### Availability slips

For those of you not on email, availability slips for the next three months duties are now in the pigeon holes in the Cloister. Please pick yours up today.

We have a severe shortage of availability in certain areas because many people only tick a couple of dates during the three months. So if you are able to tick as many Sundays as you can, to give me a better chance of spreading the load across lots of people, rather than having to call upon the same few people who always give lots of availability, this will work out fairer and there should be a better spread of people sharing duties.

NB: Ticking more dates does not necessarily mean you'll be called upon to do more – it just means I have more people to juggle with!

Many thanks for your continued support and help.

Jo Naunton

### 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 in September. Have a great summer!

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### Brazilian Lunch, Sunday 27 August

In honour of Andy & Rose Roberts visit to Eastbourne, we'll be holding a Brazilian Lunch in the Jubilee Hall after the services on Sunday 27 August. It will be a cold buffet lunch and tickets will cost £5 per adult and £2.50 for children. Tickets available from the church office.

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### Chichester Cathedral Event

Join us here at Chichester Cathedral to celebrate the **International Day of Peace** which is observed around the world each year on **21st September**. The Learning and Engagement Department is organising a day of thought provoking activities for adults including speaker Dr Justine Huxley of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, an interfaith panel discussion, art workshops and a film screening, all of which explore the ideals of peace and reconciliation. You are welcome to book just one activity or as many as you would like to. Booking in advance is essential even for free activities.



**Tickets** (free to £10) and full details of each event at [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk) in the 'What's On' section under 'Live Better Together' link. Tickets can also be bought by calling TicketSource on 0333 666 3366 or in person from the Cathedral Friends Office Tuesday and Friday 10am - 12pm.

To find out more contact the Learning and Engagement Department on 01243 812997 or email: [booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk).

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### 'Dear Church, can you hear me...?'

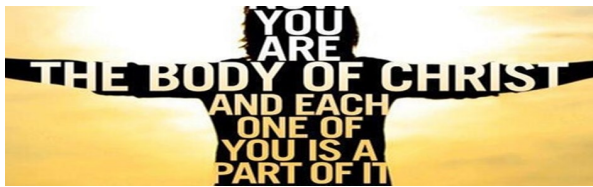
#### Saturday 16 September

A chance for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people to work better together. A conference at Victoria Baptist Church, 10am to 2.15pm approx., for anyone who is concerned about making the church welcoming and fully accessible to people who are deaf or experience hearing loss, whether they are Deaf BSL users or lip readers, hard of hearing or hearing. It would be wonderful to welcome at least one representative from every church. For more information look on the website: [www.hellochurch.co.uk/](http://www.hellochurch.co.uk/) or email: Daphne Brett on [dmbrett@btinternet.com](mailto:dmbrett@btinternet.com).



See poster in Cloister for more information.

# 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.

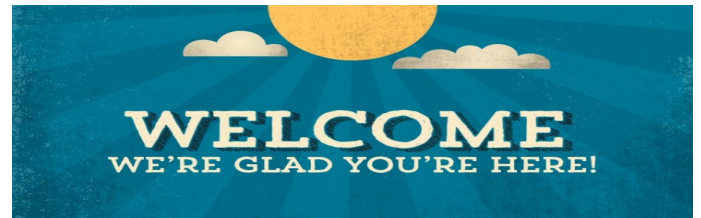
Bishop Martin will open the Day, giving his vision for ministry in the Diocese. And there'll be:

- 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.

Any queries, please speak to Jo in the office.

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

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?

For the early autumn we are planning to offer the Alpha Bereavement Journey Group course. It will consist of six sessions, beginning in September, each with a video presentation and associated group work.

If you would like to know more, please speak with either Giles or Sheila Smith.



## Hospital Service at the DGH

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.

## Lunch Club



Just a quick reminder that there is no Lunch Club in August but we'll be back on Monday 4 September. See you then!

## Foodbank - urgent donations still required

Eastbourne Foodbank's stock of food is extremely low at present and they urgently need the following items to enable them to maintain the service they provide:

Tinned fruit  
Tinned Rice pudding  
Biscuits  
Microwavable rice  
Tinned tomatoes  
Cereal



Donations are always gratefully received.

## Sermons Online

You can find the Sunday Sermons online on our website, on Facebook or on YouTube. A great way to keep up to date with the current messages.



## Baptisms coming up...

On Sunday 6 August we shall be welcoming George & Harvey Tomsett for Baptism at the 9.30am service. So we have a couple of Prayer Blankets, knitted by our 'Patchwork Love' team, out on display for them at the back of church. Please come and pray over them and write a message in the cards. Thank you.



Living Faith

## What is Living Faith?

Living Faith is a part-time course spread over three terms. It is designed to help people find and grow in the discipleship to which God is calling them. The course was developed in the Diocese of Chester and has been run there successfully for many years.

## Who is it for?

Living Faith is for lots of different kinds of lay people who want to serve God in the church and in the world.

People may go on the Living Faith course to explore many different kinds of Christian ministry:

- Serving God where they are at work, in the family, in the community
- Roles within the church (children's work, youth work, music ministry, churchwardens, PCC members, pastoral work, administration and more)
- Ordained ministry
- Licensed lay ministry (Readers, Church Army)
- Authorised Lay Ministry (Living Faith is the first year of the Authorised Lay Ministry training course)

## Who can apply?

The course is open to anyone who wants to grow and develop in Christian discipleship and ministry. It is not a basics course, so we expect participants to have some background in Christian life and thinking.

## How to apply

Application forms can be obtained from the Apostolic Life office at Church House. These need to be returned, with payment, by October 1st 2017.

The course costs £40 for those in receipt of a wage and is free to the unwaged and students. In 2017 we are offering 10 free places, one person per parish on a first come first served basis.

*Leaflets with more information about the course are available at the back of church, or speak to Giles.*

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