

# NEWS SHEET



## 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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**6 May & 13 May 2018**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Epistle: Acts 4: 23 - 31  
Gospel: John 15: 26 - 16: 1

**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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**Sunday 13 May 2018**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Jill Preece  
Assisting: Dick Thwaites

Epistle: Acts 1: 1 - 11  
Gospel: Luke 24: 44 - end

**10.30am Service at the Bandstand on Eastbourne seafront**

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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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### Availability slips

Slips for the next round of rotas are now available in the pigeonholes in the Cloister, for those of you not on email. Please pick yours up today. Thank you.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 7 May Bank Holiday**  
Office Closed
- Tuesday 8 May**  
7.00pm Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall) **CANCELLED**  
Holy Communion & PCC meeting
- Wednesday 9 May**  
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)  
1.00pm Funeral - Benjamin Kerry (church)  
6.00pm Cubs (Jubilee Hall)  
7.30pm Springfield Home Group
- Thursday 10 May**  
10.00am Parents & Toddlers (Jubilee Hall)  
11.00am Holy Communion (church)  
2.30pm Ascension Day School Service (church)  
7.15pm Rustington Court Home Group  
7.30-9.30pm Living Faith Course (Jubilee Hall)
- Friday 11 May**  
10.00am Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing  
(Parish Hall)

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### Points for Prayer this week

- Thanksgiving that the Faculty has now come through! But especially now for Tony Mottram as he supervises the works to be carried out to effect the re-ordering of the church and tower
- For God's blessing on the service at Eastbourne Bandstand on 13th May, as part of the Archbishops' Thy Kingdom Come initiative; that it will be a great witness to all who pass by and that the whole service will be to God's glory
- For the consequences of the recent summit between North and South Korea, that North Korea will indeed end all nuclear activity and that true peace will return to the Korean peninsula

### Movement to Music

Movement to Music will be cancelled on Tuesday 8 May due to Gloria's 80th birthday celebrations! The class will recommence the following week on Tuesday 15 May.

Happy Birthday Gloria!



### Lunch Club

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



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### 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](mailto: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.



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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](mailto:jill@stjm.org.uk) or phone: 01323 638020 or Nick Pendry: [nick.pendry60@gmail.com](mailto:nick.pendry60@gmail.com) or phone: 01323 737593.

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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. The next meeting will be at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 16 May in the Pauling Room for not more than an hour. We have got off to a good start, with increasing interest. If you have missed the first two studies, it is not too late to join us for the May meeting. All are welcome, so why not put the date in your diary?

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### 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.

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### 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.

## 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 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 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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### Reminder - Sunday 13 May

Next Sunday 13 May, we shall only be holding our 8am here at church that day. We hope you will all join us at the Bandstand on the seafront for a 10.30am service to join together with other churches across the town to worship and pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Weather permitting bring a picnic and join others on the beach afterwards.

If the weather is bad then we'll be meeting at All Saints Church, Grange Road.



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## 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



**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!**

