

## 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

8 May 2016

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock  
Assisting: Richard Wells & Diana Guthrie

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-11  
Gospel: John 15: 26-end & 16:1-4

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**  
Leading: Catherine Butcher  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: David & Jenny Barker,  
Derek & Muriel Peterson,  
Clive & Kate Dilloway

**11.15am Morning Prayer**  
Leading: Revd David Maddock  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

**4.00pm Connexions** - Tea at the Vicarage

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## Next Sunday

Sunday 15 May 2016

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

**9.30am Contemporary Service & Baptism**  
Presiding at the Baptism: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Leading: Jorj Kowszun  
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece  
Assisting: Patricia Kelley, Trevor Salmon,  
Ann Reid

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 9 May**  
9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)  
11.00am PARCHE at Camelot  
12.00pm Lunch Club (Parish Hall)  
2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 10 May**  
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)  
2.30pm Moulands' Home Group  
7.00pm PCC meeting & Holy Communion  
7.00pm Kemps' Home Group  
7.30pm Blands' Home Group
- Wednesday 11 May**  
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
2.30pm Diana Guthrie's Home Group  
7.30pm Adams' Home Group
- Thursday 12 May**  
10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)  
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)  
*Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter*  
*Preaching: Nick Pendry*  
7.30pm Thompsons' Home Group
- Friday 13 May**  
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing  
(Parish Hall)
- Saturday 14 May**  
9am-11am Thy Kingdom Come prayer event at St John's

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### Points for Prayer this week

- God's blessing on our Pentecost services
- Opportunities for witness presented by the book *The Servant Queen*
- For the remaining service survey sheets to be returned
- The people of Aleppo in the recent crisis

## Summer Fête 2016



**Saturday 4 June**  
12 noon - 4pm

Thank you to everyone who has donated something so far!  
We still need more of the following...

**Lots of Bottles please!** - for our very popular 'bottle tombola' stall - any spare, unopened, bottles of anything.

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

**Bric-a-brac**

**Cakes** - on Friday 3 June please, for our fantastic cake stall, plus jam, preserve, chutney, marmalade are all very popular too! **Plus cakes for the refreshments please.**

Please bring your donations to the church office. We look forward to receiving them, thank you.



**We still need help in the following areas. If you can help in any way then please let Jo know. We desperately need a team of people who can work behind the scenes gathering together everything we need on the day (and the day before).**

Our requirements are:

**The day before :-**

- ◆ someone to put up the bunting (and take it down again afterwards)

**On the day AM :-**

- ◆ approx. 20/30 chairs to be set up for the Silver Band
- ◆ tables and chairs to be set up on the day for the stall holders
- ◆ general help if anyone needs an extra pair of hands
- ◆ Refreshments - helpers needed in the Jubilee Hall to serve tea/coffee/cake. Please add your name to the list in the Cloister if you can help.

Please let Jo Naunton know (in the church office) if you can help in any way.

Email: [office@stjm.org.uk](mailto:office@stjm.org.uk) or phone: 01323 738671

Thank you!

# NEWS & EVENTS

## New Wine Summer Camp

Saturday, 23 July to  
Friday, 29 July 2016

Royal Bath & West Showground,  
Shepton Mallet,  
Somerset.

Come and join us at New Wine 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. It's going to be great fun!

For more information and to book go to The New Wine website: <https://www.new-wine.org> and book under St Elisabeth's (NOT St John's) or alternatively contact Giles or Jill Preece for more information.



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## Gardening question!



Does anybody in the church have any Verbena Bonariensis in their garden and, if so, would they be able to donate a small root to the church garden? Pam Mayhew would like some for her 'patch', so any donations could go straight to her. Many thanks.

## Deanery Healing Ministry Group

The next meeting is arranged for Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Hampden Park by kind invitation of Revd Mike Blanch. Refreshments from 7.10pm. Everyone welcome.



Thursday 26 May sees the launch of our 5-week course based on the *START!* course series.

The *START!* course is an introduction to Christianity - a place to discover more and ask questions, to help people who are starting, restarting or revisiting the basis of Christianity.

We are going to meet over 5 weeks in a row. We will share a meal together first, listen to a presentation and have the chance to chat, ask questions and reflect on the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere.

We will be starting at 7.30pm and will finish at roughly 9.30pm.

This will be hosted by Olly and Isha Margry at 9 Ascham Place, Meads, BN20 7QQ.

For more information please contact the church office on 01323 738671.

## European Union Referendum

We have a number of leaflets at the back of church with useful information about the upcoming EU referendum. Price 50p each.



## Early Years and Administrative Assistant

St John's Church, Meads is seeking to appoint an Early Years and Administrative Assistant to assist the Family & Children's Worker in the development of the church's ministry to pre-school children and their parents and carers, and also provide administrative support to the Church Administrator. The post is for 14 hours per week.

Further details and the job description are available from the Church Administrator at the Church Office, St John the Evangelist, St John's Road, Meads, Eastbourne, BN20 7ND. Tel: 01323 738671 Email: [office@stjm.org.uk](mailto:office@stjm.org.uk) or visit the church website [www.stjm.org.uk/church/](http://www.stjm.org.uk/church/)

Closing date for applications is Monday 16th May 2016 and interviews will be held on Monday 23 May 2016.

## Christian Aid Week, 15th - 21st May

This year Christian Aid Week has the title "Love Every Neighbour". Their particular appeal is for the people of Bangladesh, struggling to survive in the frequently flooded areas of the Ganges Delta. Pictures will be on the Mission Board and donation envelopes put in the pews on

Sunday 8 May. Please remember to take one and give as generously as you can. There will be a box in the reception area to receive them on the following two Sundays.

If anyone is able to collect from friends or neighbours, please contact me on 727611 and I will provide envelopes and other information.

Thank you, Margaret Parr



## Next Lunch Club

Due to the first Monday in May being a Bank Holiday our Lunch Club at the Parish Hall will be taking place tomorrow, Monday 9 May, usual time 12 noon.



## Parish Hall fundraising event, Saturday 18 June, 5pm - 7pm

We'll be holding another wonderful Summer Soirée at the Sneaths' home in June, as a fund raising event for the Parish Hall. Tickets are £12 and available from the church office.

Please book early to avoid disappointment!

## Date for your Diary

On Tuesday 31 May, the celebrated German male voice choir, Das Alten Knaben, have generously offered to give us a free concert at the end of their tour of this country. The concert will start at 7pm in church and refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome!





## 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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### Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

Plans are taking shape to hold a street party in Meads Street on Sunday 12th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

There's a planning meeting in the Pauling Room at 7pm on Wednesday 4th May – all welcome. Please give your name and telephone number to Effene Lomas if you can volunteer as a street party steward on 12th June for an hour between 1pm and 5pm.

### The Servant Queen books now available

Copies of *The Servant Queen* and *the King She Serves* are now available. Thanks to all who have donated funds to enable us to give copies away at the street party. Further orders and further donations are welcome.



### Learning lessons from the Queen

In her 2014 Christmas broadcast the Queen said: *'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace ... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.'* How do you describe Jesus? On Saturday 21 May from 10.30am - 12 noon Catherine Butcher (co-author of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*) will hold a short workshop in the Jubilee Hall on talking about Jesus, using the book *The Servant Queen*. The aim is to help you find natural, un-forced opportunities to talk with friends, family members and colleagues about the Christian faith. No experience necessary!

### Kay Turner

Longer-serving members of St John's will be sorry to hear that Kay Turner died recently. She worked hard for the church as sacristan and in fundraising.



# THY KINGDOM COME

Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation. That's why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost, from 8 - 15 May - let's pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith.

Find out more at: [www.thykingdom.co.uk](http://www.thykingdom.co.uk)

### Pray for five

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do; persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives.

Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.

Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and make a list of their names. If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Once you have settled on five names, commit to praying for them regularly.

You might like to use the following prayers as you pray for others:

Loving Lord,  
Please work in me so I can share your love, life and message with...  
Reveal your love to them, that they might know, follow and witness to you,  
For Your Glory  
**Amen**

Loving Father,  
Send your Holy Spirit so I can share your love, life and message with...  
Reveal Jesus to them, that they might know, follow and love him,  
For Your Glory  
**Amen**

You build your church through the power of your Spirit.  
By the same Spirit enable me to witness to... your love, beauty and grace.  
That they may come to the fellowship of the faithful  
For Your Glory  
**Amen**

Lord,  
I pray that you will lead... to you.  
Thank you that you love them and I pray that you would break into their life and show them your love, grace and peace.  
For Your Glory  
**Amen**

This coming Saturday **14th May** St John's will be open for prayer from 9am-11am as part of our commitment to pray throughout the week. Do come and join us for as much or as little as you are able.