

## 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 February 2016 - Niche Day

## The Sunday Next Before Lent

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:  
Gospel: Luke 18: 31 - 43

**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, Patricia Kelley, Carolyn Lacy & Ann Reid  
Hymns: 616, 684, 541  
Readings: Philippians 1: 1 - 11  
John 5: 1 - 18  
Voluntaries: *O Lord, open now the heavens - Bach*  
*Polkettina for the conclusion of the Mass - Giovanni Quirici*

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## Next Sunday 14 February 2016

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Peter Pickett  
Assisting: Richard Wells

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun  
Assisting: David & Jenny Barker, Derek & Julia Kemp, Phyllis Hall & Sheila MacNicol

**11.15am Morning Prayer**  
Leading: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 8 February**  
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)  
 11am PARCHE at Camelot  
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 9 February**  
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)  
 12.15pm Interment of Ashes - Margaret Fraser  
 2.30pm Moulands' Home Group  
 3.45pm Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium - Rosamund De-Bruynne  
 7.00pm Kemps' Home Group
- Wednesday 10 February - Ash Wednesday**  
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
 7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service (church)
- Thursday 11 February**  
 10.00am Parents & Toddlers Group (Jubilee Hall)  
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)  
*Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter*  
 2.30pm Maddocks' Home Group  
 3.00pm Dennis Fowler's Home Group  
 7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group  
 7.30pm Thompsons' Home Group  
 7.45pm Choir practice
- Friday 12 February**  
 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!*

### Points for Prayer this week

- Quiet Day at Willingdon Church on 13 February led by the Dean of Liverpool
- An encouraging response to the Food Bank appeal
- Preparation in hearts and minds for the Season of Lent
- Niche Sunday to occasion a generous response

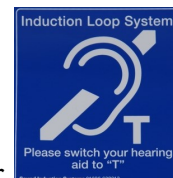
### Eastbourne Food Bank

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.



### 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.



### Help needed!

Jill Maddock is looking for someone to take over the listing of the weekly Prayer Points - not an onerous task. Anyone willing to think about it please contact Jill. Thank you.

### Matins Service 11.15am on Sunday 14 February

As at the January service of Matins, St John's Singers will be giving musical support once again, and if anyone would like to join the choir for this, they would be welcome to come along to the practice on Thursday 11 February at 7.45pm. in church. Ability to read music is an advantage, and to sing in tune essential. Please let the office know if you would like to join us.

### CAMEO

All ladies very welcome - CAMEO, 2pm on Monday 15 February 2pm, when ladies from St Stephen's Church, Shottermill, will be sharing with us about their Prayer Quilt Ministry. Plus our usual cup of tea and chat!

### A Date For Your Diaries

A 'Mad March Fayre' will be held on Saturday 12 March in the Jubilee Hall between 10am - 2.30pm. All proceeds will be divided between ReVive and the fund for Katie's Memorial Cross. Watch this space for further details!

### Hot Jazz from a Cool Band

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne is holding its annual Jazz Concert on Wednesday 6 April in the Eastbourne College Theatre. The band playing this year is a London band, Storyville Strutters Dixie Sextet, tickets £15 and anybody who is interested please contact Dennis Thompson on 01323 749329. All funds raised will be going to the local charity, Families for Autism.

### Christian Resource Centre, Wednesday 10 February

There will be a special open drop-in event at the centre in Seaside between 5.30pm - 6.30pm to say goodbye and thank you to Bob & Sandie Clark who have run the centre for the past five years. It will also be a chance to welcome the new manager Tim Wallington. Everyone welcome!

### Worship Team Gathering

There will be another worship team gathering on Sunday 21 February at 5pm in the Jubilee Hall. We welcome anyone interested in playing or singing in worship, or just meeting with us for fellowship. It will be a time of workshopping, one or two songs, sharing vision and some refreshments.

Mark Edwards

## Quiet Day of Prayer

There will be a Quiet Day at St Mary's Willingdon on Saturday 13 February from 10.30am to 4.00pm. It will be led by the Very Revd Pete Wilcox, the Dean of Liverpool. Please bring a packed lunch and £5.00. All are welcome.

## 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 at 2.15pm 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](http://www.chichesterdef.org.uk) or Sue Murray 01293 533727



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## Children's News



Cerys and Alice have raised over £120 between them completing the St John's School sponsored walk along the seafront. This was in aid of the NSPCC and ChildLine. They will have won themselves a Gold

Buddy Badge in the process. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored them, and please remember to fulfil any commitments you may have generously made.



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."



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](mailto: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.

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

Today 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 you and 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 today. There are some books suitable for Lent. Don't forget to return those books you've finished with!

Kate Dilloway

### Chaseley Service

Our first 'Songs Of Praise' will take place on the Tuesday 16 February at 2pm, in the Atkinson Room in the Chaseley building.

### Availability slips

Please pick up your availability slip from the pigeon holes in the Cloister for the next round of rotas covering March, April & May, and return to the office asap. Many thanks.



## 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