

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

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 May 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

Epistle: Deuteronomy 5: 1 - 12
Gospel: Luke 6: 46 - 49

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

11.15am Classic Communion
Leading: Jorj Kowszun
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Sheila MacNicol, Pam Lade, Diana Guthrie & Patricia Kelley
Hymns: 311, 12, 741, 649
Reading: Deuteronomy 5: 1 - 12
Read by: Robert Millett

Reading: Luke 6: 46 - 49
Read by: Elaine Montgomerie

7.00pm Concert by Noteworthy Choir (church)

Next Sunday 14 May 2017

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

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Nick Pendry
Assisting: Rowena Adams, Sheila O'Hanlon, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

11.15am Choral Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Nick Pendry

5.30pm Prayer & Praise (Jubilee Hall)
Led by Catherine Butcher





EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	8 May
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am	Nick Pendry's Home Group
11.00am	PARCHE at Camelot
12 noon	Lunch Club (Parish Hall)
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
5.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	9 May
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm	PCC meeting & Holy Communion
7.00pm	Kemps' Home Group
Wednesday	10 May
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
6.00pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
7.30pm	Springfield Home Group
Thursday	11 May
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
7.00pm	Fact Finding meeting for Mission trip to India (Jubilee Hall)
7.15pm	Rustington Court Home Group
7.45pm	Choir Practice
Friday	12 May
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
Saturday	13 May
10.00am	Coffee Concert - Rachel Grimes & pupils

Points for Prayer this week

- For all Godparents that they will receive new inspiration to take their role seriously and that their Godchildren will come to a lasting personal faith
- St John's School in this time of transition and for Mr Crossinggum, the Acting Head Teacher, as he settles into his role
- The half million residents of Mosul who remain in the rebel-controlled sector of the city, and for their great need of food, water and medicines

Availability Slips

For those of you not on email, availability slips are now in the pigeon holes in the cloister for the next round of rotas. Please pick yours up today and return to the office by Friday 12 May. Many thanks.

St John's Diamond Jubilee Year

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

Please keep bringing in your donations...

We still **urgently** need donations to various stalls for our Summer Fête especially bottles for the Bottle Tombola.

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.

NO BOOKS NEEDED THIS YEAR - thank you!

St John's Diamond Photographic Festival

Thursday 8 - Sunday 11 June

Theme: Made in His Image - Imago Dei' (Genesis 1:27-28)

At the very beginning of our journey through the Big Bible Story we saw how God created a good world with the pinnacle of His creation being Adam and Eve, made in God's image. Despite the brokenness in the world and in humanity we all still bear the 'imago dei' the image of God. God has given us our creativity, our capacity to love and be loved, to feel empathy and to be those who work for justice.

'Imago Dei' is the theme of our photographic part of the festival this year and all are invited to submit photos (a selection of which will be on display) that reflect this theme. They may be shots of people serving others, playing, creating, working, smiling, praying, gardening etc. In fact anything that expresses the sense of us being made in the image of a creative and life giving God. Made to be a blessing to others. hard copies or emailed copy to Jo in the office please with a submission deadline of 21st May.

Also, as part of the Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations in June, and to compliment the photographs of people being displayed around the church, we would like to have some photographs of the current congregation of St John's.



Sue Lockhart will be taking pictures of the congregation (in the Cloister) on the following Sundays: 7th May and 21st May. If you would like to be 'framed' please look out for her.



Testimony Sunday 21 May

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15

One of our aims at St John's is to grow in three dimensions. **'Up'** as we grow in our knowledge and love of God as our Father. **'In'** as we learn what it is to be the body of Christ loving, encouraging and supporting one another. And lastly **'Out'** as we seek to be a blessing to those on the fringe of church life and beyond, sharing the love of God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Our journey through the Big Bible Story this year has reminded us how foundational the bible is to this three dimensional growth. The bible reveals a God who, through His dealings with men and women in history, is always active in reaching out to the world and calls us to participate in this mission. From ancient times the church has encouraged its members to share in this mission by adding their own stories or testimonies to those in scripture itself. These testimonies speak of a God who is not confined to the pages of a book but still at work in people's lives today.

Testimony enables us to share our own story of God's faithfulness in our lives (**up**). This reminds us that faith is not simply about a one off event or encounter but an ongoing journey of encountering God afresh as we learn to trust Him more today than we did the day before.

Secondly the apostle Paul encourages us to build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11). As a congregation we will have people at different stages of faith. Whilst some may feel dry or be struggling in their faith others will be experiencing a fresh touch from God. Testimony encourages people within the body of the Church, reminding us all of the continuing work of the Spirit among us (**in**).

Lastly the good news about Jesus first spread because those first disciples 'gossiped' their experience to their neighbours (Acts 11:20). In our age of social media people are increasingly making decisions on the basis of this same kind of 'social proof'. Testimony gives us an opportunity to invite those on the fringe of church and beyond, through story, to hear of God's action in the lives of other (**out**).

With this in mind, Sunday 21st May will be an opportunity for us as a body to testify to the things that God is doing amongst us. Several people has already approached me to ask if they can share but we would like to give as much opportunity as we can for everyone, regardless of the service they attend, to share a short testimony in their service. If that could be you, please drop me a line at vicar@stjm.org.uk (or a note via the church office) with a brief outline of what you would like to share and I will be in touch.

Giles



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.

Alpha just got better!

Alpha is a great place to ask questions and explore an introduction to Christianity. So, we're delighted to announce that we'll be running our new Alpha course over eight weeks beginning Monday 5 June.

We'll be launching with a taster evening on Monday 22 May at 7:30pm and Isha & Olly Margry have very kindly agreed to be the hosts for this course.

It will then run on Monday evenings from Monday 5 June to Monday 17 July at 7:30pm. There will be food, a short talk and time to chat and ask questions.

For more information do visit <http://uk.alpha.org> if you have any questions or you are interested in taking part, please speak to Giles, Jill, Tris or Hannah, or call the church office on 01323 738671.



'Coffee with Friends', All Saints Centre, Saturday 20 May, coffee from 10am for 11am start

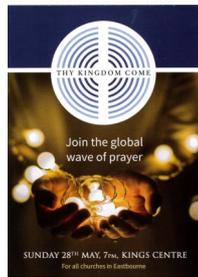
The Eastbourne & Wealden branch of the Gideons International invite you to 'Coffee with Friends'. Glimpses of Gideon ministry from the local to the international scene; including a DVD presentation, testimony, reports and inspirational Bible ministry from their special guest speaker Graham Newton.

Streetwise - Games Night

Come along to the Lodge on Sunday 14 May at 7pm for a fun games night. For ages 11-18. Don't forget to invite your friends!

Thy Kingdom Come

Join the global wave of prayer on Sunday 28 May, 7pm at the Kings Centre, Eastbourne. This is an invitation to Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.



Evening Walks

If you enjoy walking then why not join our summer walking group on Thursday evenings beginning 4th May. These are easy local walks, ending in a drink at a nearby pub! A few people from St John's are already part of the group so feel free to come along and take part. For walk details please take a look at the notice in the Cloister.

Phyllis & Dennis Hall

Coffee Concert Saturday 13 May

The popular Coffee Concerts are back! The first one this season will be a cello recital featuring our own Rachel Grimes (not only a superb designer of flower arrangements but also a brilliant cellist) and some of her pupils.



Coffee will be available from 10am with approximately half an hour of music at 10.30am, followed by sherry. Admission is free with donations gratefully received for church funds.

Foodbank - urgent donations required

Eastbourne Foodbank's stock of food is extremely low at present and they urgently need the following items to enable them to maintain the service they provide:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned Rice pudding
- Biscuits
- Microwavable rice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Cereal



Donations are always gratefully received.

Lunch Club, tomorrow

Monday 8 May 2017, 12 noon. Come and join us at the Parish Hall for a light lunch and good companionship! No need to book just turn up. Last orders for food is 1.30pm, £3.50 per head. See you there.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 27th May at 8am, at our normal venue the Holywell Café. Please tick your name on the list on the notice board in the Cloister if you're joining us. Clive Dilloway will be sharing his thought for the day at the breakfast.

Future dates for your diary, all at Holywell Café:

- 8 July Byron Stevens
- 23 September Derek Moulard



Mission Trip to Southern India!



Are you interested in joining a team from St John's to visit our mission partners CMCT in the city of Chennai (Madras) in Southern India?

If you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity to get some hands on experience of mission and ministry in this fascinating part of the world either: Speak to our vicar Giles or Olly Margry or come along to the Factfinders meeting on Thursday 11 May, 7pm in the Jubilee Hall!

Noteworthy Voices - Sing Joyfully!

For lovers of 'a cappella' choral music; Noteworthy Voices forthcoming concert features a programme of joyful and romantic songs that celebrate the glory of early summer. The concert includes works by Byrd, Wilbye, Elgar and Stopford, and will be held at St John's Church, Meads this evening, 7th of May at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8 at the door. Concessions available. Refreshments. For more info visit www.noteworthyvoices.co.uk or call 01323 640033.



CAMEO Monday 15 May, 2pm Jubilee Hall

Ladies of St John's, Fiona Castle, Roy Castle's widow, is coming to speak to us this month. Do come along to hear her. Tea and cake to follow.

