

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

NEWS SHEET



8 July 2018

The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Diane Barrett

First Reading: Acts 13: 1-3
Gospel: Matt 6: 16-18

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Bradley Long
Assisting: Clive & Kate Dilloway, Phyllis Hall, Rowena Adams, Ray Orchard

11.15am Choral Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

Sunday 15 July 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Sarah Hassell
Assisting: Dick Thwaites

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching: Kenneth Harrad

11.15am Classic Communion
Leading: Revd Jill Preece
Preaching: Kenneth Harrad
Assisting: Sheila MacNicol

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	9 July
9.00am	Morning Prayer (back of church)
11.00am	PARCHE at Camelot
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
5.30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	10 July
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm	Alpha # 3
Wednesday	11 July
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (chapel)
6.00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
Thursday	12 July
10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group
11.00am	Holy Communion (chapel)
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
4.00pm	School Governors' meeting
Friday	13 July
10.00am	Paperback Library & Coffee Pot Computing (Parish Hall)

Points for Prayer this week

- For Ben, our new Curate and for Kim, our new Families and Children's Worker, as they deal with all the ramifications of moving house and begin to take up their ministries at St. John's.
- For all those who have been ordained deacon or priest in the past two weeks, remembering Martha Weatherill, Liz Guest and David Preece (Jill and Malcolm's son), that they may all be richly blessed as they move into a new chapter in their ministries.
- With regard to the reordering of the church, that deadlines will be adhered to and that work can begin by the middle of August to finish by the beginning of November.

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.

In Loving Memory: The church flowers today are dedicated by Diana Oosterveld in loving memory of Ary Oosterveld.

tearfund *Following Jesus where the need is greatest*

Please look on the Missions 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

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.

Coffee Pot Plus Prayer

Prayer meetings for Coffee Pot Plus will be meeting 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 19 July.

Going Deeper

The final Bible study before we take a break for the summer will be on Wednesday 18 July at 2.30pm in the Pauling Room, where we will be concluding our consideration of Paul's teaching on the Second Coming of Our Lord in the First Letter to the Thessalonians and the final teaching in that Letter. All are welcome to join us, and even if you have not done so before, why not do so on 18 July if only to see what you have been missing!

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.

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 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



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 5 to 11 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.

Big Church Survey

To complete the questionnaire online go to www.bigchurchsurvey.org/survey. The deadline is Monday 16 July. If you cannot do it online there are paper forms of the questionnaire in church. Completed forms should be left in pigeon-hole P (for Nick Pendry) by the end of Tuesday 10 July to allow time for processing the forms. As St John's is one of the pilot parishes for this national Church of England survey, we are hoping that everyone will take part. Many thanks for your help.

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 will 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.



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

CAMEO for Ladies Monday 16 July 2.00pm.

We have a great afternoon for you with the 🛎 Handbell Ladies from Seaford visiting us with another recital from their repertoire of music. Followed by afternoon tea! ☕
Looking forward to seeing you there.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on 28 July, 8.00am at Holywell Café; Chris Sneath will be sharing his Thought for the Day. The sign-up list is in the cloister; please remember to sign up (by Tuesday 24 July), and if you cannot attend please cross your name off the list or call Dennis on 01323 749329. Future dates for your diary: 1 September: John Domoney; 13 October: Tony Mottram.

Welcome to Revd Bradley Long

Have you had someone in your life who has seen something in you and encouraged you? Maybe they've seen something that others have missed, and their influence has enabled you to accomplish far more than you might have imagined. Last week we looked at such a relationship as our passage in Acts introduced us to Timothy. Writing later to Timothy, Paul refers to him as 'my true son in the faith', someone whom Paul was to invest in and to mentor and who would later become a central figure in the generation of leaders that was to follow Paul and the first Apostles.



Whilst some of us might readily identify our 'Paul' there will be others who have yet to hear from them. Their 'Paul' is yet to speak up, yet to come alongside. Could you be that 'Paul' to someone you know? Who is your 'Timothy'?

This week I have the joy of introducing you to my own 'Paul' as we welcome Reverend Bradley Long as our guest preacher at our 9.30am service. Over thirty years ago Bradley mentored me in my faith, sharing his own experience, which, like that of Timothy's great mentor Paul, had been shaped and deepened through adversity. In subsequent years he has been a constant friend, confidant and trusted mentor. An ordained Anglican priest, Bradley now leads (with his Norwegian wife Marit) a multi-national Lutheran church in Tel Aviv, Israel. As he comes to share with us from the Book of Acts I know he will be a source of encouragement to us as we seek to create a culture of going deeper in our love for God and fanning into flame the gifts that He has laid down in each of us.



'Thank you, you have been a great help' - Just one of the many comments that one of People Matter clients made.

People Matter started with Sandy Medway in 1997 working without an office from a table and two chairs. Since then the charity has grown significantly and there are now 6 very qualified staff (to diploma or degree level) plus 25 volunteers. They offer:

- Help with a professional CV
- Help with interview skills
- A Job Club (access to 6 computers for people looking for work)
- Help when job seekers have lost their confidence

As in 1997 they continue to offer a service that's FREE and not time-bound. People Matter is a Christian organisation and every day they start with prayer.

For more information contact Ann Gillard, CEO of People Matter, at 17 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4RU 01323 431289 www.people-matter.org.uk