

## 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

7 August 2016

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Martha Weatherill

Epistle: Hebrews 11: 1 - 3 & 8 - 16  
Gospel: Luke 12: 34 - 40

**9.30am Contemporary Service & Baptism**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Martha Weatherill

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Martha Weatherill  
Assisting: Trevor Salmon, Ann Reid, Deirdre Seaton & Derek Moulard

Readings: Hebrews 11: 1 - 3 & 8 - 16  
Luke 12: 34 - 40

Hymns: 755, 576, 757, 497  
Voluntaries: Soprano Melody - Henry Smart  
Postlude on "Ye holy angels bright" - Percy Whitlock

**6.00pm Evensong**  
Led by Derek Moulard

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Next Sunday

Sunday 14 August 2016

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Dick Thwaites

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: May Harris, Sheila O'Hanlon, Phyllis Hall, Sheila MacNicol, Margaret Koswzun

**11.15am Morning Prayer**  
Leading: & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>8</b>   | <b>August</b> |
| 9.00am           | Morning Prayer (back of church)  |               |
| 11.00am          | PARCHE at Camelot  |               |
| 2.30pm           | Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)   |               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>August</b> |
| 10.30am          | Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)   |               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10</b>  | <b>August</b> |
| 9.30am           | Quiet Prayer (chapel)  |               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>August</b> |
| 11.00am          | Holy Communion<br><i>Presiding &amp; Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter</i> |               |

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### Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing

Just a reminder that Coffee Pot has now finished for the summer and will re-open again on Friday 9 September, 10am at the Parish Hall.

### Thank you Brian

After many years of service, Brian Steer will be retiring from the organ loft later this year. Brian has played a key role as part of our talented organ team in championing the musical tradition at St. John's. Not only has Brian offered excellent support for our regular worship and occasional offices, he has overseen the recent organ repairs and has promoted and played in numerous Coffee Concerts. Sung Matins on Sunday 11th September will be the last of Brian's official duties. A reception with drinks is planned immediately after the service. All are warmly invited.



### Availability Slips

Availability slips for the next round of rotas are now in the pigeon holes for those of you not on email. Please pick yours up today and return completed to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

## Re-imagining ministry



A key part of the vision for growth in our parish and in the wider diocese is to think of ourselves as the household of faith.

I am sure that in your own experience of being a household (whether in the past or present) that you will have found that, it is in the context of learning to share responsibilities, supporting one another and finding ways of working together (or working through those times when we find that bit hard) that we discover most about what it means to be a family.

The model that Paul gives in 1 Corinthians 12 is of a body working together. In that body each part has a place with complimentary gifts all intended to be operated in a spirit of mutual dependency and shared aims.

As the household of faith, here at St John's, it was very encouraging to see that (whilst percentages varied across different services) overall a high proportion (80%) of us said that we would like to find more ways to being involved, and to play our part.

There are so many ways for us to do just that but here are just a few of the ways you might like to get more involved:

- Are you a 'people person'? Why not join our expanding team of welcomers and sidespeople offering a vital ministry of hospitality here at St John's.
- Do you love words? Could you be part of putting the bible at the heart of our worship by joining our dedicated team of readers?
- Could you help people at a sacred moment? Might you be called to help with the distribution of the bread and wine at communion. For many, receiving the sacraments, is a time of great intimacy with God and those who serve in this ministry often feel the privilege of being part of that special moment. Already this year we have seen 10 church members go through communion assistant training. Might God be asking you to offer yourself to this ministry?

There are numerous other areas for service from helping to grow faith in our young people to being part of the sound desk team or worship team and much more.

To take the next step please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the reception area at the back of church indicating which service you attend and the area you would like to explore serving in.

Your partner in God's household of faith here in Meads.

Giles

## Combined Communion Services

On the fifth Sunday of every month we have our combined communion where we join both congregations for the 9.30 and 11.15 service. This service will have a new start time of 10am. This is a great opportunity for the whole church family to worship together.

## Evensong - this evening

This evening, Sunday 7 August there will be a Choral Evensong Service here at St John's at 6pm, sung by St Saviour's church choir and the St John's Singers combined. Come and join us!

## Volunteers still needed.....

### Church Gardeners Required - Urgently!

Our team of gardeners is changing and we are going to be urgently needing some new volunteers. Our garden at St John's is a source of constant pleasure to many people and it's a great way of connecting with people in our neighbourhood. Besides which, all the gardeners are a great bunch of people to work alongside! Please prayerfully consider whether you could spare some time to be a part of this valuable ministry. We would love to hear from you. Please come and have a chat or contact us through the church office.



Joan and Neil Waterston

### Family Support Work - we still need a volunteer!

We need a person or a couple happy to spare 30 minutes a month to deliver food for FSW. The food is taken from our food collection point for Food Bank in the Cloister, usually on a Sunday, then delivered to an address near Ratton School on either the first Monday or Tuesday of the month.



Please contact Zoe Evans on 01323 726020 for further details.

### (Knitted) Patchwork Love

A new project is coming to St John's, it's being launched on 18th September.

If you're a keen knitter then watch this space....



## 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 (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.

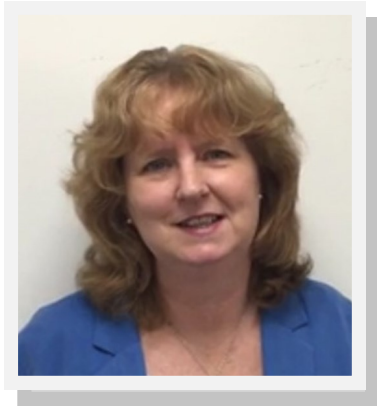
Another way in which we like to reach people is through our 'Keeping In Touch' email list. To be included in the mailing list please sign one of the forms on the Welcome Desk. You'll then receive regular updates and news.

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### Points for Prayer this week

- All those who have recently come to St John's, that they will quickly feel at home among us.
- Our children and young people over the summer, and for everyone going on holiday over the next few weeks; for a great holiday, rest, refreshment and safety.
- For all Christian summer camps: Soul Survivor, Momentum, Crusader, Scripture Union Camps and many more, and for the thousands of young people who will be attending.
- The people of Turkey and their need for foreign holidaymakers to boost tourist revenue despite the current unrest and fear of terrorist attacks.

## Licensing Service for Catherine Butcher



On Saturday 17 September at 2pm, Catherine Butcher will officially become a Lay Reader at a Licensing Service to be held at Chichester Cathedral. There will be a reception afterwards in the Sherborne Room of the Bishop's Palace, where drinks and nibbles will be served.

If you would like to attend and give Catherine some support then please let Jo in the church office know. We're looking to hire a minibus/coach but will obviously need to know numbers beforehand.

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## Brenda Prior

Brenda has now moved into Milton Grange in the old town. Her son Mark is very happy for people to visit but would ask that he is contacted first so that visits can be spread over a number of days. His contact number is: 07968364466.

## Postcards

Postcards sold for the Sudan Church Association in the 18 months to December 2015 raised £8172. Two main projects: £5000 to train new ministers through Bishop Gwynne College and £5000 to help relocate pastors from South Sudan to the new Northern Province where there is a dire shortage of pastors to lead the Church. Please keep them coming - new or used - but don't remove the stamps!



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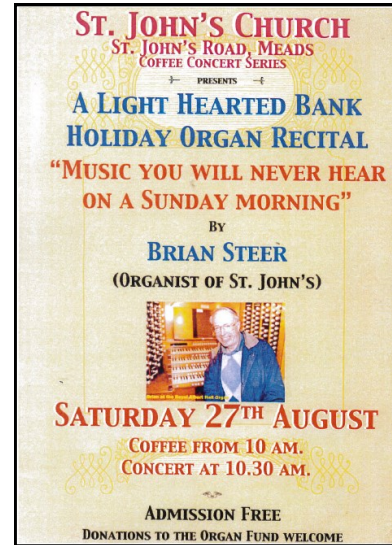


If you're a Pokémon fan (or you know someone who is!), or the children are obsessed with 'catching 'em all', then you'll be pleased to know that St John's Church is a Poké Gym and our Parish Hall in Meads Street is a Poké Stop. During the summer holidays feel free to pop down to the church, come in and play!



## Coffee Concert

Our next Coffee Concert will be taking place here on Saturday 27 August. A light hearted Bank Holiday organ recital by Brian Steer, entitled 'Music you will never hear on a Sunday morning' Coffee from 10am, concert begins at 10.30am. Everyone welcome!



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## Prayer for Eastbourne - Saturday 27 August

Join with Christians from other churches to prayer God's favour over our area. 10am - 11am at the Speak Life Centre, 13 Lismore Road, BN21 3AY.

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## Beachy Head Chaplaincy Admin Assistant

Admin Assistant  
16 hours a week  
£8.00 per hour  
6 weeks' annual leave, pro rata



## Key skills and abilities

- Computer literate with Microsoft Office skills
- Excellent communication, both written and verbal
- Excellent prioritising and organisation ability
- Able to work on your own initiative

The Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team is the charity saving lives of the suicidal at Beachy Head.

We are looking to fill a new position of an admin assistant. This role is for 16 hours, 9.00 – 13.00, 4 days a week, one of the days must include a Friday.

To apply for this role or to have more information, please email: [gail.whittington@bhct.org.uk](mailto:gail.whittington@bhct.org.uk)

Closing date for this position is Friday 19th August, with interviews commencing week beginning 22nd August.