

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

4 December 2016

The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Epistle: Romans 15: 4 - 13
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1 - 12

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Patricia Kelley, Deirdre Seaton, Sheila MacNicol, Derek Moulton

Hymns: 633, 420, 527, 221
Readings: Romans 15: 4 - 13
Matthew 3: 1 - 12

3.00pm Advent Meditation
With the Renaissance Singers

Next Sunday 11 December 2016

Fairtrade stall between the services today

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jill Maddock

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole
Assisting: May Harris, Phyllis Hall, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Margaret & Jorj Kowszun

11.15am Sung Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Father Tom Mendel

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 5 December**
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
12.00pm Lunch Club (Parish Hall)
2.00pm CAMEO (Jubilee Hall)
2.30pm Holy Communion @ Elstree
- Tuesday 6 December**
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm Blands' Home Group
- Wednesday 7 December**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
7.00pm Dilloways' Home Group
Adams' Christmas Meal
- Thursday 8 December**
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell
3.00pm Sunnymead Home Group
7.45pm Choir practise
- Friday 9 December**
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
(Parish Hall)
- Saturday 10 December**
10.00am Interment of Ashes - Geoffrey Pendlebury
10.30am Magazine distribution & village prayer walk
(followed by coffee & mince pies in Jubilee Hall)

Cake donations needed

Bakers, please don't forget that we are in need of some delicious cakes for the Advent Meditation Service this afternoon, at 3pm.

Your donations will be very gratefully received, thank you!



ReVive Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7 December 10.30am – 12.30pm

18 Meads Court, Carlisle Road

Please join us for an update on ReVive and the work of our lovely CMS partners Andy and Rose in Brazil.

Effene & Peter Lomas



Open the Book

Children love stories - especially Bible stories when they're interactive, engaging and fun!

That's what Open The Book is all about, bringing the Bible to life for every child in every primary school. Teams of between four and eight storytellers tell Bible stories in primary schools, using drama, props and costumes - to bring the stories to life. We want to start Open The Book at St John's Meads School, in the New Year with folk from St John's as the storytellers.



Open the Book update

Thanks to everyone for their brilliant response so far!

But are there any more men who would like to become part of this?

If you are interested in learning more, and perhaps becoming involved - either as a storyteller, or behind the scenes with props and costumes, please let Sarah Hassell know:

07904302887 or 01323 301695,

email: sarah.c.hassell@gmail.com

Attention Distribution Team! 10.30am - 12pm, 10 December

On Saturday 10 December at 10.30am please join us in the Jubilee Hall to pick up your batches of magazines for delivery. We'll also be setting off on a village prayer walk as we deliver to the parish. We want to deliver a copy to every home in the parish so if you feel able to help us achieve this, please come along and pick up a batch. We'll finish off in the Jubilee Hall with coffee and mince pies.

If you are unable to come along that day please contact Jo in the office immediately so she can let the rest of the team know what streets need to be picked up.

Tearfund Advent Calendar

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Sign up to the Advent Calendar with a difference. With the Tearfund calendar you will get daily emails giving you a thought each day to reflect upon.

Go to www.tearfund.org and click on Advent with Tearfund.

Christmas concert!

Two of the St John's family will be playing in the Eastbourne Concert Orchestra in this year's concert on Tuesday 6th December, 7.45pm in All Saints church. Some lively Russian pieces will precede a fun medley of Christmas music, and maybe even some audience participation!

Let's enjoy it together, everyone welcome.

NEWS & EVENTS

Linking Lives Update

Tuesday 22 November 2016 was a memorable day for Linking Lives Eastbourne for two big reasons: Firstly our inaugural induction training took place, with eight of our volunteers completing the mandatory training required to befriend people one to one. So on behalf of Linking Lives Eastbourne, I'd like to congratulate and say a big thank you to them and everyone, who's expressed an interest in volunteering to date.



Secondly we also held a meeting that day with the national Linking Lives management team, to ensure Linking Lives Eastbourne has everything in place to commence our befriending service. I'm very pleased...even relieved....to say that we've now got the green light! With many of our volunteers now trained and also with sign off from the national scheme, Linking Lives Eastbourne will soon be launched and operational. So I must say another big thank you to everyone both at St John's and the other churches in Eastbourne, for their time, skills, financial support and prayers to get us to this point.

I'll keep you all updated with our progress in the coming weeks but if you'd like to support us either as a volunteer, financially or in prayer please send me an email at: linkingliveseastbourne@gmail.com or contact me via the church office.

Byron Stevens



Sermons Online

You can now 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.



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 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.

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 Dennis Thompson - 01323 749329.



Lunch Club



Come and join us for our Christmas Lunch Club tomorrow, Monday 5 December, 12 noon at the Parish Hall. £3 per person (last orders for food at 1.30pm). Everyone welcome!

CAMEO, Christmas Special

Ladies, on Monday 5 December at 2pm we'll be looking forward to a wonderful hand bell concert featuring six bell ringers.



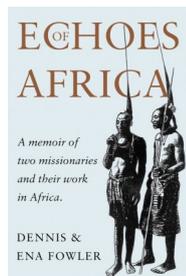
Foundation Governor Recruitment

The Governors of St John's Meads C of E Primary School are currently looking to recruit a new Foundation Governor who will be appointed by the Diocese of Chichester. Foundation Governors are active members of the local Anglican Church or another parish church or of another Christian church in fellowship with the Church of England. If you have an interest in education and time to spare, please consider this opportunity. Governors work together as a corporate body with clear statutory roles and responsibilities and these will include reviewing school policies, safeguarding, setting the budget and monitoring the provision and progress of all children at the school. The governors also meet regularly at board meetings in order to make decisions corporately and training and support is available for this interesting and worthwhile voluntary role. In fact, this could be considered as 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. We're particularly looking for someone who can offer data analysis skills and a genuine commitment to governance. Although governors spend a lot of time on what may seem to be bureaucracy, in a small primary school the decisions they make can have a big effect on the lives of the children.

If you are interested in finding out more about governance or becoming a Foundation Governor, please contact Giles Carpenter: vicar@stjm.org.uk or Linda Caroe (Chair of Governors) linda.caroe@meads.e-sussex.sch.uk

Echoes of Africa

Dennis and Ena Fowlers' riotous career as missionaries in the middle of last century. Including many colour photos. Previously £12.99, last remaining copies now offered at the much reduced price of £3.99. Please contact Dennis at 737449 if you would like to purchase a copy!



New Years Eve Service - Stations of the Year

Come and join us for an opportunity to spend an hour reflecting on, praying about and remembering the year that is ending, as well as looking forward to the year ahead. 6pm - 7pm, refreshments after the service.

Berry Pomeroy Care Home

A vacancy has arisen for a trustee at this care home with a distinctive Christian ethos. It is in Compton Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4EN. The time commitment is 12 board meetings a year and the AGM. For an application form or for more information contact Chair of Trustees Gillian Grimmond or phone her on 01323 726092.

Points for Prayer this week

- This Advent season will leave a lasting impression on our lives, as we prepare to celebrate the great festival of Christmas
- All Linking Lives Eastbourne volunteers, as they train and prepare to take up their new roles, and for Byron as he co-ordinates and leads
- We thank God for the great interest shown in Open the Book, and pray for all the volunteers as they prepare to become Storytellers
- For those among us who are facing the challenges of advancing years, and for those who are unwell at this time
- God's rich blessing on those whose Baptism Anniversary falls this week, Flora & Ted Palmer
- For aid to reach the war-stricken areas of Syria and Iraq, and for those who are seeking to bring an end to these conflicts

Eastbourne Day of Prayer - Saturday 21 January 2017

The theme is 'So Much More ...!' (check out Ephesians 3: 20-21). Speaking on the day is Debra Green OBE, inspirational founder of Redeeming our Communities. We will focus on praying for key local leaders representing, for example, the Police, Commerce, Health, Community Life, Housing and Education. At Kings Church, Edison Road. 9.30am - 5pm. Come and go as you are able. Stay all day if you can!

Thank you!

The Meads Magic Team would like to say a big thank you for everything that St John's did to support the event last Friday. It was a great community event and are so pleased that the Church was involved in many ways. They look forward to doing it all again next year!



Have you been Baptised?

We are very excited to be having some adult Baptisms on Sunday 29 January 2017 at the 10am Service. We will be holding a short course on the morning of Saturday 14 January in preparation for the Baptisms. If you are interested in finding out more about Baptism and the preparation course please speak to Giles, Catherine or Tris.