

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

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NEWS SHEET



25 February 2018

The Second Sunday of Lent

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

Epistle: Exodus 12: 1 - 11
Gospel: Mark 6: 6b - 13



9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Sheila O'Hanlon, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Phyllis Hall, Sarah Hassell & Nick Pendry

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Diana Guthrie & Sheila MacNicol

Hymns: 227, 69, 626, 74

Reading: Exodus 12: 1 - 11
Ready by: Sheila MacNicol

Reading: Mark 6: 6b - 13
Ready by: Christine Symes

6.00pm Choral Evensong
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Father David Weaver

Sunday 4 March 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Trevor Salmon & Diana Guthrie

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	26 February
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am	PARCHE at Meads House
12.00pm	Building For The Future discussion meeting (Jubilee Hall)
5.30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	27 February
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
Wednesday	28 February
9.30am	Quiet Prayer
12.30pm	Lent Reflections # 2 (back of church)
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
6.00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
Thursday	1 March
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (church)
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
6.30pm	Living Faith Course (Jubilee Hall)
7.15pm	Rustington Court Home Group
7.30pm	Alpha Course # 8
Friday	2 March
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffeepot Computing (Parish Hall)

Points for Prayer this week

- For Martha Weatherill, now eight months into her curacy in Chichester, that the Lord will continue to bless her ministry and help her through the initial challenges she faces
- For our Home Groups as they get to grips with the diocesan Lent Book: 40 Stories of Hope, that we will encourage each other in our daily discipleship
- For the Eastbourne Foodbank, that people will give generously and that stocks will be sufficient to meet increased need during the coming cold snap

Sunday Club Messy Church

Next Sunday, 4th March, during the 9.30 service, Sunday Clubs will be running a joint Sunday Club Messy Church in the Jubilee Hall. There will be something for everyone from tots to teenagers and also something to engage the adults too.

We will be looking at what it means to be a family of God through music, craft, activities and food.

If you are a parent with children in a Sunday Club feel free to come and join us, and your children, to see what we are all getting up to!



Rotary Club - Jazz Concert

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne is holding its annual Jazz Concert on Wednesday 28th March at 7.00pm in the Eastbourne College Theatre, tickets £15 each. By popular demand the Storyville Strutters Dixie Sextet will be playing again.

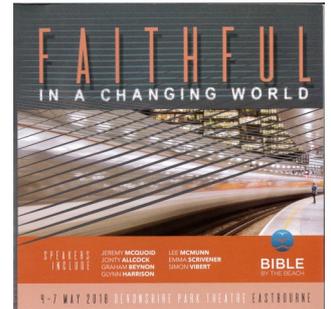


Please contact Paul Honney on 01323 724374 to purchase tickets.

Bible by The Beach 4 - 7 May 2018

'Faithful in a changing world'

Bible By The Beach this year will be held at the Devonshire Park Theatre from 4th to 7th May. There will be lots of guest speakers including, Jeremy McQuoid, Emma Scrivener and Jonty Allcock. The weekend will also have a full programme for all ages with lots of kids and youth events.



Discounted ticket rates apply before 28 February.

Application forms are available in the Cloister or go online: www.biblebythebeach.org



Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2 March

St Agnes Catholic Church

The Children's Society

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated their spare change through the Christingle candle boxes at Christmas. The Children's Society has received £434.95 from the money raised.



Hospital Service at the DGH

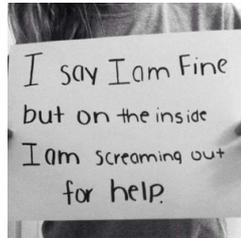
Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on Easter Sunday, 1 April, 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Please let Derek Moulard know if you wish to attend. Parking tickets available from the church office.

NEWS & EVENTS

***** Urgent appeal to the Flower Team and beyond! *****
Would you be able to organise the purchasing, and arranging of the Mothering Sunday posies? As in previous years, there's a get together in the Pauling Room on Saturday 10th March to construct them. Even if you're not part of the Flower Team but would be willing to come and help on Saturday 10th then please let Jo in the church office know. **Thank you very much.**

Alpha Bereavement Journey Group.

This is becoming available again in the week beginning **16 April 2018**. It will consist of 6 sessions, each with a video presentation and associated group work.



Have you experienced the death of a loved one [or another kind of significant loss] and would like help along that inevitable and painful journey of grieving? Then if you are willing to talk about it in this kind of programme and would like to know more, please speak with Sheila Smith.

Email smith63@uwclub.net

We need the provision of a suitable venue and Sheila Smith would be grateful to hear from a host/hostess able to consider offering this please.

Summer Fete 2018

This year our Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 9 June between 12 noon and 4pm. As usual we'll be asking for volunteers to help with various aspects, from setting up tables and chairs, to manning a stall or helping with refreshments. If you'd like to help, even in a small way, then please contact Jo in the office to discuss how you can get involved.

Watch this space for more information!!



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 24 March, 8.00am at Holywell Cafe, when John Haydon will be sharing his Thought for the Day. The sign up list will be in the Cloister and please remember if you sign up and cannot attend, cross your name off the list or call me on 749329. The list will be removed the Tuesday before the event.



Future dates for your diary:
Saturday 5 May - Robert Millet
Saturday 23 June - Neil Cumming



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.

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 or complete a Welcome card. You'll then receive updates and news.

For more details please complete one of the Welcome cards (usually available in the pews) and return it to one of our Welcome Team.

Building For The Future

If you haven't already taken your copy of the Response Document please pick one up on your way out today.

Inside the document is form entitled 'Discussion Sessions'

We are running three discussion sessions to discuss Building For The Future.

The dates and times are:

Sunday 25 February - 2pm
Monday 26 February - 12 noon

Please let us know which session you are attending so that we can set up the room with enough tables and chairs, make sure that we have an ample supply of tea, coffee and cake and arrange for helpers to look after children.

Please complete this form and put it in the box at the back of the church or return it to the church office. Thank you.

Prayer Triplets

If you would like help in forming a Prayer Triplet then please add your name to the sheet at the back of church.



Lent Course 2018

This year's Diocesan Lent Reflections are entitled '**Inspiring Vision**'. Contributors, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, will reflect on a chosen painting. We will listen to the reflections together via specially produced weekly podcasts (of around 15 minutes).



The series begins with a reflection by Bishop Martin on El Greco's Holy Trinity (see above) in which he explains the significance of the work to him personally. During their reflections, each of the contributors raise questions for all of us about our own prayer life and how our prayers develop as we mature, journey on our pilgrimage and discover more about the divine mystery as God speaks to us in good times and bad.

The first reflection begins this **Wednesday 21st February** at 12.30pm at the back of church. Everyone is welcome, just bring yourselves and a packed lunch to enjoy while the podcast is playing. After each podcast there will be an opportunity to explore the sessions together. With the aim that, by the end of the six weeks, our prayer life will have been invigorated and challenged as a key aspect of our Year of Prayer. Each session finishes at 1.30pm.

Our reflections on this Year's course will be facilitated by **The Reverend Brian Richards**. Brian began his pastoral ministry in the Baptist church before being ordained as an Anglican Priest in the Guildford diocese. He served for several years on the staff team at St Paul's Howell Hill before retiring to Eastbourne. Brian and his wife Meg have been a worshipping part of our church family since last year and I am delighted that Brian has agreed to lead these sessions as we explore his pastoral and teaching ministry among us.

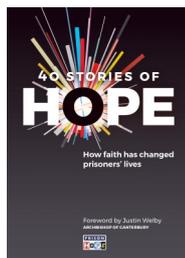
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40 Stories of Hope

40 Stories of Hope has been compiled by Catherine Butcher and includes our vicar's story – story 19. The foreword is by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the book includes stories from prisoners, prison chaplains and ex-prisoners, together with 40 daily readings and prayers. It is the 2018 Lent book for Churches Together In Britain and Ireland.

Copies are available at the back of church for £2 or can be ordered online at www.cwr.org.uk/hope where copies can be ordered as a gift for prisoners.



Our Lent Appeal for 2018

tearfund

Did you know? In 1967, Tearfund's first appeal for funds was for refugees in Jordan but its history goes back to 1960 when the World Refugee Year highlighted the needs of the estimated 40 million people around the world who had been forced from their homes by war and disaster.

If you haven't already picked up a Lent box from the back of the church, then it's not too late!

If any one of you has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them how can the love of God be in you? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

(1 John 3:17-28)

Message from Martha Weatherill

Dear St John's family,

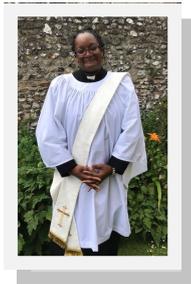
It's been about 8 months since being ordained as a deacon. Thank you for all your prayers and support. Growing in "holy orders" has been challenging and exciting. I still think that it is the best job in the world and I am privileged to do it. It was lovely to see some of you at the Friday morning book and coffee event.

We are all well. Amy is looking forward to September when she starts secondary school - they grow up quickly! I remember bringing her to St John's when she was 4 years old! Jonathan is well and sends his best wishes.

This letter is sent to wish you a Holy and Graceful Lenten season and to assure you of my prayers and love.

Hope to see you all soon.

Much love and prayers,
Martha



Pam Lade



After many years of faithful service Pam Lade has decided to stand down from the role of Verger/Sacristan here at St John's. We'd like to say a huge thank you to her for all her hard work and dedication.

This means we now have a vacancy for a volunteer Verger/Sacristan.

If you would like to find out more about this role then please speak to Giles or Jill Preece.