

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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24 June 2018

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Richard Wells

Epistle: Acts 11: 1 - 18
Gospel: John 17: 20 - 26

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry, Ray & Sarah Hassell, Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
Assisting: Sheila MacNicol & Diana Guthrie

Hymns: 551, 368, 221, 375

Reading: Acts 11: 1 - 18
Read by: Elaine Montgomerie

Reading: John 17: 20 - 26
Read by: Diana Guthrie

6.00pm Choral Evensong
Leading: Sarah Hassell
Preaching: Nick Pendry

Sunday 1 July 2018

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

10.00am Combined Celebration Service
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

Ben and Kim's Welcome Lunch will follow the 10am service

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	25 June
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
10.30am	PARCHE at Meads House
5.30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	26 June
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm	Alpha # 1
Wednesday	27 June
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
3.00pm	Funeral - Barbara Morris (Crematorium)
6.00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
Thursday	28 June
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group *** CANCELLED ***
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
Friday	29 June
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)
Saturday	30 June
3.00pm	Ben's Ordination Service (Chichester Cathedral)

Points for Prayer this week

- For the Lunch on 1st July for Ben our new curate and for Kim our new children and families worker, that they will feel truly welcomed and find a warm home among us
- As part of Building for the Future, that the advent of the chairs, the proposals for the hassocks and the various plans for the pews will proceed smoothly; also for Tony & Vanessa and their involvement in this
- For the plight of the Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh, as they struggle to cope in their makeshift camps in this Monsoon season, with imminent danger to life from mud slides

Church Office

Jo is away on holiday for two weeks between Monday 25 June and Monday 9 July so the office will be open 9.30am - 12.30pm only on certain days. Diana Guthrie and Gilli Howarth will, between them, be holding the fort.

tearfund *Following Jesus where the need is greatest*

Please look on the Mission board in the Cloister to see how cisterns are constructed. You will be amazed by their size! There is also a letter from Tearfund expanding on the work that they are doing in Yemen.

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.

Thank you

Dorothy Dickinson would like to thank everyone who has sent their loving thoughts and prayers to her during her recent set back. She would like you all to know that she is recovering well and is expected to make a full recovery.

Prayer Ministry team meeting

On Saturday 7 July, 9.30am - 11am in the Jubilee Hall, there will be a meeting for the team and anyone else who is interested in exploring this ministry. If you would like to come along then please feel free to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Lunch Club

Our next Lunch Club at the Parish Hall will be on Monday 2 July 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.

Coffee Pot Plus

There will be a meeting for all volunteers and people interested in joining the new Coffee Pot Plus team on Friday 6 July in the Pauling Room. If you would like to join us for a light, snack lunch at 1pm first, then please feel free to come along. The meeting will follow that at 2pm.

Parent & Toddler Group

There will be no Toddler Group next Thursday, 28 June but it will be back again the following Thursday, 5th July.

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 our 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



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.



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

Re-ordering update

Invitations to tender for the contract for re-ordering were issued to nine firms. Five have responded, they are:

- Sovereign Construction
- Cheesmur Building Contractors
- Cornich Construction
- RB Construction
- Cornerstone Construction

They will have four weeks to return their tender bids at which time the chosen firm will be engaged. It is anticipated work would begin towards the middle of August and last through until Friday 2 November, in time for the Festival of Remembrance.

We are currently reviewing alternative venues to relocate to for our Sunday worship. Weekday worship services will take place in the Pauling Room and all Jubilee Hall events will continue as normal.

Tony Mottram
Church warden



Linking Lives jobs available

Below are two roles that are now available at Linking Lives Eastbourne.

If you would like to see the full job descriptions please take a look at the noticeboard in the Cloister or request a copy from the church office.

LINKING LIVES EASTBOURNE JOB DESCRIPTION

Post: DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Location: Eastbourne Area

Based at: TBD – Eastbourne Town Area

Employed by: Linking Lives Eastbourne

Responsible To: The Board of Trustees through their appointed representative/s – the Management Group

Hours of Work: 14.5 hours per week with some evening / weekend work required

Salary: Competitive Salary

Term: 6 month Contract with potential for renewal; contract can be terminated via notice by either party

LINKING LIVES EASTBOURNE JOB DESCRIPTION

Post: COORDINATOR

Location: Eastbourne Area

Based at: TBD – Eastbourne Town Area

Employed by: Linking Lives Eastbourne

Responsible To: The Board of Trustees through their appointed representative/s – the Management Group

Hours of Work: 8 hours per week with some evening / weekend work required

Salary: Competitive Salary

Term: 6 month Contract with potential for renewal; contract can be terminated via notice by either party

Welcome Packs

We will shortly be joined by our new curate, Ben, and his family and by our new Children's Worker, Kim, and her family. They are all re-locating from other parts of the country to come and work with us here at St John's. We all know how stressful moving house can be and in an effort to take some of the strain away from both families we thought it would be helpful to provide them with a welcome pack for their new homes. The packs won't be extravagant but will include the sort of grocery and household items you want to put your hands on easily when you move, without having to unpack endless packing cases to find the tea, sugar and washing up liquid. If you would like to make a small donation to either of our new arrivals please put contributions of physical items, e.g., teabags, cornflakes etc. into the boxes in the lobby, or put cash contributions into the money boxes inside each box. They are clearly labelled Ben and Kim. Thanks in advance for your part in giving them a warm welcome.

There will also be two cards at the back of church for everyone to sign

Important message

On Sunday 1 July we will not be having a 9.30am service or an 11.15am service, but we will be holding, instead, a 10am Combined Celebration Service to welcome Ben Sleep our new Curate, and his family and Kim Leach our new Children & Families Leader and her family to St John's.

We are planning a Welcome Lunch for Ben & Kim straight after the 10am service in the Jubilee Hall and weather permitting we'll have a barbecue. Please come and join us and meet the new team members.

Arts at St John's

We have been talking for some time about developing arts activities at St John's. Initial discussion has shown that there is interest in several arts based groups but we now need to see who is interested, what they are interested in and if they will join a group. There are some questionnaires at the back of the church listing the activities that people are interested in. Please pick up a form, complete it and place it in the box at the back of the church so we can begin to plan.

We will start a couple of groups to begin with to see how they work, both for members of the church and visitors who want to come and join us. This arts activity will be a great way for us to welcome new faces into the building and do some powerful outreach work.