

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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10 June 2018

The Second Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher
Assisting: Dianne Barrett

Epistle: Acts 9: 32 - 43
Gospel: Luke 8: 40 - 56

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Catherine Butcher
Assisting: Jorj & Margaret Kowszun,
Clive & Kate Dilloway, Phyllis Hall

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

3.00pm Renaissance Concert (in church)

Sunday 17 June 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Chris Sneath

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	11 June
9.00am	Morning Prayer
11.00am	PARCHE at Camelot
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
5.30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	12 June
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Standing & Finance meeting (Pauling Room)
Wednesday	13 June
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
1.00pm	Funeral - Meg Richards (church)
6.00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
Thursday	14 June
10.00am	Parents & Toddlers (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (church)
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
Friday	15 June
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
Saturday	16 June
8.30am	Prayer Plus followed by breakfast in the Jubilee Hall

Points for Prayer this week

- For Ben our new Curate, and Kim our new Families & School Worker, as they both prepare to settle in Eastbourne; that their ministries among us will be blessed, and that they themselves and their families will find fellowship and support within St John's
- For the Eastbourne Foodbank, that volunteers will come forward to man the two new distribution centres which are soon to open
- For the country of Syria, just now uneasily calm, whilst rumoured deals take place between Russia, Israel, the US and Turkey

Prayer Plus

You are invited to Prayer Plus - an hour of prayer and praise - on Saturday 16 June, 8.30am to 9.30am at the back of the church, led by Nick Pendry and Jill Maddock, with Rachael Maddock playing the piano. We would love to have you there!
If you would like to join us, simply come along on the day. There will be breakfast provided afterwards in the Jubilee Hall, thanks to Gloria Green.

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 or Gilli Howarth 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.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday 23 June, 8.00am at the Holywell Cafe, when Neil Cumming will be sharing his Thought for the Day. The sign up list will be on the noticeboard in the Cloister; please remember if you sign up and cannot attend, cross your name off the list or call me on 01323 749329. The list will be removed the Tuesday before the event.



Future dates for your diary,
28 July - Chris Sneath,
1 September - John Domoney.

Dennis Thompson

Going Deeper

Our next Bible Study will be on Wednesday 20 June at 2.30pm in the Pauling Room, when we will be looking at Paul's exciting teaching on the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4. This is a wonderful subject, and of special comfort to those who have been bereaved. If you have not joined us at previous Bible Studies why not do plan to do so on 20 June for not more than an hour? All are very welcome.

tearfund *Following Jesus where the need is greatest*

Our Lent Appeal raised £1,000 which we asked to go to Tearfund's work in Yemen. In Hajjah, they are funding a project to construct eight cisterns in eight villages, helping provide water for 303 families. Cisterns are holes dug in the ground and then lined with bricks and cement. They can store rainwater for communities for months. These cisterns, along with hygiene education and the construction of household toilets, prevent life-threatening diseases (cholera is rife in Yemen at present) and will help these communities for years to come. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed.

Please pray for Yemen and its people, pray that our donation will be used wisely to improve their lives. Look for more about Yemen and all the other places in the world where Tearfund works on www.tearfund.org and read some inspiring stories.

NEWS & EVENTS

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.

Researchers wanted

Members of our church family may know that there are 69 names on the war memorial in St John's tower - all members of the Meads community who died in the First World War, the youngest being 15 and the oldest 45.

As part of our planned Remembrance Festival in November and to mark the end of that devastating war, we are trying to research each name to find out more about them: where they lived, their job, their family. We do have some information, but there are a lot of gaps.

We have prepared a database of all the names, with the information we do have, and would love to involve members of the congregation in helping us in our research by choosing a name (or names) to investigate these lives further.

If anyone is interested in helping they can get in touch on: stjohnswarmemorial@gmail.com. We can then follow up and share the list of names to research. We will be keeping tabs on who is doing what to avoid duplication.

We are hoping to get as much information as possible by the time of the festival, from 5th to 11th November.

Welcomers at the 9.30 Service

If you are a Welcomer or Sidesperson at the 9.30am service or are interested in joining the Welcoming Team then we would like you to join us if you can for coffee and cake at 7.15pm for 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 June in the Pauling Room.

This is an opportunity to plan the future activities of the Welcoming Team. We will finish by 8.30pm.

Jorj and Margaret Kowszun

Renaissance Singers Summer Concert - TODAY Sunday 10th June at 3pm.

In this concert the Renaissance Singers will perform a programme of music to celebrate the English summer including partsong and folksong arrangements, hymns of joy, and vocal and instrumental items from choir members.

Admission is free and donations to church funds will be 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.

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

CMCT India Trip.

This is the last call for anyone who would like to be part of our CMCT trip to India this year. Please contact either Maggie Gibson on 07912180149 or 01323 301570, or Giles for more information.



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

Eastbourne Foodbank Needs You!

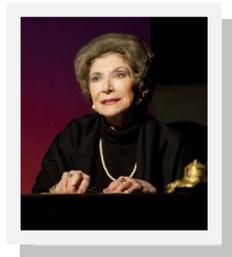
Eastbourne Foodbank is opening two new distribution centres next month and the foodbank is looking to recruit new volunteers.



If you feel you are able to help, would you please call Howard Wardle, Chief Executive of the Foodbank on 01323 409925.

CAMEO

Monday 18 June 2pm in the Jubilee Hall. We have the pleasure of our very own Dame Commander Elaine Montgomerie sharing with us an insight into her long acting career. All ladies welcome.



Summer Fete 2018

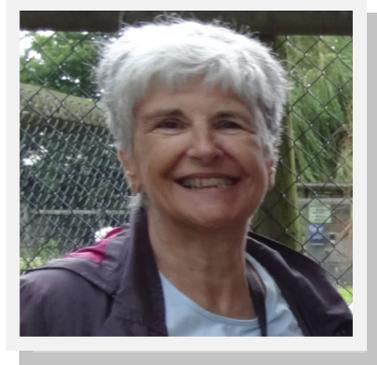
A huge thank you to everyone who helped and contributed in some way, big or small to make our Summer Fete a success again this year. And for all the wonderful and generous donations we've received over the past few weeks and months.

We couldn't do it with out you!



Funeral and thanksgiving for the life of Meg Richards

Many of us have be greatly blessed to get to know Brian and Meg and their daughter Deborah and granddaughter Lilly in recent months. Following Meg's death last week there will be an opportunity for us as a Church to support Brian and the family and to give thanks for Meg's life at a service of committal at Eastbourne Crematorium at 11.30am on Wednesday 13 June followed by a service of Thanksgiving to be held here at St John's at 1.00pm the same day. Followed by refreshments in the Jubilee Hall. All are welcome.



Garden Party, Saturday 30 June



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