

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

5 March 2017

The First Sunday of Lent

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

Epistle : Exodus 1: 1 - 14
Gospel : Matthew 4: 1 - 11

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

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding : Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching : Sarah Hassell
Assisting : Peggy & Robert Millett,
Patricia Kelley & Trevor Salmon

Hymns : 190, 456, 695, 337

Reading : Exodus 1 : 1 - 14
Read by : Jean Tucker

Reading : Ephesians 2 : 1 - 3
Read by : Robert Millet

Next Sunday 12 March 2017

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

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding : Revd Jill Preece
Preaching : Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting : David & Jennifer Barker
Clive & Kate Dilloway
Jorj Kowszun & Pam Lade

11.15am Sung Matins
Leading & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

5.30pm Prayer and Praise
Leading: Jorj Kowszun

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	6	March
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)	
10.30am	Holywell Home Group	
12.00noon	Lunch Club (Parish Hall)	
5.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)	
Tuesday	7	March
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)	
Wednesday	8	March
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)	
2.30pm	Diana Guthrie's Home Group	
6.00pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)	
Thursday	9	March
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)	
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)	
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group	
3.00pm	Sunnymead Home Group	
7.30pm	Peatties' Homes Group	
7.45pm	Choir practice	
Friday	10	March
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)	

Parish Magazine Distribution Team - watch this space!

Our Easter edition of the Parish Magazine will be due for distribution over the weekend of 18th/19th March. Please let Jo in the office know if you are unable to deliver to your usual streets. Many thanks.

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.



CAMEO

Ladies of St John's on Monday 20 March 2017 at 2pm, in the Jubilee Hall come and join us for an afternoon of Sharing a Poem or Prose. If you have one to share please bring it along. Refreshments to follow.

Festival & Summer Fete 2017 Thursday 8 June - Sunday 11 June

As 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the consecration of the new church building, our Festival this year will be themed around photography, primarily photographs of people through the years from 1957 onwards. So with this in mind, if you have any photos dating back through the years of people (not posed photos) that would help us to tell a story through the years we'd love to see them. They don't have to be church related.

We already have lots of amazing photographs of the church just after it was bombed so we'll be setting up a display of these too.

Please bring your photo/s to the church office, we'll ensure they're clearly marked as to who they belong to and will return them to you once we've made our decisions. Alternatively, you can send us a jpeg via email to: office@stjm.org.uk

During April we'll be picking the best to be hung in church for the Festival.



We're also looking for five or six people who have an interesting story of hope, again through the years from 60 years ago and onwards. These will each be condensed down to five minute segments. Please submit your story to Jo in the church office either via email or written by Friday 31 March.

Summer Fete - Saturday 10 June, 12 noon - 4pm

It's that time of year again when we begin to ask for donations to various stalls for our ever popular Summer Fête.

We need the following...

Bottles - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall so please feel free to pop into the office with any spare, unopened, bottles.

Plants - cuttings, plug plants, house plants or outdoor plants *lots needed!*

Bric-a-brac

Pre-loved clothes in good condition

Cakes - on Friday 9 June please, for our fantastic cake stall, plus jam, preserves, chutney, marmalade. Please bring your donations to the church office. We look forward to receiving them, thank you.

NOT BOOKS NEEDED THIS YEAR - thank you

NEWS & EVENTS

Children's work - helpers needed

Over the next three weeks we be explaining the needs of our children's work.

On a Sunday we have three groups for different age brackets: Rising Stars: 0-5 year olds, Big God Space 5-10 and Street Wise for Secondary School children.

We also run a really popular Parent & Toddler Group on a Thursday morning during term time.

All of these require volunteers to serve and run these groups. You don't need previous experience skills can be learnt - all we require is people with a willing heart who could lend a hand and join the rota. Please contact Tris or Hannah for more details.



Streetwise - Wii Games - 7pm - Tonight in The Lodge

If you are aged 11-18 come along for an evening playing Wii games and having fun together! Why not bring along a friend to join in the fun!



Kingdom Come Event, 11 March 2017, 7.30pm

The next Kingdom Come event is being held at New Hope Church, Beach Road. This is a powerful evening where the church across the town joins together to pray. See you there!

Rotary Club of Eastbourne's Annual Jazz Concert

The Storyville Strutters will be performing at the Eastbourne College Theatre on Wednesday 5 April. Doors open at 7pm, performance begins at 7.30pm.

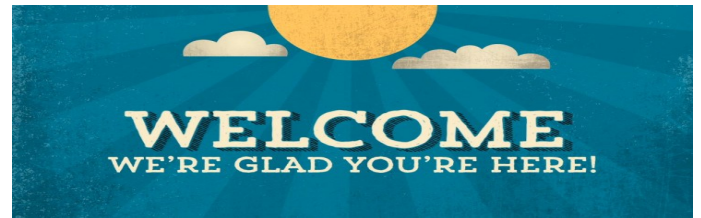
Tickets £15 available from Dennis Thompson 749329

Bible by the Beach, 28 April - 1 May 2017

'Firm Foundations - Reformation for Today'

Great speakers will be joining us over the weekend and Mark Ashworth and his team will be running a youth programme for the under 18s. Don't miss it!

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.

Open The Book - Update



The first Storytelling at St John's Meads School: Hezekiah Trusts God, took place on 23 February and went down really well! Please pray for the next one: Jonah the Groaner, on 13th March. If you have any old check tea towels to spare, we could do with a lot more as head squares, since the Palm Sunday performance on 23rd March will involve a large number of the children – also old tights (to keep the tea towels in place).

Any donations of tea towels and tights to Sarah Hassell. Very many thanks!

Book Publishing Freebie!

I'm a director of a book publishers set up to help new, young writers get their work published. I've been working with a team who will be publishing as an e-book at the end of February. We are giving 50 copies away as a gift which the recipient would activate as a download on a kindle or whatever gadget they use.

I'd like to make this available to the congregation.

The book 'Chaos Calls to Chaos' was published on Tuesday 28 February, so I can now send anyone who is interested, their gift link. Then they need to activate it on Amazon.

If you would like an e-book copy then please contact Jackie Ewins via email: jaci.ewins@btinternet.com

Peter & Jackie Ewins

Lent Boxes

Our Lent Box appeal this year will be in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne. Please take a box from the back of the church and donate generously during the course of Lent. Boxes should be returned after Palm Sunday.

Thank you for your support.



Join the party in the Jubilee Hall at St John's Church on Thursday 13 April at 6pm for 6.30pm. Enjoy a Passover meal together and explore its meaning.



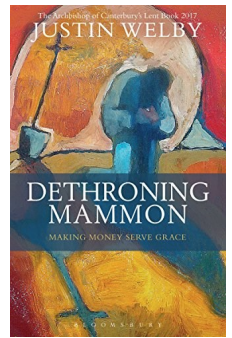
Suggested donation - £6 per adult £3 per child or £15 for a family ticket (one adult and up to four children or two adults and two children)

Tickets available from the church office

Guests are welcome to bring their own wine

Points for Prayer this week

- For all who volunteer at the Foodbank, for generous donations and that the issue of new premises will soon be resolved.
- For the befrienders under the Linking Lives Eastbourne Scheme that their visits will be gratefully received.
- For those of us using the Archbishop of Canterbury's Book 'Dethroning Mammon', would benefit from it over this time of Lent.
- That more volunteers would come forward to the Children's Ministry at St John's Church.



Who or what do we really worship?

In the gospels we read about Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. During this time he had to wrestle with deep questions about his identity and his purpose. The 40 days of Lent that lie ahead of us, represent an opportunity for similar self reflection.

I'd like to invite you to use these 40 days to be on your own journey of exploration asking yourself a very specific question; who or what do I worship!

Like any journey it is good to set off on the right foot, to have some road map for the way and to finish well.

Rather than having a Lent course this year, I'd like to encourage us to journey through Lent using Archbishop Justin's Lent book for 2017 as our road map.

Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, was photographed on a tube train recently reading an advance copy of this book which ask that key question about who or what we worship. There are six chapters which fit nicely into Lent. Each chapter takes a key bible passage, usually from the teaching and encounters of Jesus leading to his death and burial, and puts it alongside the big questions of global finance and, crucially for us personally, the attitudes it breeds.

Lastly, this journey, which is often marked by a period of abstinence, culminates for us this year with a very special meal. Passover, the Last Supper, Holy Communion all have the same roots in a family meal, shared together.

This meal which, 2,000 years ago, Jesus said he was really looking forward to celebrating with his followers is the same meal that we will share together to mark the end of this Lenten journey. More details of this meal will be available in next week's news sheet but places will be limited by space so if you would like to share in this meal I'd encourage you to register your interest early with the church office.

With every blessing for the journey ahead.

Giles
