

## 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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**18 November 2018**

Second Sunday Before Advent

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding Jill Preece  
Preaching: Ben Sleep  
Assisting: D Thwaites  
Epistle: James 4:1-10  
Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

**9-30 am Contemporary Service**  
Leading Jill Preece  
Preaching: Ben Sleep

**11-15am Classic Communion**  
Leading Jill Preece  
Preaching: Ben Sleep  
Epistle: James 4:1-10  
Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12  
Hymns: 97, 496, 74 & 636

**3.00pm Light of Love/Memorial Service**  
Leading Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching Sarah Hassell

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

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**Sunday 25th November 2018**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding Revd David Maddock  
Preaching Revd David Maddock  
Assisting: Richard Wells

**9-30am Contemporary Communion**  
Leading Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching Bishop Richard  
Assisting Robert & Peggy Millett,  
Clive & Kate Dilloway,  
Nick Pendry & Catherine Butcher

**11-15pm Classic Communion**  
Leading Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching Bishop Richard  
Assisting Dianna Guthrie  
& Sheila MacNicol

**4pm Connexions**  
(Invitation only at the vicarage)

**6pm Choral Evensong**  
Leading Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching Jill Maddock

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>19 November</b>
9.00am	Morning Prayer (Back of the Church)
12-30pm	Thanksgiving Service of Anne Dent
2-00pm	Cameo (Jubilee Hall)
5-30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7-30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20 November</b>
10.30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
10-30am	Parche at Alma lodge
2-45pm	Prayer at St John's School (Rainbow Room)
6-30pm	ALM Pastoral Course (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21 November</b>
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
2-30pm	Bible Study (Pauline Room)
6-00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22 November</b>
10am	Baby & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11am	Holy Communion (Chapel)
2-00pm	Home Group Leaders Meeting
2-30pm	Rustington Court Home Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23 November</b>
	Coffee Pot+
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>24 November</b>
8-00am	Men's Breakfast

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### Points for Prayer for the Week

1. Thanksgiving and praise to God our Father for all those who worked so hard to make the Festival of Remembrance Week such a success in the Community.
2. Continued prayer for all those fighting fierce fires in Butt County, California, and for those who have lost family, homes and pets in Paradise City, which has been almost totally wiped out.
3. For energy and wisdom for all the schools, staff, pupils, and governors in our parish, who serve the pupils in their charge.

### Experiencing Difficulties with Sight and Hearing

Giles has donated various resources that were used by Esther his mother. They include items such as a multifunctional phone with large numbers and sound amplification. Also a Daisy Machine that plays CD's for audio books with some discs available of books articles, and daily bible readings. There is also a memory stick device for playing music as well as audio books etc. In addition there a number of white sticks and a small magnifying glass. These items can be obtained from the church office.

### Flowers in Church

In memory of Patricia Regan's Husband

### CAMEO-Ladies—Monday 19th November 2pm

We have hot off the press! Maggie Gibson talking to us about the wonderful trip, she, the carpenter family, and Justin had in Chennai, India, last month. Do come along and hear about the amazing work God is doing in this Country . Look forward to seeing you.

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### Chennai Mission Trip

Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm at St Johns. Join Maggie, Justin, Giles, Rachel, Charlie and Libby for an evening of anecdotes, insights and flavours from our recent mission trip to Chennai in the Bay of Bengal.



Hear some real life stories of lives changed and transformed by the love of God in action through the work of CMCT.

Tickets are available from Giles, Maggie and Justin or via the church office. Included in the £10 ticket price is a simple curry and nibbles. Plus bring some spending money to buy some hand made INDIAN crafts in time for Christmas. All proceeds to go towards supporting the work of CMCT.

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**Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service at Chichester Cathedral** Monday 3rd December 2.30 – 3.30pm, followed by refreshments. For further information call Sue on 01243 812497 or email [sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk).

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### Going Deeper Bible Study Group

The next Bible Study will be on this coming Wednesday, 21st November, at 2-30pm in the Pauling Room, when we shall have our second study of Paul's letter to the Colossians. The meeting will not be for more than hour. We got off to a good start in our studies of this wonderful letter in October.

If you missed the first study, and would appreciate the opportunity to explore the teaching of Scripture in greater depth it is not too late to participate in the Studies held by our group. We would be pleased to see you and if you require further information, please contact Robert Millett on 01323 723689 or by email: [pegro19@me.com](mailto:pegro19@me.com)

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### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast will be held on Saturday 24th November, at Holy well Café David Scott-Ralphs will be sharing his 'Thought for the Day'. The sign up sheet is 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.

## 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.

## CONNEXIONS

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 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@cocency.info](mailto:jorj@cocency.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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## St John's School Open Days - Mondays 12 and 19 November

Do you know of someone starting school next year? The school is keen to let as many parents as possible know about opportunities for new admissions. The time is 2pm on Monday 12th and 2 and 6pm on the 19th.

## Praying for St John's Primary School

If you would like to join us as we pray weekly for our school come along on Tuesday at 2-4.5pm. We meet in the Rainbow Room for half an hour to pray for the students staff, families etc.

## Ladies Choir

There will not be a gathering this week, but it will resume on 28th November.



## 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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## Alone at Christmas

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne is holding its annual 'Alone at Christmas' lunch on Christmas Day. If you know of any person who might be interested in attending, please contact Dennis Thompson on 01323 749329 or email: [dennisthompson618@gmail.com](mailto:dennisthompson618@gmail.com). Unfortunately it is not possible to accept guests using wheelchairs or fixed zimmer frames as the guests are collected from and returned to their homes by car or mini-bus. Dietary requirements will be taken into account when required.

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## Memorial Service

You are warmly invited to a Memorial Service, Incorporating St Wilfrid's Hospice Lights of Love at St John's Church on today at 3.00pm'

## Prayer Request

Pete Ewins is travelling to Juba, South Sudan on 19/11/18 for a project with the organisation Non-Military Peacekeepers, and will be there with a team for 10 days. Please pray for travel, accommodation, safety and good health for him and the team and protection for the families at home

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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 old 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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*Festival of*  
**REMEMBRANCE**

Dear Friends

As I look back over this last week at St John's my overwhelming sense is one of gratitude. Gratitude for the example of self-sacrifice of the 69 men of Meads whose lives have been brought into focus through the excellent work of our research team. If you haven't looked at the Remembrance folders in the tower can I encourage you to do so.

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Gratitude to all of you, my church family, for the amazing display of support for the festival and the collective goodwill and hospitality shown towards our parish. Over the course of the week it has been estimated that we have had approximately 2000 visits with over 300 gathering for worship on Sunday morning alone.

But most of all, gratitude to God for giving me the privilege of being part of such an amazing church and for the sense of new life that God is bringing to our church.

As my predecessor, Reverend John Salwey, said in his last parish newsletter of 1918, we need to use this new lease of life. It is not for us to sit back and enjoy but that we might use it to build up the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

That might sound a rather grand and ethereal ambition but it no less than God asks of us. We are to be His ambassadors; those who exercise the ministry of reconciliation. What that means in practical terms is the unwavering commitment to make Christ known in our words and actions.

Firstly, as matter of priority, where we are out of sorts with others ourselves, can I encourage us to take a step towards those we find difficult and seek reconciliation. This can be just as much the case with relationship within our church family as it can outside. Be reconciled with one another so that there may be nothing to hinder our mission to reconcile others to Christ. We launch our latest Alpha course in the New Year and can I encourage you to be thinking and praying about who you will be inviting.

Secondly we are to be those who seek to lead others to Christ through the use of our gifts and talents. We do this as part of the body of Christ. Each of us has a part to play in both supporting our mission financially and in our gift of time and talents. Whether you have been on a catering or welcome team offering hospitality, a worship team, a creative team, a research team, a prayer team or indeed any one of the many teams that have supported the festival you have contributed to Christ's welcome that has been extended to our parish. Thank you!

Thirdly, our newly reordered space should facilitate this too. The festival has given us a wonderful opportunity to express the variety of ways in which we can use our building to speak of the beauty, majesty and extravagant welcome our God offer us in our Saviour Jesus.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November we welcome Bishop Richard. Please be there. His visit is to dedicate our reordered worship space as a centre for mission and outreach. But it is also to launch the Year of Vocation. Or, to put it another way, how we can use both the 'temple'



we meet in and our own lives and bodies (as temples of the Holy Spirit) to express our love and Christian service. My prayer is that Bishop Richard's visit will help us to be bold and creative in imagining how, as a church and a people, we can use both in this year ahead to go out into our community and draw others to Jesus.

Yours in His service

Giles

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