

## 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

31 January 2016

## The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

First reading: 2 Corinthians 11: 19 - 31  
Gospel: Luke 8: 4 - 15

**9.30am Combined Communion**  
Leading: Revd Peter Pickett  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun  
Assisting: Catherine Butcher, Ann Reid,  
Richard Wells, Susan Taylor,  
Derek & Muriel Peterson

*No 11.15 service today*

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## Next Sunday 7 February 2016 - Niche Sunday

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

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

*Join us between these services to 'Find Your Niche' and see how your talents and skills can help us all to grow.*



**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Trevor Salmon, Deirdre Seaton & Patricia Kelley

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 February</b>
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
12pm	Lunch Club (Parish Hall)
2.30pm	Holy Communion at Elstree Nursing Home
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 February</b>
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Blands' Home Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3 February</b>
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
2.30pm	Diana Guthrie's Home Group
7.00pm	Dilloways' Home Group
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4 February</b>
10.00am	Parents & Toddlers Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)
	<i>Presiding &amp; Preaching: Revd Jill Preece</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5 February</b>
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

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After the 9.30 service today ....

### Prayer Ministry

After the service members of the prayer ministry team are available in **the chapel** to pray with you, or any issue you wish to bring before God, or simply for a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit.

### Coffee and Tea-Time

*Please join us for refreshments.*

*Donations please, as usual, but if you are visiting us today the drinks are on us!*

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### Points for Prayer this week

- Preparations being made for Niche Sunday
- Good use to be made of the Eastbourne Advice Network
- Integration of newcomers into Home Groups
- Wisdom for all in authority coping with the refugee crisis

### 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.



### The Cloggz live in Eastbourne

Mark Edwards' band The Cloggz return to Eastbourne on Saturday 6 February, 8pm at the Printers Playhouse. Drawing from tango, klezmer, jazz, circus, classical and Latin American music, they perform cinematic re-imaginings of material from a wide range of composers including Brad Melhdau, Tom Waits, Ennio Morricone and John Williams, as well as original compositions. Come and enjoy a great night out! Tickets available from the church office priced £8.

### Lunch Club 2016

Come and enjoy a light lunch with us at the Parish Hall on Monday 1 February 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.

### Bible By The Beach - Distinctive

Be part of a wonderful weekend of Christian refreshment, once again at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. Whether you are returning for your eighth conference or coming for the first time you can be sure of a warm welcome, excellent and challenging teaching and an action-packed youth programme - all by the beach (not on the beach)!



BIBLE BY THE BEACH



# NEWS & EVENTS

## Help! Exhibition 2016

On Wednesday 3 February between 10am - 4pm at the Winter Gardens Floral Hall, the Eastbourne Advice Network will be holding an exhibition showcasing the amazing range of services on offer in the Eastbourne area for vulnerable people in need of help. The target audience is school pastoral teams, church pastoral teams, doctors, health visitors, police, local councillors, and anyone working or volunteering for an agency but not knowing where HELP is available from. It is also a brilliant opportunity to network. Admission is free.



## Empowered to Heal

The Diocesan Day of Resourcing for healing ministry will take place on Saturday 20 February at Victoria Baptist Church with Revd Eric Delves as keynote speaker. Booking fee £10, contact John Jardine email: empoweredtoheal@yahoo.co.uk

## Prayer Ministry Team

We will be holding training for our Prayer Ministry team on Saturday 27 February 2016, from 9.30am - 1pm, followed by a bring and share lunch. If you are interested in joining this team please speak to Jill Preece.



## Women's World Day of Prayer

The annual Women's World Day of Prayer will be taking place on Friday 4 March at Central Methodist Church in Pevensey Road. The service is written by the women of Cuba and entitled 'Receive children, receive me'. Everyone welcome!



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2016  
PREPARED BY THE WOMEN OF CUBA

## Spring Conference of the Chichester Diocesan Fellowship

"Tongue-tied? Having Confidence to speak for Jesus" is the theme of the Spring Conference of the Chichester Evangelical Fellowship on Saturday 12 March, at St Andrew's Church, Cants Lane, Burgess Hill, RH15 8AJ from 9.30am to 1pm. Speaker: Glen Scrivener. All welcome. Further details: www.chichesterdef.org.uk or Sue Murray 01293 533727

## Attention T- Loop/hearing aid users!

As we investigate further into new audio equipment for the church we need to know how many people with hearing aids actually use our T-Loop system. If you are one of these people, then please speak to Frank Kimberley or let Jo in the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.



New Wine Summer Camp  
Saturday, 23 July to Friday, 29 July 2016  
Royal Bath & West Showground,  
Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

## What are you doing this summer?

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.

Billed as an 'unforgettable week with acclaimed teaching, passionate worship and life-transforming prayer', can you afford NOT to be there?!

The New Wine tag-line of 'Local churches changing nations' is reflected in this year's theme, 'United'.

For more information see:

The New Wine website <https://www.new-wine.org> or alternatively contact Giles or Jill Preece for more information.



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## Calling those with an interest in the dramatic arts!

This Easter we hope to be staging a series of five dramatic monologues that recount the unfolding events of Holy Week through the eyes of Judas, Caiaphas, Pilate, A man in the Crowd, and Jesus' mother."

# THE DAY JUSTICE DIED

If you are interested in a reading/acting role or in being part of the production team please speak to Giles after the service or email: vicar@stjm.org.uk



## 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.

### Service of Farewell for The Venerable Philip Jones

Philip Jones, the Archdeacon of Hastings, will be retiring as Archdeacon at the end of January. His farewell service will be Choral Evensong at St John's Upper St Leonard's This evening at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served after the service. I know many of us here at St John's feel a deep sense of gratitude to Philip for his ministry as our Archdeacon and for all that he has contributed to the life of the Diocese and I hope as many as possible of you, will join us that evening in giving thanks for Philip's ministry.



Giles

### Niche Sunday - join us and share your talents!

On Sunday 7 February we shall be holding our Niche Sunday event between the 9.30am service and the 11.15am service. We will be considering the talents and skills we have to offer and share with the church. We would like to invite everyone from all the services (the 11.15 service to join us a little earlier at about 11am), with the hope that you'll be encouraged to come and see how your talents can help the church as a whole, to grow.

### St John's Parish Magazine Advertising

If you would like to consider placing an advert in the Easter Edition of our magazine, or you know someone who would, please email: [nick.pendry60@gmail.com](mailto:nick.pendry60@gmail.com) to receive the details.

### Lending Library

The Lending Library will be available NEXT Sunday. There are some books suitable for Lent. Don't forget to return those books you've finished with!

Kate Dilloway

### Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who generously collected for the Children's Society over Advent in the candle tubes. Total banked £112.28.

Zoe Evans



## Coming up this term!

The season of Lent (starts on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb) marks a pivotal point in the history of the church, when Jesus prepared to give himself up as a sacrifice. Traditionally we mark Lent by giving something up, but what if it could be more than that? What if Lent was a preparation for a lifetime of **big-heartedness**?

With this thought in mind, both in the build-up and during Lent, we will be embarking on a different take on this season by focussing our teaching on a series of sermons on generosity. These draw their ideas from the miraculous signs of Jesus in the Book of John.

Alongside the series each of us is invited to participate in a **generosity challenge** to undertake forty simple acts of generosity, which will challenge us to 'do Lent generously' in 2016. Small acts of generosity, performed by thousands of people across the UK and beyond, have the power to make a big change to our communities, to our churches and ultimately, to our world.

Resources, including a daily prompt to your smart phone, are available at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk) but we will also have paper resources available nearer the time.

Home groups that would like to reflect more on the series can also access small group resources on line or get paper copies via the church office. Using the material in a small group setting, people can examine each sign by looking at some study questions that build to a recurring vital question: 'What do these signs say about Jesus?'

God has given so much to each of us so let's all do Lent generously this year!

Giles

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### Mid Week Lent Reflections

A series of five weekly reflections starting Tuesday 16 February 12.30pm (Bring lunch to eat together at 1.15pm).

I'd like to invite you to take a step through the 'door of mercy' this Lent!

Following Bishop Martin declaring 2016 a Year of Mercy, our midweek Lenten reflections will explore what it means for us to live generously, reflecting the mercy that God has shown to us to others.

Speaking about mercy, Pope Francis has said: "our primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God's mercy by contemplating the face of Christ. The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Whether you have made time for Lenten reflections in the past or considering it for the first time, you are invited, through a quiet act of worship, bible reflection and prayer, to walk through this 'door of mercy' to go deeper in your faith and your response to God's extravagant mercy.

Giles