

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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8 April 2018

The Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock

Epistle: Acts 4: 32 - 35
Gospel: John 20: 19 - end

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

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

Sunday 15 April 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Revd David Maddock

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Jorj Kowszun
Preaching: Catherine Butcher

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding & Preaching: Canon Michael Cole



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

Monday	9	April
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)	
11.00am	PARCHE at Camelot	
12pm	Lunch Club (Parish Hall)	
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)	
Tuesday	10	April
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)	
Wednesday	11	April
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (in Chapel)	
2.30pm	Bible Study (Pauling Room)	
7.30pm	Springfield Home Group	
Thursday	12	April
11.00am	Holy Communion (church)	
Friday	13	April
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)	
2.00pm	Parish Hall & Outreach meeting (Jubilee Hall)	

Points for Prayer this week

- For God's blessing on the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 17th April, and that suitable people will come forward to take up the vacant posts within the PCC.
- For the distribution of Michael Cole's booklet: *The Easter Story*, that it will find its way into the right hands and both inform and bless people as they come to understand the events of Easter.
- Echoing the Pope's Easter message, we pray for the 'fruits of peace upon the entire world, beginning with the beloved and long-suffering land of Syria, whose people are worn down by an apparently endless war'.

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

Funeral

The funeral of Margaret Kennett will be taking place here at St John's on Monday 16 April at 12 noon. Followed by refreshments in the Jubilee Hall. Margaret was a faithful member of St John's for many years and was also served as an assistant Treasurer during that time.



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.

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.

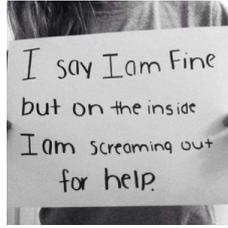


NEWS & EVENTS

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.



- ◆ 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 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.

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

Esther's funeral

Funeral of Esther Carpenter, Friday 20 April in Wonersh, near Guildford. (Time yet to be confirmed.) If you are intending to go to the funeral, or would like to go, could you please let the church office know so that transport arrangements may be co-ordinated to enable as many people as possible to attend. Thank you.

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who decorated the church for Easter, played music, served refreshments, organised great activities for the children, or made arrangements behind the scenes to make our Easter celebrations so special.



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.



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.

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). The next meeting will be at 2.30pm in the Pauling Room THIS COMING 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. If you cannot make the April meeting, then please note that the May meeting will be on Wednesday 16 May. Feel free to join us then.

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

Lent Boxes

If you still have a Lent Box at home please bring it to church when you come on a Sunday or return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is the 5th May at 8.00 at Holywell Cafe, when Robert Millet will be sharing his Thought for the Day. The sign up list will be in the porch to the church 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:

23rd June Neil Cumming

28th July Chris Sneath

Lunch Club

Our next Lunch club at the Parish Hall will be on Monday 9 April at 12 noon.

Come along and join us for a light lunch and good companionship! No need to book just turn up. Last orders for food is 1.30pm, £3.50 per head. See you there.



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.



Summer Fete 2018

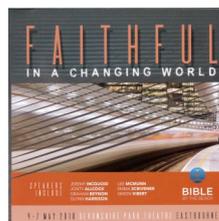
Our Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 9 June between 12 noon and 4pm. As usual we would like volunteers to help with various aspects, from setting up tables and chairs, to manning a stall or helping with refreshments. If you'd like to help, even in a small way, then please contact Jo in the office 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 plant pots
- Cakes - as always, for our popular cake stall (*nearer the time please*)

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



**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