

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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20 May 2018

Pentecost

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Dianne Barrett

Epistle: Acts 2: 1 - 21
Gospel: John 15: 26 - 27, 16: 4b - 15

10.00am Combined Communion
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Sheila MacNicol, Nick Pendry, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

Sunday 27 May 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Richard Wells

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Roy Orchard, Sarah Hassell, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Jorj and Margaret Kowszun

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: David Guthrie

6.00pm Choral Evensong
Leading: Sarah Hassell
Preaching: Jill Maddock

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	21 May	Morning Prayer (back of church) 9.00am 10.30am PARCHE at Alma Lodge 2.00pm CAMEO (Jubilee Hall) 5.30pm Beavers (Jubilee Hall) 7.30pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	22 May	Movement to Music CANCELLED 12.00pm Interment of Ashes - Dr Eric Pitts
Wednesday	23 May	Quiet Prayer (chapel) 9.30am 6.00pm Cubs (Jubilee Hall) 7.30pm Springfield Home Group
Thursday	24 May	Parents & Toddlers (Jubilee Hall) 10.00am 11.00am Holy Communion (church) 7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group 7.30pm Living Faith Course (Jubilee Hall) 7.45pm Choir practice
Friday	25 May	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing 10.00am (Parish Hall)

Points for Prayer this week

- For the approaching Church Fete on 9th June, that there will be sufficient helpers and plenty of donated items, that it will be a splendid occasion with people from the Parish and beyond being drawn to come.
- For God's richest blessing on the ministry of Martha Weatherill, following her Priesting on 19th May.
- For God's hand to be over the events in the Middle East in the light of the current tensions between Israel and Iran, and the United States leaving the Iran nuclear agreement.
- For the people of Gaza that they may be comforted in their suffering and that the international community will act to ensure that justice and peace prevails in the Holy Land.

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 as we explore together over the summer.

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.

CAMEO

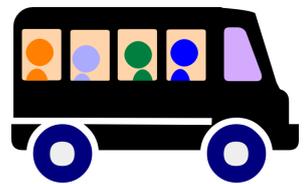
Ladies, we look forward to seeing you on Monday 21 May 2pm in the Jubilee Hall. Our guest speaker will be Hazel Mottram sharing with us "The Role of a Foster Carer". She has many fascinating stories to tell us. All ladies welcome.

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.

Drivers needed

We are still looking for a few more volunteer drivers to help us with pick ups to and from Chaseley to church on Sunday mornings.



If you would like more information please contact Tony Mottram via email: warden@stjm.org.uk

Alter Flowers



This week the alter flowers are in loving memory of Rae Wildman who was called home to be with our Lord on the 21st May 2016.

Altar Flowers

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

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.

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 know 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 your tickets now 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.

Building for the Future

Following the successful granting of a Faculty to carry out the Building for the Future works, we can announce that contractors are being invited to tender for this work. This process is anticipated to take approximately four weeks, once tenders are received they will be reviewed and a contractor appointed. We will keep you updated as things develop.

The PCC have agreed that two rows of pews should be removed from the rear of the church, to be made into samples of furniture items that can be purchased. (The first items have already been commissioned.)

Members of the congregation may also wish to purchase pews for their own use at a cost of £200.00 each. Additionally, three rows of pews will be removed from the front and be re-worked and placed into the Cloister area. It is anticipated that this work will commence in stages from this week onwards.

Tony Mottram
Church warden

Linking Lives Eastbourne Update

Since its launch the LinkingLives Eastbourne charity has played a central part of our mission here at St John's to the lonely and isolated in Meads and beyond.

The charity doesn't replace our own pastoral team supporting church members but serves to support those outside of the current range of the church's contacts and connections with many referrals coming from local GP's practices.



Byron Stevens has done a wonderful job of laying the charity's early foundations, sourcing funding, liaising with GP practices and recruiting volunteers. Earlier this year Byron, who had previously shared with the trustees his passion to work with families effected by suicide, was offered and has accepted an opportunity to work with a charity in this sector. We are immensely grateful to Byron for the dedication and energy he has given to LinkingLives in his official capacity and for his offer of support in ensuring a smooth handover as he moves into his new role.

Next Steps

With Bishop Richard as our patron LinkingLives is poised to enter a new chapter in its life. To this end the charity is looking for a Development Worker whose core purpose will be to share the vision of the work among local churches, seeking to develop partnerships with affiliated churches and recruit volunteer befrienders.

If you think you might be the right person for this role or you know someone who is, then a full role description and details of the post are available on the Church website.

For us all at St John's this is also a call for ongoing prayer for LinkingLives as we seek to address isolation and loneliness in the area in the name of Christ.

Giles

Verger required

We are still on the look out for willing volunteers to take on the role of Verger here at St John's. You don't need to have any previous experience

If you would like to find out more, then please have a chat with Tony Mottram or email him at: warden@stjm.org.uk



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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!

