

## The Year of the Bible 2017

2017 is the Year of the Bible in the Diocese of Chichester. Here at St John's we are looking at The Big Bible Story & the Mission of God. Sunday sermons, home group discussions, a Lent course, and other courses through the year will help us all to explore the big themes that run through the Bible.

The aim is to discover what God has to say to us today through the timeless words of the Bible.

At St John's School the 'Open the Book' project will be starting with members of the church congregation bringing the Bible to life through drama. There is also a Schools' Art Competition with a variety of prizes and an exhibition of winning entries. There are different themes and age categories including one for adults connected with the school. The closing date for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

## During the Year of the Bible

- listen again to any sermons that you miss - [www.stjm.org.uk](http://www.stjm.org.uk)
- join a home group discussion - ask Peter Pickett or Nick Pendry if you are not yet part of a home group
- read the Bible regularly on your own or with your family - ask Giles Carpenter or Catherine Butcher for suggestions on Bible reading resources to match your needs
- expect God to speak to you from the Bible - keep a journal of thoughts, questions and verses that catch your attention

*There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.*

2 Timothy 3:15-17 The Message (MSG)

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## The Big Bible Story & the Mission of God

Month	Title	Theme
JAN	<b>The Mission of God</b>	God has a mission – and calls us to be co-workers with him.
	<b>God creates</b>	God made the world and makes us responsible for it.
FEB	<b>God calls</b>	God calls a people to be a blessing to all nations.
	<b>God saves</b>	God rescues people from captivity and brings them to freedom.
MARCH	<b>Easter</b>	
	<b>God reigns</b>	God wants his rescued people to build his kingdom.
APRIL / MAY		
		

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JUNE / JULY	<b>God judges</b>	God sees how his people are living and holds them to account.
	<b>Pentecost - Trinity</b>	
JULY / AUG	<b>God comes</b>	God takes human form in Jesus Christ – and changes the way we see ourselves.
	<b>God loves</b>	God takes in Jesus Christ the decisive action to address the human condition.
SEPT		
	<b>God sends</b>	God equips and sends his people to take the whole gospel to the whole world.
OCT / NOV		
	<b>God completes</b>	God promises that Christ will return to usher in a new creation.
NOV / DEC		
		