

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.

Contacts at St John's Church

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Office opening hours

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm

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12 August 2018

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

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

Epistle: Ephesians 4: 17 - 5: 2
Gospel: John 6: 35, 41 - 51

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Leading: Catherine Butcher
Presiding & Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Jorj & Margaret Kowszun,
Roy Orchard, Phyllis Hall & Diana Guthrie

11.15am Choral Matins
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Canon Michael Cole

Sunday 19 August 2018

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

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

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 13 August**
 9.00am Morning Prayer (Pauling Room)
 10.15am Funeral - Sylvia Keeler (church)
 11.00am PARCHE at Camelot Nursing Home
 2.30pm Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 14 August**
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
 2.30pm Funeral - Revd Dennis Fowler (church)
 7.00pm Alpha # 8
- Wednesday 15 August**
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)
- Thursday 16 August**
 10.00am Interment of Ashes - Derek Carter
 11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
 3.30pm Coffee Pot Plus prayer meeting
- Saturday 18 August**
 8.30am Prayer Plus followed by breakfast in the Jubilee Hall

Points for Prayer this week

- In thanksgiving for the Heritage Lottery grant, that the remaining monies will come in for the re-ordering of the church
- For everyone on holiday at this time, for rest, refreshment and safety
- For those fighting the wild fires in Portugal and Spain and California, that there will be no further loss of life and that the fires will soon be brought under control

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 Moulard know if you wish to attend. Parking vouchers will be available from the church office.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be taking place on Saturday 1st September, 8.00am at Holywell Café. John Domoney will be sharing his Thought for the Day. The sign up list will be in the porch to the church and please remember if you sign up and cannot attend, cross your name off the list or call me on 749329. The list will be removed the Tuesday before the event.



Future dates for your diary,
 13th October - Tony Mottram
 24th November - David Scott-Ralphs.

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Frank and Patricia Kelley who have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Altar flowers last Sunday were donated by them.



Baptism

We have a Baptism taking place on Sunday 19 August for Angus Farley, so please come and pray over the blanket and write a message in the card.



Lunch Club

Just a reminder that there will be no Lunch Club in August.

We begin again on Monday 3 September.



Building for the Future - Re-ordering update

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.

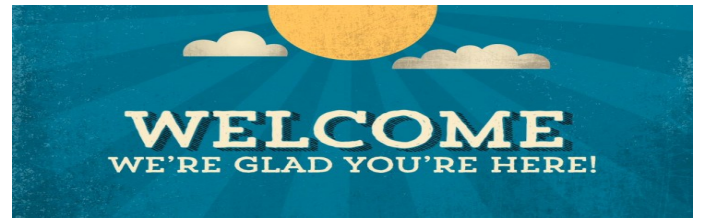
Secondly, if you haven't already had an opportunity to support the Building for the Future appeal now is the time to do so, to help us to bridge this final gap in funding.

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.



Welcome

A very warm welcome from all of us here if you are new to St John's or just visiting. We hope you enjoy worshipping with our church family.

If you are looking for a church and would like to find out more about us, our vicar Giles and his wife Rachel regularly host an informal "Connexions" event 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.

The next Connexions event is on Sunday 30 September 2018 4 - 5.30pm. Let one of our Welcome Team know if you would like an invitation or contact the church office: office@stjm.org.uk or 01323 738671.

If you would like to be kept in touch, please complete one of our Welcome cards available from one of our Welcome Team or at the back of the church. You can also visit our website at stjm.org.uk.

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is a priority for St John's Church. If you have any concerns about the safety of your children or a vulnerable member of the congregation please contact a member of the ministry team or talk to me, Jorj Kowszun. I am the Safeguarding Officer and you can contact me on 07803 174383 or email: jorj@cogency.info. If you feel you need to contact someone outside the parish then the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at Church House, Hove on 01273 421021.

Children and parents should be aware of two key sources of information about the wellbeing of children: Kidscape (<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>) and Childline (<https://www.childline.org.uk/>) Tel: 0800 1111.

Jorj Kowszun



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.

Festival of Remembrance

St John's, Meads is planning a Festival of Remembrance during the week of 4th November to the 11th. This will culminate in a 24hr vigil in the church tower 09.00hrs Saturday 10th to 09.00hrs Sunday 11th November, where the parish war memorial is displayed. We will split up the vigil in to 24 x 1hr watches. This is to allow for anyone at any time, to visit the war memorial over that period. There are 69 names recorded of those who died and it is our intention to light a candle in memory of all of them.

At 03.05hrs a whistle will blow and all candles will be blown out to signify when troops from South Downs regiments were involved in some of their most significant losses at the battle of Boars Head on the 30th of June 1916.

At 07.09hrs Reveille and the Last Post will be sounded and a lone piper will be playing Flowers of the Forest. With a short field service of Remembrance outside the tower, weather permitting.

How can you help?

I am looking for teams of three, to be keepers of the watch during the vigil from 09.00hrs Saturday 10th November to 09.00hrs on Sunday 11th November. You would be assigned a 1 hour slot. I would emphasise that although the church houses the parish memorial, we act as custodians on their behalf, there will be those who were of faith and no faith, and we want to provide all with an opportunity to remember in their own way.

Your role would be to enable this.

We intend to light a candle in memory of those recorded on the memorial, which died in the service for their country, and would extend this to anyone who has died in the services on active duty, and is known to a member of the community of Eastbourne up to today, as family, friend or mate. If you could make this offer known to friends and colleagues we would count it our humble privilege to acknowledge those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us all and remember them by lighting a candle.

Tony Mottram

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 Festival and Heritage Project

Now that the Heritage Lottery Fund grant has been confirmed, we are seeking a Project Manager to coordinate the planned Remembrance Festival and the creation of a permanent exhibition in the church tower once it has been repaired.

We are looking for someone with excellent project management skills, experience of coordinating events and exhibitions, ideally in the heritage space. Additional skills in recruiting and working with volunteers and in PR and marketing desirable.

This is an interim contract role for 9 - 12 months and the funding available is up to £29,250. Further details are on our website and the closing date for applications is Friday 24th August. We are looking for someone to be available to start in September.



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.

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.

CAMEO

Ladies - Please note that there is NO CAMEO this month. Our next meeting will be on Monday 18th September, but we do not know where we shall be meeting due to the Building Works.

We will let you know as soon as we have further details.
