

## 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

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**Office opening hours**  
Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm

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# NEWS SHEET



**2 September 2018**

The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Dianne Barrett

Epistle: Psalm 63  
Gospel: Matthew 6: 7 - 14

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Revd Ben Sleep  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Assisting: Patricia Kelley

Hymns: 171, 293, 184, 249

Reading: Psalm 63  
Read by: *Sheila MacNicol*

Reading: Matthew 6: 7 - 14  
Read by: *Diana Guthrie*

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**Sunday 9 September 2018**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Ben Sleep  
Assisting: Chris Sneath

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Ben Sleep  
Assisting: Rowena Adams, Roy Orchard, Ray & Sarah Hassell, Clive & Kate Dilloway

**11.15am Choral Matins**  
Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching: Revd Ben Sleep

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Monday 3 September Re-ordering begins**  
 9.00am Morning Prayer (Pauling Room)  
 12.00pm Lunch Club (Parish Hall)  
 2.30pm Holy Communion at Elstree Nursing Home

**Tuesday 4 September**  
 10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)

**Wednesday 5 September**  
 9.30am Quiet Prayer (Pauling Room)

**Thursday 6 September**  
 11.00am Holy Communion (Pauling Room)  
 7.45pm Choir practice (Jubilee Hall)

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### Points for Prayer this week

- That church members will adjust to the temporary accommodation for services
- That Christians, who are in countries where they are persecuted for their faith, may be given strength
- That children, who were sent from this country to Australia and elsewhere in the 1950s, might receive justice

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### \*\*\* Attention Distribution Team \*\*\*

Our new Parish Magazine will be with us sometime during next week. This means they'll be ready for collection and distribution on Sunday 9 September. Failing that they will be available to collect the following week from the Cloister.

Thank you in advance for your help with the deliveries.

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### Remembrance Service

Calling all those who have a services background .....

Would you like to take part in our Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November at 10am? If you are interested, or would like more information, please speak to Giles.



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### CAMEO

Ladies, we will be meeting on Monday 17th September, 2pm as usual in the Jubilee Hall. Peter & Judith Moore will be speaking about "London's Christian Heritage." Look forward to seeing you there.

### Lunch Club

Our next Lunch Club at the Parish Hall will be on Monday 3 September 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.



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### Help raise money for your church



The annual Ride + Stride will take place across Sussex on Saturday 8 September and hundreds of churches will soon be preparing to welcome those taking part, including St John's.

Please help to make this event a success and encourage people to join in. This great fun day out for all the family raises money for your church and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust which awards grants for the repair and maintenance of Sussex churches.

**Sponsorship forms are available from Pam Lade if you wish to take part.**

Alternatively, for further information on what's happening in the Sussex area, send an email: [sussex@rideandstrideuk.org](mailto:sussex@rideandstrideuk.org)

Otherwise, you can telephone County Organiser, Graham Pound on 01243 788265.

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Thank you to a large group of supporters who turned out to pray for St John's school earlier this week. We had a wonderfully encouraging time praying for the whole school community including teachers, support staff, governors and of course the parents and children. Please continue to pray for the school as the new term starts and consider how you might support the school this year through one of the many links we have including our two Open The Book teams.



## Building for the Future - Re-ordering update

Following a generous donation and a supportive response from the council we have now agreed to go ahead with the erection of a marquee on the north side of the church. This will provide both ample space for our worship, easy access to the children's groups and the big advantage of keeping us on site so that we don't miss visitors.

Our last Sunday in the building will be **Sunday 2nd September** and we anticipate returning to the church with time to spare ahead of the Festival of Remembrance.

**Our 9.30am services will make use of the marquee and the 8am service and 11.15am service will be temporarily held in the Jubilee Hall.**

**All weekday services will be held in the Pauling Room for the duration of the re-ordering work.**

Logistically the setting up for worship will require some effort and we will be looking for teams of volunteers to help with set up and set down during this time. Please speak to either Vanessa or Tony if you are able to help with this.

Lastly a reminder that we are still working towards closing the deficit in the total cost of the work and would ask:

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

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

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## New Wine 2019



New Wine Summer Camps Celebrate their 30th Anniversary next year and we plan to be there as a Church for our fourth year running. Why not join us for a fabulous week of worship, teaching and fun for all ages (see photo of Jill and Malcolm going off to groups with their grandchildren). We will be booking for **Week One** next year 27 July-2 August and there are early bird discounts so do be quick to get the best deals.

If you'd like to know more speak to Giles, Jill, Kim or Ben or go online to book at <https://www.new-wine.org/>



## CONNEXIONS

### 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](mailto: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](http://stjm.org.uk).

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### 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](mailto: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

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## Sunday Club Team Members

Imagine church without kids work. Imagine church with no families. Imagine church with no people. Just wouldn't be church! We all make up church, we are all just as important as the person sitting next to us no matter their age and we are all called to share God's love with each other. Ministry to the younger members of our church is vitally important to God – Matthew 19:14 tells us to bring children to him for the kingdom of God belongs to them. What a privilege it is to usher children and young people into God's kingdom – that is what we want to do as the Kids and Youth Ministry Team.

Is God calling you to share your love for him with the younger members of our body? Would you like to be part of the Kids or Youth Ministry Team? How it'll work –

1. Let me know if you're interested and what age group (Rising Star 0-5; The Big God Space 5-11; Youth 12+).
2. You'll be invited to test the water over a few sessions without pressure to join.
3. If you like what you see you'll join a rota with the opportunity to serve twice a month.
4. You'll receive encouragement, support and any training needed. Please prayerfully consider being part of this vital ministry in our church.

**Thanks for your support, Kim.** (*Contact details on back page*)

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### \*\*\* New look for Sunday 9.30 Service from September \*\*\*

From Sunday 9th September we will be trialling a new format for the 9.30am Service. Families without children go directly into church. Those families with children will be directed to the Jubilee Hall via the side path where they will register their children, drop them off in the hall and then proceed into church or remain with toddlers.

The children will have their own programme which will start at 9.30am then on communion Sundays we will join the congregation during the pre-communion song and on non-communion Sundays we will join the congregation for a time of family sharing and singing at the end of the service.

The programme for the children will look slightly different too: we will begin with a prayer and welcome session then split into two age groups – Rising Star 0-5 years (Jubilees Hall) and The Big God Space 5-11 years (Pauling Room) for play and/or reflection before joining our families in church. The teens will be encouraged to lead and serve in different capacities during the service.

I look forward to seeing you all and welcoming you to the groups, **Kim**.

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## 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.

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## Works team needed

With the imminent start of the re-ordering process we will need to create a works team to help in the process of moving into the marquee and re-siting of services into the Pauling Room and Jubilee Hall. The roles are diverse from assisting in moving communion tables and setting up the rooms, to setting out chairs in the marquee, and removal of pews in the church.

We will need your help beginning Monday 3 September. If you are free to assist in this please contact Jo in the office.

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## Coffee Pot Plus

Coffee Pot Plus is being launched on Friday 21st September in the Parish Hall providing a safe and welcoming place for the people of Meads to meet and share time together.

As well as the familiar coffee and biscuits, paperback library and computer drop-in support there will be a jigsaw club, Rummikub and other activities, plus a space for small children and their mums to enjoy soft toys and story time. The sessions will run each Friday from 10.00 – 13.30 with a light lunch being served from 12.00 -13.00. We do hope everyone will feel welcome to drop in and join us for fun and friendship.

We have gathered a super team of volunteers to help but we still need more people who would like to get involved in this exciting development and feel they could give up a morning once a month. The more people who are part of CPP the lighter the burden on each of us.

We have three teams 1) Setting up and putting away tables, books etc run by Clem Jackson 2) The Catering team who serve morning coffee and lunch under the leadership of Janet Jackson and finally 3) The Hospitality team led by Sarah Hassell and Margaret Kowszun who welcome guests, support the activities and lend a listening ear to those in need.

If you feel this is something you could help with PLEASE speak to Clem, Janet, Sarah or me and we will be thrilled to tell you all about how you could be involved.

**Margaret Kowszun**

