

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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Please turn your Hearing Aid to T.



11 March 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Lent - **Mothering Sunday**

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

Epistle: Galatians 4: 21 - 31
Gospel: John 6: 1 - 14

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Phyllis Hall, Catherine Butcher, Clive & Kate Dilloway
Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

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

Sunday 18 March 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Nick Pendry

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Nick Pendry

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jill Maddock
Assisting: Revd David Maddock & Patricia Kelley

***** Attention - Magazine Distribution team *****

Our new parish magazine will be arriving during next week so they will be available to pick up on Sunday 18 March as they need to be delivered before Holy Week.

We have a number of people unable to do their batches at the moment so if you are able to take on more roads please let Jo in the office know. We'd be extremely grateful for any extra you can do.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	12 March
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
11.00am	PARCHE at Camelot
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
5.30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	13 March
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
12.00pm	Funeral - Jean McKellick (church)
7.00pm	PCC meeting & supper
Wednesday	14 March
9.30am	Quiet Prayer
12.30pm	Lent Reflections # 4 (back of church)
2.30pm	Bible Study (Pauling Room)
6.00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Springfield Home Group
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
Thursday	15 March
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (church)
2.30pm	Communion Assistant meeting (Pauling Room)
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
7.15pm	Rustington Court Home Group
Friday	16 March
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffeepot Computing (Parish Hall)
Saturday	17 March
8.30am	Prayer Plus (back of church)

Points for Prayer this week

- For all those involved in Prayer Triplets, and that many more people will be blessed by this way of praying together
- For the work of PARCHE and for all who live in the Care Homes in our Parish, that God's Spirit will be drawing them to Jesus in the twilight of their years
- For the 22 million Yemenis currently in need of aid according to the United Nations, and for miracles of diplomacy in the face of the complex political situation in Yemen

Liz Guest

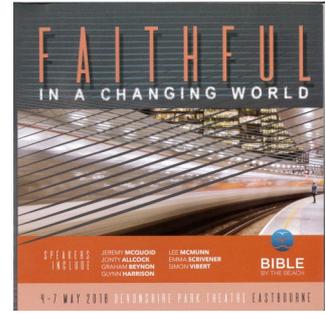
For those of you who remember Liz (our Children's Leader before Tris), she would like to let you all know that with effect from Sunday 1 July 2018 she will become the Curate of All Saints Church, South Oxhey in Watford. Well done Liz!



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.



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

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.

Summer Fete 2018

This year our Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 9 June between 12 noon and 4pm. As usual we would like 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.

We're doing things a little different this year!

We shan't be asking for bric-a-brac or books but here's a list of things to start looking out for.

Unopened bottles for the bottle tombola

Anything and everything PURPLE as long as it's either in very good condition or brand new - for our PURPLE STALL!

Clothes in excellent condition for our Pre-Loved Clothes stall

Unopened toiletries & 'smellies' gift sets

Plants

Cakes - as always, for our popular cake stall



Sermons Online

You can find the Sunday Sermons online on our website, on Facebook or on YouTube. A great way to keep up to date with the current messages.

NEWS & EVENTS

Easter Flowers

If anyone would like to do a flower display for Easter, then please come along to church on Saturday 31 March between 10am - 12pm to create your display.

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



Notice for St John's ladies

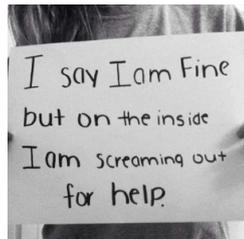
CAMEO - Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the date for our March CAMEO meeting. This will now take place on **MONDAY 26TH MARCH 2pm**. Our guest speaker will be our very own Toni Lawrence with a talk entitled - My Friend 'Esther'! Look forward to seeing you then.

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

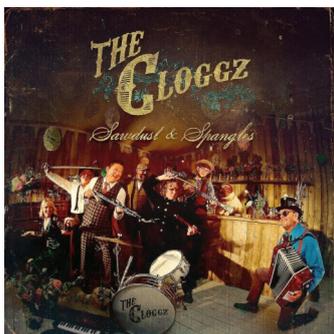
We need the provision of a suitable venue and Sheila Smith would be grateful to hear from a host/hostess able to consider offering this please.



The Cloggz

Mark Edwards' band "The Cloggz" are playing a concert at St Nicholas' Church, Dyke Road, Brighton next Saturday, 17 March at 7.45pm.

Tickets £12 & £10 available from: ticket.tailor.com/thecloggz



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.



CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL NOTICE

We are revising the Church Electoral Roll ready for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 17 April. If you are on the Church Electoral Roll already, you don't have to do anything (there's a list of names already on the Roll, at the back of the church if you need to check).

If you would like your name to be added, please pick up an application form from the back of church and return it completed to the church office.

You are eligible to be added if you have been baptised and live in the parish or have worshipped here for six months. If you have any queries, please contact Jo in the church office.

SIDESMEN

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be approving the List of Sidesmen. Please can all Sidesmen kindly check their pigeon holes for their letters asking if they would like to continue for another year.

All replies to Julia Pinder, PCC Secretary by Sunday 25 March Please, or place the replies in the 'P' pigeon hole.

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).

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 Reflections continue every **Wednesday** at 12.30pm at the back of church, until Wednesday 28 March. 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.

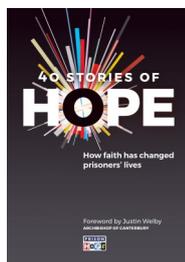
Our reflections on this Year's course will be facilitated by **The Reverend Brian Richards**. Brian began his pastoral ministry in the Baptist church before being ordained as an Anglican Priest in the Guildford diocese. He served for several years on the staff team at St Paul's Howell Hill before retiring 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.



Giles

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 can be ordered online at www.cwr.org.uk/hope

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.



Our Lent Appeal for 2018

tearfund

Hunger is a thief. It robs people of their freedom, ruins their self-esteem and wrecks their dreams.
(Tearfund website)

One of the greatest desires of any mother is to provide sufficient food for her family. On this Mothering Sunday, remember those mothers in many parts of the world who are unable to do this. Go to tearfund.org and look at some of the ways that TEARFUND helps women by giving training in new farming techniques to combat climate change, helps them to set up small businesses and encourages girls to continue in education.

Going Deeper

Some members of the Church Family have expressed the wish to explore the teaching of Scripture in greater depth than is possible within a Home Group or during a 15 - 20 minute sermon on a Sunday.

To meet these wishes, Bible Studies have been arranged for the second Wednesday afternoon of each month (excluding the summer). To make a start the first Bible Study will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday next, 14th March for not more than an hour in The Pauling Room, when we shall commence studies in Paul's 1st Letter to the Thessalonians. All are welcome to attend.

For further information, if required, please contact Robert Millett 01323 723689.

Lent/Easter resources - a message from Jackie Ewins

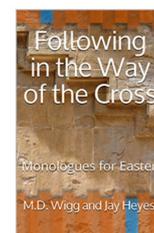
We've managed to get the Easter monologues published in a digital book, which were written last year and performed in six churches pre-Easter, including St John's. Mark and his cohort did the music and it was brilliant. It was put together as a service with members of the congregation last year.

As St John's was the first to perform it, we've dedicated it to St John's Mead, Eastbourne.

The publication is now available from Amazon.co.uk under the title "Following the Way of the Cross." by MD Wigg and Jay Heyes (which is the pen name of the writing group), and it's deliberately a low price: £2.50. It's meant as a resource for Christians to use as part of the Easter celebration pre Good Friday and we wanted to make it available world wide.

We hope many Christian groups will perform it. The paperback will take longer and we will hope to get that out next year.

Jackie Ewins



M.D. Wigg and Jay Heyes
Following in the Way of the Cross: Monologues for Easter
Kindle Price: **£2.50**