

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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16 September 2018

The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Brian Richards
Assisting: Dianne Barrett

Epistle: Psalm 51: 1 - 12
Gospel: 1 John 1: 5 - 10

9.30am Contemporary Service
Leading: Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching: Revd Brian Richards

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Revd Brian Richards
Assisting: Patricia Kelley

Hymns: 695, 29, 165, 337

Reading: Psalm 66: 16 - 20
Read by: Patricia Kelley

Reading: 1 John 1: 5 - 10
Read by: David Oakenfold

Sunday 23 September 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Nick Pendry
Assisting: Dick Thwaites

9.30am Contemporary Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Nick Pendry
Assisting: Clive & Kate Dilloway, Robert & Peggy Millett, Ray & Sarah Hassell

11.15am Classic Communion
Presiding: Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching: Nick Pendry
Assisting: Patricia Kelley

6.00pm Choral Evensong
Leading: Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching: Sarah Hassell

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	17 September
9.00am	Morning Prayer (Pauling Room)
2.00pm	CAMEO (Jubilee Hall)
5.30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	18 September
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
10.30am	PARCHE at Alma Lodge
7.00pm	Kemps' Home Group
Wednesday	19 September
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (Pauling Room)
6.00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
Thursday	20 September
10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (Pauling Room)
6.00pm	Choir practice (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	PCC meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Friday	21 September
10.00am	Re-launch of Coffee Pot Plus (Parish Hall)
12.15pm	Funeral - Alexander Mitchell (Crematorium)

Points for Prayer this week

- For God's blessing on the new Youth Group which has just started, on a Tuesday evening, that as they meet, our young people will find welcome and acceptance in Jesus, enjoy fun, games and worship and grow in their faith and in community
- For Coffee Pot Plus, starting on 21st September, particularly for Margaret and the team leaders, and for God's blessing on all who come that they will find a warm welcome, delicious food and a listening ear
- That the recently failed peace talks in the Yemen will not lead to an escalation of the war, and that subsequent diplomatic initiatives will bear fruit

Ride & Stride



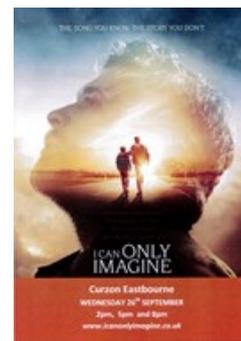
Thank you to everyone who supported me, helped with recording and welcoming visitors who cycled and walked last Saturday.

The money raised will be split half for our organ fund and half going to Sussex Historic Churches Trust..

Thank you, Pam Lade

Christian film

An inspiring Christian film "I Can Only Imagine" (PG) is coming to Eastbourne's Curzon cinema for one day only on Wednesday 26th September at 2pm, 5pm and 8pm.



It would be a great encouragement if local churches were able to make use of this opportunity to have a big churches together event and hopefully invite friends too.

Let's see if our churches can pack out this huge cinema!

For details go to:
www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 13th October, 8.00am at Holywell Cafe, when Tony Mottram will be sharing his 'Thought for the Day'.



The sign up list will be in the Cloister 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:
24th November David Scott-Ralphs.

*** Attention Distribution Team ***

Our new Parish Magazines are now ready and waiting in the Cloister for you to pick up. Please pop in and collect your batches today.

Thank you in advance for your help with the deliveries.

NEWS & EVENTS

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 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

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 4 - 5.30pm. The one after that will be on 25 November. 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 want 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

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.



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 the tent. 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 (Jubilee Hall) and The Big God Space 5-11 years (The Lodge) for play and/or reflection before joining our families in the tent. 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**.

Youth Group

STARTING THIS COMING TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER young people in years 7 - 11 (that's senior school ages) are invited to join us every Tuesday night from 7pm - 8:30 pm in The Lodge for fun, food, games, praise and worship. We aim to create a place where young people can come and experience love and acceptance in Jesus Christ. A place where they can meet with new and old friends. A place where they can learn more about themselves and God, practice their faith and grow together in community. For more information contact Kim at: kidswork@stjm.org.uk or Ben at: curate@stjm.org.uk

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

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.
