

## 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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## Contacts at St John's Church

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**Office opening hours**  
Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm

**T LOOP:**

Please turn your Hearing Aid to T.



**25 March 2018**

### Palm Sunday

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

Epistle: Philippians 2: 5 - 11  
Gospel: Mark 11: 1 - 11

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Sarah Hassell  
Assisting: Nick Pendry, Sheila O'Hanlon, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun, Clive & Kate Dilloway

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Sarah Hassell  
Assisting: Diana Guthrie, Patricia Kelley

Hymns: 14, 195, 463, 583

Reading: Philippians 2: 5 - 11  
Read by: *Sheila MacNicol*

Reading: Mark 11: 1 - 11  
Read by: *David Oakenfold*

**6.00pm Choral Evensong**  
Leading: Revd David Maddock  
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

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### Sunday 1 April 2018 - Easter Day

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

**10.00am Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Roy Orchard, Catherine Butcher, Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry, Phyllis Hall & Jorj Kowszun

**4.30pm Easter Service at the DGH**  
Lead by Derek Moulard

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>March</b>	
9.00am			Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am			PARCHE at Meads House
2.00pm			CAMEO (Jubilee Hall)
5.30pm			Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm			Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>March</b>	
10.00am			Funeral - Walter Wright (Crematorium)
10.30am			Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>March</b>	
9.30am			Quiet Prayer (in Chapel)
12.30pm			Lent Reflections # 6 (back of church)
2.30 pm			Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
6.00pm			Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
11.00am			Holy Communion (church)
2.30pm			St John's School Easter Service (church)
7.00pm			Tenebrae Service (back of church)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Office closed</b>			
12.00am - 3.00pm			Three Hours at the Cross

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### Points for Prayer this week

- For ourselves as we go through Holy Week and approach Good Friday and the festival of Easter that we will be very conscious of our Lord's journey to the Cross and beyond it to his glorious resurrection.
- For the church magazine as it goes into so many homes in our parish, that the Holy Spirit will speak to people's hearts, and that many will also be drawn to worship at St John's.
- That the current tension between the UK and Russia will be resolved without dangerous escalation.

### CMCT India Trip.

If you would like to hear more about our proposed visit to Chennai in October, to the CMCT project run by Colleen Redit, please contact Maggie 07912180149 or 01323 301570.



### 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.

### St John's Festival of Remembrance

This year the Commonwealth will mark the centenary of the end of World War I. On 11 November 2018, we will observe Remembrance Sunday, reflecting on the lives that were changed irrevocably, and those that were lost. Some of those were local men, whose lives are remembered on the War Memorial in St John's Church Tower.

During this year, as part of our 60th anniversary 'Building for the Future' appeal, we plan to repair the church tower so it can be opened to the public.

We will mark the anniversary of the end of World War I with a Remembrance Festival on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th November. As well as marking this significant 100th anniversary, we will also give thanks for the sacrifice made by many men and women in more recent conflicts.

Initial plans include a prayer vigil in the tower from 10am on Saturday 10th November through the night to 10am on 11th November and the start of our Remembrance Sunday service. As well as an opportunity for members of the parish to share items that they may have of that period in a display in church. Members of the parish will also be encouraged to engage in researching the stories of those named on the memorial to create life stories of those recorded.

If you would like to be part of the planning team for this special weekend, please contact the church wardens: churchwarden@stjm.org.uk



### Summer Fete 2018

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 we'd love to receive.*

- 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 and pots
- Cakes - as always, for our popular cake stall (*nearer the time please*)

**Please bring all donations to the church office, thank you.**

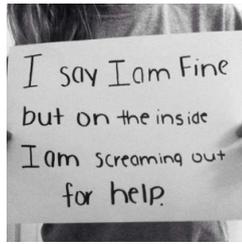
# NEWS & EVENTS

## Alpha Bereavement Journey Group.

**Please Note** – Updates on the Alpha Bereavement Journey Group. This will now begin on **Tuesday 24 April** for 6 sessions from 10am to 12 midday and each will consist of a video presentation and associated group work.

Please contact Sheila Smith email: [smith63@uwclub.net](mailto:smith63@uwclub.net) or Sarah Hassell.

*We still 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.*



## Parish Magazine deliveries

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the distribution of our new edition of the Parish Magazine. If you kindly volunteered but have not yet collected and distributed your batch of magazines please come and collect them at the back of the church as we would love to get them all out before Easter!



## IMPORTANT

If you discover the number of magazines you've been allocated is not correct then please tell me so I can make the appropriate amendments for next time. Thank you, Jo Naunton.

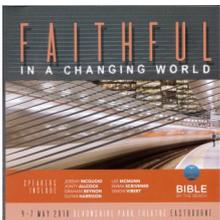
## Hospital Service at the DGH

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.

## 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](http://www.biblebythebeach.org)

## Interested in the arts?

Theatre, poetry, watercolours, oils, photography, music ... St John's wants to champion and develop artistic and cultural expression in Meads to enrich people's lives. If you would like to be part of a group considering how this can happen, please contact Vanessa Peters.



# 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.

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## 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.*

## NOMINATIONS - CHURCHWARDEN & PCC MEMBERS

We require nominations for Churchwardens (1 year term), and PCC members. If you would like to nominate someone, please use the nomination forms at the back of church. Nominees must be on the Electoral Roll and have attended the church for six months. If you wish to nominate someone, please complete the appropriate form (including the signature of the nominee) and give it to a churchwarden or hand it in at the church office.

## 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 Reflections conclude on **Wednesday 28 March** 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.



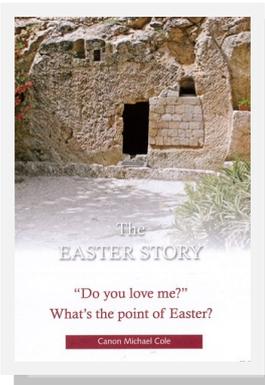
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## The Easter Story

The events of Easter lie at the heart of the Christian faith. Sadly, we are living at a time when many people don't know what happened, whether it is really true and what difference it can make on our lives. 'The Easter Story' reviews the original evidence and explains the impact Easter can have upon us and every one in the world today.

Copies as an Easter gift are available to members of the congregation.

**Canon Michael Cole**



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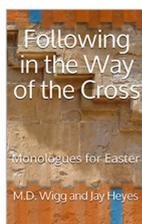
## Lent/Easter resources - a message from Jackie Ewins

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.



M.D. Wigg and Jay Heyes

**Following in the Way of the Cross: Monologues for Easter**

Kindle Price: **£2.50**

**Jackie Ewins**

# tearfund

TEARFUND is not simply a Disaster Response charity but seeks to provide long-term aid by helping poor people to help themselves. Their website [tearfund.org](http://tearfund.org) says:

*We're following Jesus where the need is greatest, working through local churches to unlock people's potential and helping them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves. When disasters strike, we respond quickly. We won't stop until poverty stops.*

It's not too late to support our Lent Appeal for 2018. If a Lent Box is not your scene, then a cheque payable to: St John's PCC, or cash in a yellow envelope is also welcome. Please tell us if you can Gift Aid your donation.

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## HOPE at Easter



In the two weeks before Easter 50,000 copies of the HOPE at Easter magazine are being delivered to homes in Eastbourne – postcode areas BN20, BN21, BN22 and BN23. The 28-page magazine, edited by Catherine Butcher, is part of a national distribution of 274,000 magazines, designed to help churches invite people to Easter services, and to give Christians a

conversation-starter as they talk to friends and family members about Easter and the Christian faith. Readers are invited to give their reaction to the magazine by completing an online survey -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9YDZN6K>.

There's a link from the St John's Church Facebook page. Anyone wanting to contribute to the cost of the magazines can make a donation to HOPE [www.hopetogether.org.uk/](http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/) give or by cheque payable to HOPE 08 Ltd to: HOPE, 8a Market Place, Rugby, CV21 3DU

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## Easter Services 2018

**Maundy Thursday 29 March**  
**1100 Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**1900 Tenebrae Service**

**Good Friday 30 March**  
**1200 - 1500 Three Hours at the Cross**  
(enter or leave on the half hour)

**Easter Sunday 1 April**  
**0800 Holy Communion**  
**1000 Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt**

