

## 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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## Streetwise - 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](mailto:kidswork@stjm.org.uk) or Ben at: [curate@stjm.org.uk](mailto:curate@stjm.org.uk)

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

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**30 September 2018**

The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15  
Gospel: Luke 12: 16 - 30

**10.00am Harvest Celebration**  
Leading: Revd Ben Sleep & Kim Leach  
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter

**4.00pm Connexions**  
(invitation only at the Vicarage)

**6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group**  
in The Lodge

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**Sunday 7 October 2018**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Ben Sleep  
Assisting: Dick Thwaites

**9.30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Ben Sleep

**11.15am Classic Communion**  
Presiding: Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching: Revd Ben Sleep  
Assisting: Trevor Salmon

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>October</b>
9.00am		Morning Prayer (Pauling Room)
10.30am		PARCHE at Meads House
12.00pm		Lunch Club (Parish Hall)
2.30pm		Holy Communion at Elstree
5.30pm		Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm		Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>October</b>
10.30am		Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
7.00pm		ALM Pastoral Course (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>October</b>
9.30am		Quiet Prayer (Pauling Room)
6.00pm		Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7.30pm		Springfield Home Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>October</b>
9.30am		St John's School Harvest Celebration (tent)
10.00am		Baby & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11.00am		Holy Communion (Pauling Room)
2.30pm		Maddocks' Home Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>October</b>
10.00am		Coffee Pot Plus (Parish Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>October</b>
9.30am		Lay minister communion training (Jubilee Hall)

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### Points for Prayer this week

- For Catherine Butcher, Heritage Project Manager, in all her involvement with the Festival of Remembrance to be held at St. John's from 5th – 11th November
- For God's blessing on 'Who Let the Dads Out' – a fun time for Dads and their children, shortly to be launched by our Curate, Ben and his team
- For Yemen, whose people are already prey to disease and on the brink of starvation, that the fighting for the port of Hodeidah will subside, allowing more aid in, and that the failed peace talks will resume

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### 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.

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### 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**

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### 'Going Deeper' Bible Study Group

Our Bible Studies resume after the summer break on Wednesday 17 October, when we shall commence our consideration of Paul's Letter to The Colossians. We shall meet for not more than an hour at 2.30pm in the Pauling Room.

These Bible Studies are being arranged to meet the wishes of those members of the church family who want to explore the teaching of scripture in greater depth than is possible during a 15 to 20 minute sermon on a Sunday or even in a Home Group. If you have a similar wish and have not joined us before, why not plan to come along on 17th October and/or subsequent third Wednesdays of each month? You will be very welcome.

For further information, if required, please contact Robert Millett on 01323 723689 or [pegro19@me.com](mailto:pegro19@me.com)

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### News from our Church Office

After seven years as our office administrator Jo will be moving on to pastures new in October, her last day in the office will be Monday 15 October. Jo has had a big impact on many areas of our Church life from coordinating the Fete and Festival, and reinstating the monthly Lunch Club, to ensuring our Parish Hall has a healthy stream of new and regular users. On behalf of us all at St John's we would like to thank Jo and to wish her well in her new post. A collection has been opened and donations towards a leaving gift should be directed to Frank Kelley our Treasurer.

# 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/>

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## Pastoral Care

If you are aware or you know of someone needing a pastoral visit then please contact Jill Preece: [jill@stjm.org.uk](mailto:jill@stjm.org.uk) or phone: 01323 638020 or Nick Pendry: [nick.pendry60@gmail.com](mailto:nick.pendry60@gmail.com) or phone: 01323 737593.

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## CAMEO

Ladies our next CAMEO meeting is on Monday 15th October at 2pm in the Jubilee Hall. We have two guest speakers - Tracey Edwards, a mother's story "Living with dwarfism", and Revd Jill Preece, "From Motherhood to ministry". Look forward to seeing you there.

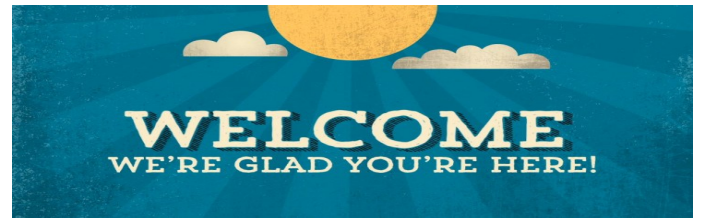
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## Lunch Club

Our next Lunch club at the Parish Hall will be on Monday 1 October at 12 noon. Come along and join us for a delicious 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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## 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](mailto: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](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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## 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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### Sunday Club Team Members

We're still looking for new members to join our great kid's team. Would you like to be part of the Kids or Youth Ministry Team?

Let me know if you're interested and what age group you'd like to be involved in (Rising Star 0-5 year olds; The Big God Space 5-11 year olds; Youth 12+).

1. You'll be invited to test the water over a few sessions without pressure to join.
2. If you like what you see you'll join a rota with the opportunity to serve twice a month.
3. 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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### Foodbank - urgent donations always required

Eastbourne Foodbank's stock of food is extremely low at present and they urgently need the following items to enable them to maintain the service they provide:

Tinned fruit  
Tinned Rice pudding  
Biscuits  
Microwavable rice  
Tinned tomatoes  
Cereal



Donations are always gratefully received.

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### 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.

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### Ladies Choir

Calling all ladies! Jane Pendry is putting together a ladies choir in preparation for our Remembrance Concert on Saturday 10th November. Rehearsals will take place in the Jubilee Hall every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm, beginning on Wednesday 3rd October. All ladies welcome, Jane is looking forward to seeing you.

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### Harvest Celebration & Brunch today

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

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### HARVEST APPEAL 2018

Our Harvest appeal this year will be on behalf of the Matthew 25 Mission based on Seaside road in Eastbourne. The Mission is based on the 'call to service' set out in Matthew chapter 25: verses 35 - 36:

*'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in,  
I needed clothes and you clothed me,  
I was sick and you cared for me,  
I was in prison and you visited me.'*

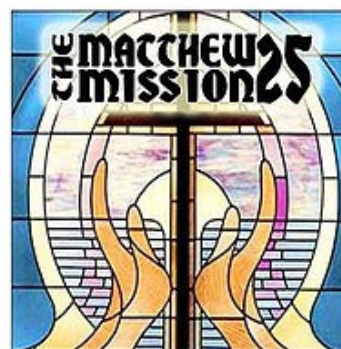
Accordingly, every weekday, the Mission serves some of Eastbourne's most vulnerable people: the homeless, the unemployed, those suffering or recovering from various addictions, ex-offenders, those with suicidal thoughts or other mental health issues, the lonely, ex-military, or those whose lives have hit such a crisis they do not know where to turn for help.

Graham Horsnell will be joining us at the Harvest Festival service at 10am and will also speak at the harvest brunch afterwards. There is also a display board that shows some of the work of the mission.

Please support the Mission generously through this appeal so that through its work you also help the many people in Eastbourne who desperately want to turn their lives around and to break free from the miseries of deprivation, depression, despair, desolation and dependency. "

Very many thanks,

Clive Dilloway



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