

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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29 July 2018

The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
 Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
 Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
 Assisting: Dick Thwaites

 Epistle: Ephesians 3: 14 - end
 Gospel: John 6: 1 - 21

10.00am Combined Communion
 Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
 Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
 Assisting: Sheila MacNicol, Diana Guthrie, Ray & Sarah Hassell, Clive & Kate Dilloway

Sunday 5 August 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
 Presiding: Revd Brian Richards
 Preaching: Sarah Hassell
 Assisting: Chris Sneath

9.30am Contemporary Service
 Leading: Revd Brian Richards
 Preaching: Sarah Hassell

11.15am Classic Communion
 Presiding: Canon Michael Cole
 Preaching: Sarah Hassell
 Assisting: Diana Guthrie & Trevor Salmon

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	30 July
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
Tuesday	31 July
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm	Alpha # 6
Wednesday	1 August
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
2.00pm	Parish Hall Committee meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Thursday	2 August
9.30am	Linking Lives interviews - all day (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)
3.30pm	Coffee Pot Plus prayer meeting (Pauling Room)

Points for Prayer this week

- All involved in praying and planning for the Coffee Pot re-opening in September
- Members of the Committee planning for the re-ordering of our building. Guidance re: alternative accommodation when needed for worship whilst the work is in progress
- The thousands of starving Afghan families gathering in the city of Herat in the hope that the Afghan government will come to their aid as farming has failed due to severe drought

Coffee Pot Plus Prayer

Prayer meetings for Coffee Pot Plus will be held in the Pauling Room at 3.30pm fortnightly on Thursdays throughout July, August and September, up to and including 20 September. The next meeting will be on Thursday 2 August.

Lunch Club

Just a reminder that there will be no Lunch Club in August. We begin again on Monday 3 September.



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. These arts activities will be a great way for us to welcome new faces into the building and do some powerful outreach work.

Starlight Stroll

St Wilfrid's Hospice's annual Starlight Stroll takes place this year on the evening of Saturday 15th September, setting off from the Redoubt Fortress at 6.45pm and walking 4 or 6 miles under the stars to the Italian Gardens and back, to light a candle in memory of a loved one. David and Sally Scott-Ralphs will be walking this year in memory of close friends and family and would love to do it with a few others from St John's. It's a beautiful, moving event. If you would like to join them, please get in touch with them.



Churches 'Make Lunch' for hungry kids

Local churches are setting up a 'Make Lunch' kitchen to provide healthy meals for children who might go hungry over the school holidays when free school meals are not available. The new 'Make Lunch' @ StB's will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 23 July to 16 August at St Barnabas United Church and Christian Centre in Kingfisher Drive. You can sponsor a hot, healthy meal for a child for just £2. Volunteers are also needed to help set up, cook, wash up, talk to parents, pray for the project, provide craft activities, and to clear up at the end of each lunch.

To find out more, to volunteer, or to sponsor meals, contact Julie Smith – 07835 597688 or email makelunchstbs@outlook.com.

Hospital Service at the DGH

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on Sunday 26 August at 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Please let Derek Mouland know if you wish to attend. Parking vouchers will be available from the church office.

Building for the Future - Re-ordering update

This week has brought some significant and wonderful news which we are thrilled to pass on.

On Wednesday we received confirmation that our application for funding support from the Heritage Lottery Fund had been successful. This grant is towards the cost of repairing the church tower, as well as putting on our Remembrance Festival in November and then creating a more permanent heritage display in the tower once it has been repaired, centred on our War Memorial (it would not have been possible to apply for the tower repairs alone).

Together with existing Church reserves, pledges from the Church Family and additional grants we are now much closer to reaching our appeal target to enable us to complete not only the internal reordering but also the tower and west window repairs. To be in this position is nothing short of miraculous and we give God all the praise and honour for His gracious provision.

This news also coincided with the receipt of four tenders from building contractors recommended by our Church architects from which a preferred contractor has been identified. Subject to securing an alternative venue for our worship whilst building work takes place we could be looking at starting as early as next month.

We still need to raise an additional £50,000 to do everything in our plans. We are however going to press on with the first phase of reordering* and this will be followed by the external repairs after the Remembrance Festival has taken place. We therefore have two requests:

Firstly, that all those who have already generously pledged their support, to let Frank, our Treasurer, have any outstanding pledges.

Secondly, if you haven't already had an opportunity to support the Building for the Future appeal now is the time to do so, to help us to bridge this final gap in funding.

Together, our support will make all the difference in enabling St John's to take this significant next step in both preserving and adapting our worship space for future generations.

Your fellow servant in Christ

Giles

* The PCC agreed not to go ahead with the installation of the acoustic panelling in the chancel until we had fully gauged the impact of the rest of the reordering work on the Church's acoustics.



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.



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.

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 10 and 11 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 10.00am on Saturday 10 November through the night to 10.00am on 11 November and the start of our Remembrance Sunday service.

Also 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



Poppies

As part of our Remembrance week in November, Karen Wintle will be making poppies out of recycled items. Could you please save any red paper, fabric, wool, felt, plastic etc etc and bring them to church by Monday 3 September at the latest. There will be a basket in the reception area for you to place the items.

She also needs buttons about 1.5 - 2cm in diameter of any colour please.



Remembrance 100

On 4th August 1918 King George V led a National Day of Prayer; 100 days later the Great War ended. This year join 100 days of prayer for peace from 4th August to 11th November.

Download the prayers each week and find out more at: www.remembrance100.co.uk.



Eastbourne Foodbank Needs You!

Howard Wardle from the Foodbank has sent out an urgent request saying stocks are extremely low and there is an urgent requirement for the following items:

tinned fruit
rice pudding
biscuits
pasta sauce
shampoo
treats like chocolate bars
tinned carrots
deodorant.



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.

Revd Dennis Fowler

Sadly, Revd Dennis Fowler, who has been a member of St John's for many years, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning surrounded by members of his family. There will be a Thanksgiving Service here at St John's on Tuesday 14 August at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah, David, Ena and the rest of the family.


