

## 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

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**1 April 2018**

### Easter Day

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25  
Gospel: Mark 16:1- 8

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

**4.30pm Easter Service at the DGH for 5pm**  
Lead by Derek Moulard

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### Sunday 8 April 2018

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Catherine Butcher  
Preaching: Revd Martha Weatherill

**11.15am Choral Matins**  
Leading: Jill Maddock  
Preaching: Revd Martha Weatherill

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### \*\*\* Important Service Changes \*\*\*

Please note: The 9.30am service on Sunday 8 April will **NOT** be a Communion service. It will be a Contemporary service lead by Catherine Butcher with Martha Weatherill as guest preacher.

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### 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.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>April</b>
Office closed		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>April</b>
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>April</b>
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (in Chapel)	
3.15pm	Funeral - Brad Johnson (Crematorium)	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>April</b>
11.00am	Holy Communion (church)	
1.30pm	Funeral - Catherine Hobbs (Crematorium)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>April</b>
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)	

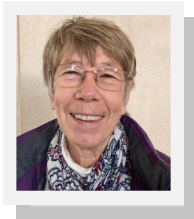
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### Points for Prayer this week

- For the impact of the Hope at Easter magazine as it goes out to thousands of households in Eastbourne and nationwide, that many will be drawn to explore the Christian faith for themselves
- For those among us who are journeying with their loved ones through severe ill health at this time
- For the grieving families and the injured following the outbreak of fire at a shopping mall in Kemerovo, Siberia and also for the families of those killed in the supermarket killings at Trebes in France.

### 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.



### Eastbourne Foodbank Finance Manager

Eastbourne Foodbank is looking for the ideal person to take on the role of Finance Manager.

Please take a look at the role requirements on the Noticeboard in the Cloister. If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact Dennis Thompson on 01323 749329

'The Finance Manager is a hands-on role working alongside a part time volunteer finance assistant who undertakes the majority of accounts posting and bill payments.'

### 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.*

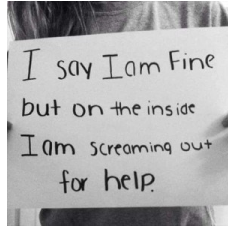
- Unopened bottles for the bottle tombola
- Anything and everything **PURPLE** as long as it's either in very good condition or brand new - for our **PURPLE STALL!**
- Clothes in excellent condition for our Pre-Loved Clothes stall
- Unopened toiletries & 'smellies' gift sets
- Plants and pots
- Cakes - as always, for our popular cake stall (*nearer the time please*)

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

## 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.



- ◆ Have you experienced the death of a loved one [or another kind of painful loss – for example in a relationship, loss of work, role, home, difficult change in circumstances] and would like help along that inevitable and painful journey of grieving?
- ◆ Painful grief that is not acknowledged maybe displaced onto other people and situations in ways, not intended, but can however bring hurt and misunderstanding.
- ◆ This programme helps us understand what grief is and how we might be helped along the journey.

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.***

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## Hospital Service at the DGH

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held TODAY at 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Please let Derek Moulard know if you wish to attend.

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## Dear St John's Family

Rachel and I would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of love and support following the death of Esther (Giles' mum) on Monday. We are so very thankful that we were both able to be with her to the last holding her and singing and praying together. We are left with many special memories and endless thankfulness to God for the gift that mum was to us and so many others. After our Easter celebrations this Sunday at St John's the family will be taking some time out to recharge and make the funeral arrangements.

Giles

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## 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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At the APCM this year we would like to recognise two members of the church, Pam Lade, who has recently stepped down from Verger/Sacristan duties and Margaret Kowszun who is about to step down as Churchwarden.

We'd love to formally thank both of them with a gift each. So if you would like to make a contribution to the cost, please take it to the Church office. Thank you.



## NOMINATIONS - CHURCHWARDEN & PCC MEMBERS

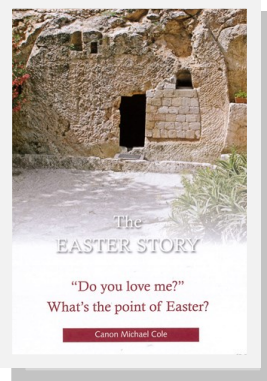
We require nominations for Churchwardens (1 year term), and PCC members. If you would like to nominate someone, please use the nomination forms at the back of church. Nominees must be on the Electoral Roll and have attended the church for six months. If you wish to nominate someone, please complete the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

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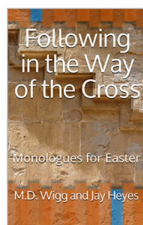
## Lent/Easter resources - a message from Jackie Ewins

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

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## 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 to 20 minute sermon on a Sunday.

To meet these wishes, Bible Studies have been arranged for once a month on a Wednesday afternoon (other than in the Summer). We got off to a good start with our first meeting in March, and the next meeting will be at 2.30pm in the Pauling Room ON WEDNESDAY 11 April, when we shall be continuing our studies in Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians.

All are welcome, and do join us. Each session is no more than an hour.

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

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Please return your Lent Boxes, duly filled up, in the next week or two.

It's not too late to support our Lent Appeal for 2018 with a cheque (to "PCC of St John's Meads") or cash in a yellow envelope is also welcome. Please mark envelopes clearly that the donation is for Tearfund or the Lent Appeal tell us if you can Gift Aid your donation.

Inspiring stories of Tearfund's work can be read on their website [tearfund.org](http://tearfund.org)

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## HOPE at Easter



In the two weeks before Easter 50,000 copies of the HOPE at Easter magazine were 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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