

## 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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29 April 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Epistle: Acts 1: 15 - 17 & 20 - 26  
Gospel: John 16: 12 - 15

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

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Sunday 6 May 2018

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Sarah Hassell  
Assisting: Dianne Barrett

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Catherine Butcher

**11.15am Choral Matins**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Catherine Butcher

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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.

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### Lunch Club

Just a reminder that the next Lunch Club at the Parish Hall will be taking place on Monday 14th May.



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>April</b>
9.00am		Morning Prayer (back of church)
2.00pm		Pastoral Team meeting (Pauling Room)
5.30pm		Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm		Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>May</b>
10.30am		Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>May</b>
9.30am		Quiet Prayer (chapel)
6.00pm		Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm		Adams' Home Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>May</b>
10.00am		Parents & Toddlers (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am		Holy Communion (church)
2.30pm		Maddocks' Home Group (Pauling Room)
7.30-9.30pm		Living Faith Course (Jubilee Hall)
7.45pm		Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>May</b>
10.00am		Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
2.00pm		Coffee Pot Plus volunteer meeting (Pauling Room)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>May</b>
8.00am		Men's Breakfast at Holywell Café
2.30pm		Noteworthy Voices Rehearsal (church)
7.30pm		Noteworthy Voices Concert (church)

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### Points for Prayer this week

- For Coffee Pot Plus that many people will come to the Information Meeting on 4th May, that sufficient volunteers will come forward and for God's blessing as we prepare for the launch in September
- For the Bible by the Beach weekend from 4th – 7th May entitled 'Faithful in a Changing World'
- For the Windrush Generation and all who are affected by the loss of documentation decades ago, and that everyone who should, will receive appropriate compensation

### Summer is coming and so is Alpha

Our next Alpha Course is scheduled to start in June. If you would like to find out more and/or register your interest in being part of the next Alpha Course please speak to one of the team: Clem & Janet Jackson, Gilli Howarth or Sheila Smith, or email: clemajackson@googlemail.com or telephone 01323 728571.



We are excited about starting another Alpha journey and would love to have you alongside and we explore together over the summer.

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

Thank you!

### Message from Margaret Kowszun



A huge thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity on my retirement as Church Warden. I am looking forward to taking over Coffee Pot Plus from Helen & John Roe in September and sitting quietly (!) in the congregation on Sundays. I would also like to thank Giles and Tony for the support I have received from them both and to wish every blessing to Vanessa as she takes on the mantle of Church Warden.

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Thank you!

I would like to thank the many kind people at St John's for their good wishes, cards and prayers for my recovery from a recent operation. All were very much appreciated and thankfully I am making steady progress. **Diana Oosterveld**

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### Funeral

The funeral of Dr Eric Pitts, will be held at Friston Church on Tuesday 1 May at 11.30am. It will be followed by a reception at the Hydro Hotel.

Dr Pitts was, for many years, a member of St John's and regularly attended the 8.00 am Service of Holy Communion.



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### Pastoral Care

If you are aware or you know of someone needing a pastoral visit then please contact Jill Preece: jill@stjm.org.uk or phone: 01323 638020 or Nick Pendry: nick.pendry60@gmail.com or phone: 01323 737593.

# 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 Vanessa Peters or Tony Mottram or email: [warden@stjm.org.uk](mailto:warden@stjm.org.uk)

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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.

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## Jazz Evening at St John's

We're holding another great Jazz Evening on Thursday 31 May 2018 at 7.30pm in church. This time Mark's special guest is Alan Barnes, one of the best known and most popular saxophonists in the UK. He has received over 25 British Jazz Awards, most recently in 2014 for clarinet, and has twice been made BBC Jazz Musician of the Year.



Tickets are available from the church office. £10 each which includes nibbles and a glass of wine.

***Get them early to avoid disappointment !***



## 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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### 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.



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### 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.**

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### Lent Appeal

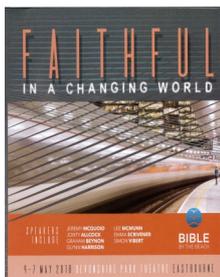
Just over £700 has been donated so far to our Lent Appeal for Tearfund. If there are any further donations, please make them soon! Thank you for your generosity.

## 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)

## 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](http://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.



## 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

## Noteworthy Voices Concert

Noteworthy Voices will once again be performing here at St John's on Saturday 5 May 2018, 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy a lovely evening of music. Tickets are £8 and available on the door.



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**

## Refreshments team

If you would like to help with refreshments on the day of the fete, then please add your name to the list on the Noticeboard in the Cloister. **Thank you!**

