

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

9 October 2016

The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell

Epistle: Ephesians 5 : 15 - 21
Gospel: Matthew 22 : 1 - 14

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Robert Orchard, Derek Peterson,
David & Jenny Barker,
Clive & Kate Dilloway

11.15am Sung Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

Next Sunday

Sunday 16 October 2016

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher
Assisting: Patricia Kelly, Pam Lade,
Diane Seaton, Derek Moulard

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 10 October**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 11.00am PARCHE at Camelot
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 11 October**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Blands' Home Group
- Wednesday 12 October**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 10.30am LINKS meeting (Pauling Room)
 7.30pm Springfield Home Group
 7.30pm Adams' Home Group (at Kelley's House)
- Thursday 13 October**
 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Sarah Hassell
 3.00pm Hawkins' Home Group
- Friday 14 October**
 7.00pm Kids Leaders Vision Night (Jubilee Hall)
- Saturday 15 October**
 8.30am Prayer Plus (back of church)
 10.30am Sunday Club Family Walk (Abbots Wood)

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Abbots Wood, 10.30am
Saturday 15 October

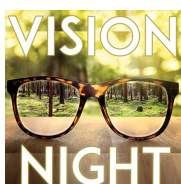


We'll be having a Family Walk on Saturday 15 October, in Abbots Wood. Come along and join us, bring the whole family, dogs and friends very welcome! We'll meet in the field next to the car park. Don't forget your wellies!



Kids Leaders Vision Evening, Friday 14 October

Whether you volunteer with the children of St John's, have children in the group or are interested in joining the team, please come along and find out about the Vision for the Children's Work at St John's. We will have some lovely nibbles and drinks too! Please contact Tris or Hannah to confirm attendance.



Deanery Teaching Morning
How do I make 'Me' in this changing world
 with Revd David Gillard

Saturday 15 October 10am - 12.30pm
St Elisabeth's Church

Please confirm attendance on 01323 506271
 David Gillard will be talking about our identities and being in Christ - looking at how we construct our identity in today's fluid world.



Encouraging International Friendship – Can You Help?

Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home this Christmas and make the world a little friendlier. Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus, and would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing Christmas festivities, and telling you about their own country. Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more, please visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.



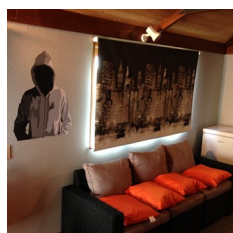
CAMEO - Pink Afternoon
Monday 24th October, 2pm - Jubilee Hall



Come along to our Pink afternoon in aid of Breast Cancer, we will have a bring and buy sale, a pink quiz and tea and biscuits. All proceeds will go towards Cancer Research. Come along and wear **something pink!**

Lodge Refit

If you didn't get a chance to see the Lodge a few weeks ago then please feel free to have a look around on Sunday.



Love In A Box - Mustard Seed Relief Mission

It's that time of year again when Mustard Seed begin to launch their annual appeal, Love In A Box, which sends shoe boxes full of goodies to orphaned children throughout Europe. Our collection date is Monday 21 November, so pick up a leaflet today from the Cloister, and make a child happy.



Linking Lives Update

September's been a very productive month in setting up Linking Lives Eastbourne. We're in the final stages of preparations to launch the scheme which has included the recruitment of our first intake of volunteers, plus meeting with other interested local churches. In mid October the first volunteer training session will take place and if you're considering to volunteer as a befriender or would like further information, please contact us either via the Church Office on 01323 738671 or at linkingliveseastbourne@gmail.com. Linking Lives Eastbourne is committed to matching volunteers based on their availability



and preferences, so if you can commit 1 hour a week or just every other week, there are many lonely and isolated people in our community who'll benefit from your time.

Byron Stevens



Gardening Team meeting

The lovely gardens at St John's Church are a tranquil space for all to enjoy, we are currently in need of a few volunteers to help keep it looking beautiful. We would also like to keep the Parish Hall gardens looking lovely too, so if you love gardening and would like to volunteer, or you know someone who would be interested, then please come along to the Parish Hall tomorrow, Monday 10 October at 10am for a get together contact Karen on 07779793096 or email: karen.fletcherwright@gmail.com for more information.



Points for Prayer this week

- For each of our Home Groups, that they may be places of support, prayer and fellowship, praying for those who lead and praying that everyone may find the Home Group that is right for them.
- For those among us who are facing the challenges of advancing years, and for those who are unwell at this time.
- For the work of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, and for more volunteers to join the team.
- For the needs of the people of East Aleppo, who following the recent severe bombings on their biggest hospital, now have next to no access to urgently needed medical care.



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 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.

Harvest 2016

A big well done to all the Children who took part in last weeks Harvest Service. A great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone for the kind donations which have been shared between the Foodbank and the Matthew 25 Mission.



Prayer & Praise 6 - 7pm, Sunday 6 November, Jubilee Hall

When Jesus' friends asked him how to pray, he gave them a model prayer. We call it the Lord's Prayer, and it gives us a great pattern that starts with praise. On Sunday 6th November we will gather to pray and praise God. There's tea and cake from 5.30pm.

LINKS meeting

The next LINKS meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 12 October at 10.30am in the Pauling Room.

Prayer For The People of Aleppo

If you have been moved by the images coming out of Aleppo recently, please join me to pray, if you are able, at 11.45am on Thursday 13 October in the chapel,

Sarah Hassell

Prayer Request!

Foodbank have been hit with a challenging and major snag in the development of the proposed new premises in Susan's Road.

The costs of the mandatory building regulations have spiralled out of reach of their already tight budget.

The team have a deadline date for vacating their current premises. They have seen another building which also requires substantial refurbishment so they would value everyone standing together in prayer.

So please pray for the suitable premises they urgently need and for favour to be shown in the huge costs of the project. Also for the vital role they play in assisting the needy in Eastbourne.

They are looking for helpful, supportive contacts within suppliers to the building trade who may be willing to either give wood and plasterboard or reduce the price significantly



A Word From Our Wardens

Following the Awayday last week the PCC members felt it important to update you, the congregation, with our deliberations. Firstly we would like to thank you for your prayers and the feedback we have received from many of you in seeking to move forward in all areas of our church life.

The day itself began with personal testimony of a new church member coming to faith in Jesus.

This was followed by exciting news of the growth in a number of areas of our children's work including the initiative to reintroduce scouting to St John's.

An update was then provided on the reordering of church fabric. On this item CPL architects are looking shortly to provide the final drawings and support documentation for faculty submission and approval.

After a break we engaged in a number of workshops that allowed us to look in detail at the feedback from our listening sessions over the past few weeks. As you would have wanted this was a lengthy and thought provoking time. As there was not enough time in the day itself to complete this task, it was decided representatives from the various workshop groups would bring the conclusions together for the PCC to consider at its meeting on 11 October.

This may all seem a lengthy process, and it is, but it is indicative of the lengths that PCC feel we need to go to ensure we have the right result. A key element that came through on the day was that of valuing one another in Christ and valuing the rich diversity of worship that the Anglican community represents here at St John's. Our prayer as a PCC is that you will feel valued as an individual child of God here at St John's, and be able to value all those around who seek to proclaim the love of our Father God to the community here in Meads.

Best Start

Caring for babies, toddlers and children in Eastbourne to get the best start possible

Best Start is a 'More Than' project run by Eastbourne Foodbank. We aim to provide the following to families facing difficult circumstances:

- Moses baskets with 'basics' including clothing, nappies and a new mattress for expectant Mothers and Families
- New Mum packs including sanitary items and hospital bag essentials
- Baby, toddler and children's clothing, shoes, bedding and equipment

Central to providing these 'Best Start' items we aim to:

- Raise money to purchase appropriate new items
- Raise awareness of the project with potential referrers
- Increase donations of 'Best Start' items to Eastbourne Foodbank

We have no set criteria for who can and cannot receive a baby package but all requests must come via referral from a health care professional, church or agency. We have created a process that is completely non judgemental.

Our aim is to provide hope and love in an otherwise difficult situation.

We believe every child has the right to start life with their basic needs met.

How can you help?

- Donate items (see suggested items on reverse)
- Spread the word; with family and friends or at baby/ toddler groups you attend to raise awareness of the project
- Come to a fundraising cake meet or host one of your own and ask friends to donate a few essential items
- Hold a fundraising event of your own!

Love is patient, love is kind

www.eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk
01323 409925
Registered Charity number 1149902



Lunch Club

Our monthly Lunch Club at the Parish Hall is going from strength to strength and we now have a large number of regular visitors who really enjoy coming to have a nice lunch in a friendly atmosphere, meet up with friends and have a chat. If you'd like to come along to our next lunch it will be held on Monday 7 November from 12 noon, lunch costs £3.

This month we were awarded a 5 star rating by the council for our food hygiene and general running of the Lunch Club. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who is involved with the Lunch Club, you all work so hard to make it a success every time we meet - we couldn't do it without you!

