

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

30 October 2016

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett

Epistle: Philippians 3 : 17 - end
Gospel: Matthew 22 : 15 - 22

10.00am Combined Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett
Assisting: David & Jenny Barker,
Diana Guthrie, Clive Dilloway,
Margret & Jorj Kowszun

No 11.15 service today!

Next Sunday 6 November 2016

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

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

11.15am Sung Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

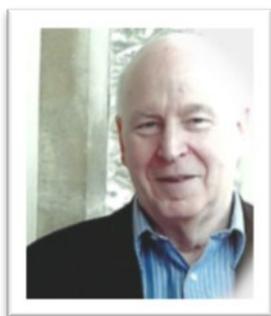
- Sunday 30 October**
7.00pm Streetwise Wii Games Night (Lodge)
- Monday 31 October**
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am Holywell Home Group
- Tuesday 1 November**
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
- Wednesday 2 November**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
2.30pm Diana Guthrie Home Group
7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
7.30pm Springfield Home Group
- Thursday 3 November**
10.00am Parent and Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock
2.30pm Maddock's Home Group
7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group
7.30pm Peatties' Home Group
7.45pm Choir practise (church)
- Friday 4 November**
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

Next Sunday 6 November

On Sunday 6 November our 11.15 service will be a Choral Matins service instead of Communion. This is because the following Sunday, 13 November, our Remembrance Service will be at 10am.

Please tell us what you think.

If you are a regular at our 11.15am service we would love to have your thoughts and reflections on your service. Clive Dilloway has kindly agreed to collate these, on behalf of the PCC, as part of our ongoing aim to make sure we shape this service to be the best it can be. Do speak to Clive or email him at (cjdloway@btinternet.com), alternatively you can pass your thoughts on via any members of the PCC. Thank you.



Thank you!

CAMEO would like to thank everyone very much for their generosity and kindness for their Pink Charity Event, which was a great success and raised £320 for Breast Cancer Care.



Ride and Stride - thank you



The annual Ride and Stride event raised a grand total of £1126.50! Thank you very much to everyone for being so generous and supportive.

Pam Lade



Streetwise - Wii Games Night



Come along tonight for a fun night of games together @ 7pm in the The Lodge for 11-18s. See you there. **Tris**

"A Christmas Carol"

Ben Evans from our Streetwise group will be starring in "A Christmas Carol" at the Hippodrome Theatre on 2/3/4 December. If you would like to go along and support this budding young actor from our church, tickets can be purchased from the Box Office: 01323 802020.



Friends of Eastbourne Hospital

The annual Christmas Coffee Morning will be taking place on Saturday 12 November in the Parish Hall 10.00am – 12.00noon. There will be all the usual stalls as well as coffee/tea and mince pies. All proceeds will go directly to the purchase of a second CT scanner for the DGH.



Please go along and support them. Everyone welcome!

Linking Lives Update

October's been a great month for volunteer recruitment! So firstly a big thank you to those who've come forward to give their time and talents. Secondly for those who are considering volunteering or simply finding out more information, please do 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. Our first induction training for volunteers will happen towards the end of November, so get in touch soon if you'd like to be involved and help us tackle loneliness and isolation in Eastbourne.



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. 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.

"The Age of Loneliness" BBC documentary

The Age of Loneliness has people of all ages in it, from Isobel the 19 year old student to Olive the feisty 100 year old, Ben the divorcee, Jaye the 40 year old singleton, Richard the 72 year old internet-dating widower, to Martin, Iain and Christine talking about their mental health problems. Everyone talks with such remarkable honesty and bravery that you can't help but be touched by their stories. It's available on BBC iPlayer for the next 25 days. It clearly evidences the impact of loneliness across a cross section of the population. I think will help people better understand the issue that Linking Lives Eastbourne will tackle and perhaps provide some context and information on which our church family can offer their prayers and support.

Byron Stevens

Prayer & Praise 6 - 7pm, Sunday 6 November, Jubilee Hall

When Jesus' friends asked him how to pray, he gave them a model prayer. We call it the Lord's Prayer, and it gives us a great pattern that starts with praise. On Sunday 6th November we will gather to pray and praise God. There's tea and cake from 5.30pm.

Meads Magic - can you help?

Meads Magic will be taking place on Friday 25 November and because last year was so successful, the organisers are looking for helpers to volunteer with making teas and coffees in the Parish Hall again, for the duration of the event. If you are able to help then please get in touch with Jo in the church office and she'll pass on your details.



Points for Prayer this week

- Satisfactory rehabilitation and settlement for the refugees being moved from the Calais Jungle Camp.
- The Friends of Eastbourne Hospital as they seek more voluntary help for their fund-raising activities.
- Staff and Pupils returning to school after the Half-Term break, renewed in energy and commitment to the challenges of the Christmas term.
- A Christian mother, Aasia Bibi, languishing on death row in Pakistan and her husband and children praying for her release.
- For the Children's Team at St. John's as they begin preparations for the busy Christmas season.

Winter Night Shelter Training, 24 November 7.30pm.

At All Saints Church. This training evening is primarily a refresher for previous volunteers, although new or interested volunteers are welcome!





Prayer Request!

Foodbank have been hit with a challenging and major snag in the development of the proposed new premises in Susan's Road.

The costs of the mandatory building regulations have spiralled out of reach of their already tight budget. The team have a deadline date for vacating their current premises. They have seen another building which also requires substantial refurbishment so they would value everyone standing together in prayer. So please pray for the suitable premises they urgently need and for favour to be shown in the huge costs of the project. Also for the vital role they play in assisting the needy in Eastbourne.

They are looking for helpful, supportive contacts within suppliers to the building trade who may be willing to either give wood and plasterboard or reduce the price significantly.

Best Start Baby Baskets

- New mattress / soft lining
- Size 0-1 nappies, cotton wool and nappy bags
- Travel or disposable changing mats
- Vests, sleepsuits and first clothes
- Hats, mits and socks
- Muslins, bibs and baby towels
- Blankets and sheets
- Baby toiletries
- Soft / interactive toy



Best Start Mum To Be

- Maternity pads
- Disposable maternity knickers
- Breast pads
- Pamper / bag toiletries
- Chocolate and energy drinks!



Best Start Essentials

- Clean, unstained items of clothing
- Shoes, boots and wellies (all sizes)
- Bedding including clean sheets, sleeping bags, duvets and sets
- Moses baskets, bouncers, pushchairs, travel systems, baby gyms, baths and inserts etc.



How can you help?

- Donate items (suggestions above)
- Spread the word with family, friends or at toddler groups you attend to raise awareness
- Hold a fundraising event

Contact Eastbourne Foodbank on 01323 409925
Visit their website: www.eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk

Lunch Club



Our monthly Lunch Club at the Parish Hall is going from strength to strength and we now have a large number of regular visitors who really enjoy coming to have a nice lunch in a friendly atmosphere, meet up with friends and have a chat. If you'd like to come along to our next lunch it will be held on Monday 7 November from 12 noon, lunch costs £3. this month we were awarded a 5 star rating by the council for our food hygiene and general running of the Lunch Club. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who is involved with the Lunch Club, you all work so hard to make it a success every time we meet - we couldn't do it without you!

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast will be taking place on Saturday 3rd December, 8am at the Holywell Café. Please tick or add your name on the list on the noticeboard in the Cloister if you're coming.

New comers always welcome.



Vic Lawrence

Barbara Cowrie

We've been informed by Barbara's daughter that she sadly passed away earlier this year following a move to the Midlands, due to ill health, in 2014. She was a member of St John's for many years.

Love In A Box - Mustard Seed Relief Mission



Don't forget the collection date for our boxes is Monday 21 November, so please show your support and send a shoe box full of goodies to orphaned children throughout Europe. Pick up a leaflet today from the Cloister, and make a child happy.

Alone on Christmas Day?

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne would like to hear of anyone alone on Christmas Day. They offer a Christmas Lunch from 12 - 4 pm at Our Lady of Ransom Church Hall. Guests will be collected from 11am - 11.30am.

Contact Christine Haniver on 07710 078027.



Help needed

Is there a caring person who is able to look after my elderly father in Seaford for the occasional 1- 2 days including overnight? No personal care required. Please contact 07757331471 or gravett@hotmail.co.uk for more information. Many thanks Veronica Gravett