

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

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 or Ben at: curate@stjm.org.uk

Contacts at St John's Church

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

2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting: Chris Sneath
Epistle Hebrews 11: 1-16
Gospel Luke 21: 25-36

9-30 am Contemporary Service
Leading Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter

11-15am Classic Communion
Leading Revd Brian Richards
Preaching: Revd Giles Carpenter
Assisting Sheila MacNicol
Epistle Hebrews 11: 1-16
Gospel Luke 21: 25-36
Hymns: 128,691,642 and 405

6-00pm Darkness to Light Service
Leader Revd Giles Carpenter

6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge

Sunday 9th December 2018

8.00am Heritage Communion
Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching Jill Preece

9-30am Contemporary Communion
Leading Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching Revd Jill Preece
Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

11-15pm Choral Matins
Leading Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching Revd Jill Preece

3-00pm Renaissance Singers
Advent Meditation

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 3 December**
9-00am Morning Prayer (Back of the Church)
12 noon Lunch Club (Parish Hall)
2-30pm Holy Communion @ Elstree
5-30pm Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7-30pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 4 December**
10-30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
2-45pm Prayer at St John's School (Rainbow Room)
- Wednesday 5 December**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
6-00pm Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7-30pm Harmonia Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7-30pm Springfield Home Group
- Thursday 6 December**
10-00am Baby & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11-00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
- Friday 7 December**
10-00am Coffee Pot+

Prayer Pointers

- ⇒ For all the preparations for the Alpha Course starting 8th January; that it will be a blessing to all those taking part.
- ⇒ For God's blessing on the carol services at the care homes in our parish, particularly for the service at Chaseley on 6th December.
- ⇒ For the Eastbourne Foodbank, that people will donate generously as we approach Christmas, and that the low stocks will be replenished.

Wednesday 5th December 7.30-9.00pm 'Harmonia' Ladies' Choir rehearsal in the Church

Please Note the deadline any items for insertion in the News Sheet need to be in the office by Wednesday 12noon

Items to Collect from Letter rack in the Cloister

Please check the letter rack for any post. For those who do not receive the rota by email the December rota is ready for collection from the rack.



NEW ALPHA COURSE FOR 2019

A new Alpha course will be running weekly in Meads from January 8th, 7.30-9.30pm.

Do you have questions about faith? Not sure where to start? Come along and enjoy a good dinner followed by an even better discussion – no question is off limits!

For more info, please contact the church office.

Join a flashmob choir!

Singers from different churches will be forming a flashmob choir on Saturday 8th December at 10am in Langney Shopping Centre. Surprise is a key element of a flashmob choir – a group of people gather informally in a shopping centre. One starts singing and gradually the others join in from around the centre. If you would like to join this choir there's a practice from 9.30-10.30am on Saturday 1st December in St Barnabas Christian Centre, 34, Kingfisher Drive, Langney. We will be singing 'Joy to the World' in preparation for Saturday 8th December in Langney Shopping Centre. Those singing on 8th December are also invited to stay on to sing other Christmas Carols in the Langney Shopping Centre with singers from other churches. The shopping centre is expecting the joint churches choir to sing – so it is all perfectly legal!

Contact Catherine Butcher for details 07850 083414.

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 Connexions will have new dates announce shortly. 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

**Please note that the Letter rack is back in the cloister
Please check to see if you have any mail that needs
Collecting.**

Window Sill Dressing for Christmas

If any one would like to decorate window sill for Christmas come to the church on Saturday 22nd December at 10am. Please soak and bring your own oasis as well as greenery and baubles that you have. For more information contact on Tel. 736185



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.

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. 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.

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)

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.



Sermons Online

You can find the Sunday Sermons online on our website, on A great way to keep up to date with the current messages.



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.

CAROLS AT CHASELEY CARE HOME!

Do you enjoy singing Carol's?
St. John's are organising the Chaseley Carol Service on Thursday 6th December at 2.30pm.
Chaseley would love as many of us as possible to join them.

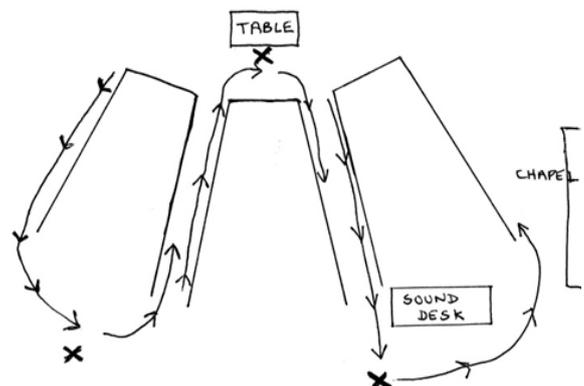
CAMEO - Monday 17th December 2pm Dr. Helen Rufus-Ward

will be giving an illustrated talk entitled: "Oh come all ye faithful: the Nativity in Art."

Tea and mince pies will be served during the interval! Look forward to seeing you.

Communion at 9.30 services

There will be 3 places available to receive Communion during 9.30 Communion services: one at the front and 2 at the back of the church. Those sitting in the central block of seats will go forward to receive Communion and those in the side blocks will be directed towards the rear stations, as indicated in the diagram below. If you would like a prayer of blessing please come forward and leave your hands by your sides. Wafers and gluten free wafers will be available at each station and Communion will be brought to those who find it difficult to leave their seats.



Christmas concert.

Do please come to the celebrated Christmas concert with the EBN concert orchestra. Some easy listening classical and Christmas festival music. Two St Johns friends are playing!
Tuesday 4th 7.30 All Saints

David & Jill Maddock are Moving North

After ten years of living in Meads David & Jill will be heading North to Lytham St Anne's, sometime in the new year. They will be deeply missed by us here at St John's. As things become clearer about their leaving date we will take the opportunity to wish them farewell and show our appreciation for their wonderful service and witness whilst they have been with us.