

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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22 April 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Epistle: Acts 1: 12 - 14
Gospel: John 17: 20 - 23

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Sheila O'Hanlon, Phyllis Hall, Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

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

Hymns: 677, 434, 649, 12

Reading: Acts 1: 12 - 14
Read by: Sheila MacNicol

Reading: John 17: 20 - 23
Read by: Elaine Montgomerie

6.00pm Choral Evensong
Leading: Nick Pendry
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

Sunday 29 April 2018

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

10.00am Combined Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry, Diana Guthrie, Sarah Hassell, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 23 April
 9.00am Morning Prayer (back of church)
 10.30am PARCHE in Meads House
 5.30pm Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)

Tuesday 24 April
 10.30am Movement to Music

Wednesday 25 April
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
 6.00pm Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
 7.30pm Springfield Home Group

Thursday 26 April
 10.00am Parents & Toddlers (Jubilee Hall)
 11.00am Holy Communion (church)
 7.30-9.30pm Living Faith Course (Jubilee Hall)

Friday 27 April
 10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing
 (Parish Hall)

Points for Prayer this week

- For our Open the Book team as they go into St John's School on Monday 30th April, telling the story of God's people on their long journey through the desert to the promised land, and for a few more people to join our two teams.
- For each of our Home Groups, that they may be places of mutual support, shared experience and enrichment from the Word of God.
- For world peace and stability following the recent military strikes on chemical weapon facilities in Syria in response to the chemical attack on Douma.

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.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 5 May at 8.00am at Holywell Cafe, when Robert Millett will be sharing his Thought for the Day. The sign up list will be in the church cloister. 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:

23 June: Neil Cumming
 28 July: Chris Sneath



PLEASE NOTE – ALPHA BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY GROUP

IT HAS NOW BECOME NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THIS PROGRAMME



For further details, please speak with Sheila Smith
 or email her: smith63@uwclub.net

Thank you!
Message from Pam Lade:



To my Church Family at St John's

Thank you for making my retirement from Verger/Sacristan so special and for the lovely plants and flowers, not forgetting the gift of a cheque. I wasn't expecting so much - it was such a surprise!

I shall still be around doing things, running our Scrabble Club, choir etc.

It doesn't seem possible that I've been coming here for 55 years and before that Sunday School which was held in the Parish Hall, where Marjorie Knight was my Sunday School teacher!

Love to you all, Pam



Lent Appeal

Just over £700 has been donated so far to our Lent Appeal for Tearfund. If there are any further donations, please make them soon! Thank you for your generosity.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

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.



Foodbank - urgent donations always required

Eastbourne Foodbank's stock of food is extremely low at present and they urgently need the following items to

enable them to maintain the service they provide:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned Rice pudding
- Biscuits
- Microwavable rice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Cereal

Donations are always gratefully received.



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.

Ben's Ordination Service Saturday 30 June 2018

We have been allocated a few tickets for Ben's ordination at Chichester Cathedral. They are available on a first come, first served basis so please contact the office asap if you are interested in being there to support Ben.



Coffee Pot Plus

I would like to invite anybody who may be interested in helping to a meeting to talk about the launch of Coffee Pot Plus in September.

The meeting will be in the Pauling Room on Friday 4 May at 2pm. Everybody is welcome. Just bring your enthusiasm!

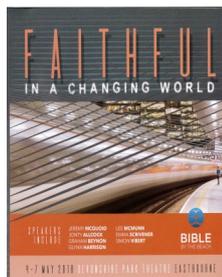
Hope to see you there, **Margaret Kowszun.**

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

Quiet Day on Saturday, 2nd June

Arranged by the Chichester Evangelical Fellowship at Slaugham Church, RH17 6AG, from 9.30am to 3pm
Leader: Bob Key, former Dean of Jersey.
Further details and to book: chichesterdef.org.uk/events/quietday2018 or contact Hugh Lowries on 01323 488527.

Prayers for Martha Weatherill

Martha is to be ordained Priest on Saturday 19 May 2018 at 2.30pm in the parish Church of St Mary's, Storrington, West Sussex. If anyone wishes to attend then we may be able to offer lifts. Alternatively, you can make your own way there. Please let the church office know if you'd like a lift.



Please pray for

MARTHA GRACE WEATHERILL

To be Ordained Priest by

MARK, BISHOP OF HORSHAM

In the Parish Church of St Mary, Storrington,
West Sussex

On Saturday, 19th May 2018 at 14:30

Please pray also for Jonathan and Amy, and for Canon Simon Holland and the priests and people of the Benefice of St Paul, Chichester with St Peter, Westhampnett among whom Martha continues to serve.

Mthr Martha will celebrate the First Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday, at St Paul's, Chichester on 20th May at 11:00am.

*Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord
Pentecost Collect, Common Worship*



Summer Fete 2018, Saturday 9 June, 12noon - 4pm

We're doing things a little different this year!

Please do not bring bric-a-brac or books
(we have enough already)

Here's a list of things we'd love to receive instead...

- Unopened bottles for the bottle tombola stall
- 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 plant pots
- Cakes - as always, for our popular cake stall (*nearer the time please*)

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



Calling all volunteers - help needed!

We can only make this super event a success if you're willing and able to lend a hand. As usual we would love volunteers to help with various aspects, from setting up tables and chairs in the morning, to manning a stall or helping with Refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.

We especially need help in the children's area, supervising the bouncy castle and helping with some of the games.

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.

Thank you

