

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



26 August 2018

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am	Heritage Communion Presiding: Revd Jill Preece Preaching: Catherine Butcher Assisting: Dianne Barrett Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10 - 20 Gospel: John 6: 56 - 69
9.30am	Contemporary Communion Presiding: Revd Jill Preece Preaching: Catherine Butcher Assisting: Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry, Roy Orchard, Clive & Kate Dilloway
11.15am	Classic Communion Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter Preaching: Catherine Butcher Assisting: Patricia Kelley & Diana Guthrie Hymns: 732, 496, 606, 503 Reading: Ephesians 6: 10 - 20 Read by: Diana Guthrie Reading: John 6: 56 - 69 Read by: Patricia Kelley
4.30pm for 5pm Service at the DGH	
6.00pm	Choral Evensong Leading: Revd Giles Carpenter Preaching: Jorj Kowszun

Sunday 2 September 2018

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 27 August - Bank Holiday
Office closed

Tuesday 28 August
10.30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)

Wednesday 29 August
9.30am Quiet Prayer (chapel)

Thursday 30 August
11.00am Holy Communion (chapel)
6.00pm Youth Event

Friday 31 August
12.30pm Interviews for Project Manager role
(Pauling Room)

Saturday 1 September
8.00am Men's Breakfast at Holywell Café

Points for Prayer this week

- For God's blessing on our temporary move into the marquee and the Jubilee Hall in early September, whilst the re-ordering of our church takes place, that the practicalities will go well, that there will be plenty of helpers, and that our services will continue to glorify God
- For our new Children and Families leader, Kim Leach, and all who work with her, in the New Look activities for children and young people
- For all those caught up in the flooded areas of Kerala, for a lessening of the monsoon rains and for all the rescue workers

Hospital Service at the DGH today

Our next hospital service at the DGH will be held on today at 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Please let Derek Mouland know if you wish to attend.

*** Attention Distribution Team ***

Our new Parish Magazine will be with us sometime during next week. This means that if we manage to get them all batched up in time, they'll be ready for collection and distribution on Sunday 2 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.

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.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel have been donated by Peter Pickett in memory of Janet.



Chancel Flowers

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.



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

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

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 sight 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 and 11.15am services will make use of the marquee and the 8am 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



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Danny & Emma Huff on the birth of baby Joshua last Sunday. He's happy and healthy and weighed in at 7lb 6oz.





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

Praying for St John's School

As we approach the start of the new school year with a new head and new vision we would like to ask God to bless the school, teachers and pupils and dedicate all that happens at the school to Him. We invite you to join us on 28th August for about an hour as we do a prayer walk through the school. We will meet in the school reception area at 10am.

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)*

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**.

*** Kids - Exciting Invite ***

Are you in school years 7-13? Then ask your mum or dad to put **THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST** in the diary! We will be running an event for the youth in the church which will include a trip out and then a time for milkshakes with the exclusive use of Mugshots in Meads. Drop off is at 6pm at St John's and pick up from Mugshots at 9pm - more news to follow!



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.

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.

CAMEO

Ladies - Please note that there is NO CAMEO this month. Our next meeting will be on Monday 17th 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.

Rotas

For those of you not on email, the rotas for the next quarter are now in your pigeon-holes. Please pick your up today. Thank you.
