

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

Youth Group - Every Sunday Evening

Join us every Sunday night from 6pm - 7:30 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.

For more information contact Kim at: kidswork@stjm.org.uk or Ben at: curate@stjm.org.uk

Contacts at St John's Church

<i>Vicar:</i>	Revd Giles Carpenter 01323 739679 email: vicar@stjm.org.uk
<i>Assistant Minister & Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:</i>	Revd Jill Preece 01323 638020 email: jill@stjm.org.uk
<i>Curate:</i>	Revd Ben Sleep 01323 738671 email: curate@stjm.org.uk
<i>Children & Families Leader:</i>	Kim Leach 01323 738671 email: kidswork@stjm.org.uk
<i>Church Administrator:</i>	Joanne Naunton 01323 738671 email: office@stjm.org.uk
<i>Church Warden:</i>	Tony Mottram Contact via the office on: 01323 738671 or email: warden@stjm.org.uk

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

T LOOP:

Please turn your Hearing Aid to T.



23 September 2018

The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

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

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 17
Gospel: Mark 6: 34 - 44

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

Hymns: 227, 720, 420, 741

Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 17
Read by: Revd David Maddock

Reading: Mark 6: 34 - 44
Read by: Jill Maddock

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

Sunday 30 September 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding: Revd Brian Richards
Preaching: Jorj Kowszun
Assisting: Richard Wells

10.00am Harvest Celebration Communion
Presiding: Revd Ben Sleep
Leading: Kim Leach
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Catherine Butcher, Phyllis Hall,
Rowena Adams, Roy Orchard,
Jorj & Margaret Kowszun

4.00pm Connexions
(invitation only at the Vicarage)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

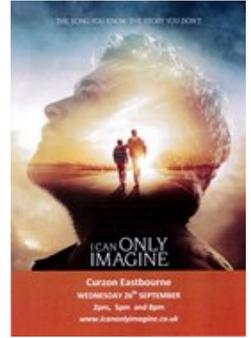
Monday	24 September
9.00am	Morning Prayer (Pauling Room)
2.00pm	Pastoral Care Team meeting (Pauling Room)
5.30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	25 September
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Hope Eastbourne meeting (Jubilee Hall)
Wednesday	26 September
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (Pauling Room)
2.30pm	Scrabble Club (Jubilee Hall)
6.00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm	Adams' Home Group
Thursday	27 September
10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am	Holy Communion (Pauling Room)
2.30pm	Rustington Court Home Group
2.30pm	Maddocks' Home Group
Friday	28 September
10.00am	Coffee Pot Plus (Parish Hall)
Saturday	29 September
9.30am	Ascension Church, Peacehaven, PCC Away Day (Jubilee Hall & Pauling Room)

Points for Prayer this week

- For the Connexions Tea at the Vicarage on 30th September, and for all who are new to St. John's, that they will soon feel at home among us
- For Open the book as the Thursday team prepares to bring the first storytelling of the autumn term – The Big Party - to St John's Meads School
- For all those affected by recent floods world wide, and for stamina and courage for the rescue workers

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 to those of you who have already delivered theirs.

Postcards

I have been collecting postcards/albums for sale at auction to support pastors and clergy in South Sudan and Sudan. With the reduced use of postcards, sadly this is no longer a viable way to raise money. However, the final collection in Eastbourne will be on Monday 15 October. Should you have any to contribute then please leave them in the 'R' pigeon hole in the Cloister and I will pick them up before that day.

Thank you, **Helen Roe**

NEWS & EVENTS



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/>

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.



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.



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**.

MakeLunch update

Our MakeLunch Project at St Barnabas Church, this summer was a fantastic experience for all involved.



Over the 8 dates, we served 136 meals! 91 to eligible children and 45 to eligible parents. That means that 26 individual children and 14 parents were fed. The project didn't just feed them one meal each time either. There was a craft activity for the children, board games being played and a table with supplies that families could take each week. These items ranged from sanitary products to milk, tea bags, biscuits and crisps etc. There was always fresh fruit with the meals and more to take home. Often we had food left over too, which was packaged up to be reheated later in the week by families.

All of this was supported by a wonderful team of 21 volunteers, who gave their time enthusiastically and with complete dedication.

Children came from 8 schools in the local area and feedback is being given to those schools to encourage them that this project was successful and asking for their support in the future.

The MakeLunch @ StB's team have lots of ideas about what we might do next and we are finalising plans for October half term and the Christmas holiday. We hope to see more MakeLunch projects across the town in the near future. Thank you so much to all who contributed either financially, in prayer or physically. We are honoured and privileged to have been a part of this project and are amazed at the favour that we received. Together we can work to help struggling children and families!

Some comments from parents sum up the feel of MakeLunch this summer "Extra company, more to do, it's made a big difference in budgeting", "It was a very friendly place to come and was always made welcome there"

Julie Smith, St Barnabas Church

Harvest Celebration & Brunch

Join us on Sunday 30 September for a Harvest Celebration service at 10am followed by Harvest Brunch in the tent.

Tickets for the Brunch are available today, please ask Giles or Tony Mottram or from the church office priced £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.
