

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

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23 December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Heritage Communion**
 Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter
 Preaching Jorj Kowszun
 Assisting: Rosemary Bland
 OT Micah 5: 2-5a
 Gospel Luke 1: 39 -45
- 10.00am Family Nativity**
 Leading Kim Leach & Revd Ben Sleep
 Preaching Catherine Butcher
- 6.00pm Carol Service**
 Leading Revd Giles Carpenter
 Preaching Sarah Hassall
- 6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge**

Sunday 30th December 2018

- 8.00am Heritage Communion**
 Leading Revd Ben Sleep
 Presiding Revd Jill Preece
 Preaching Jorj Kowszun
 Assisting Chris Sneath
 Epistle Colossians 3: 12 -17
 Gospel Luke 2: 41 to end
- 10.00am Combined Service**
 Leading Revd Ben Sleep
 Presiding Revd Jill Preece
 Preaching Jorj Kowszun

SUNDAY CLUB PROVISION OVER CHRISTMAS

Sunday 30th December - 10am - Unsupervised crèche facilities available for 0-3 years olds and video for older children.

OFFICE CLOSING & OPENING DATES

Please note the office will be closed from Monday 24th and will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 December
4.00 pm Christingle
11.00pm. Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25 December
8.00am Heritage Communion
10-00am Family Nativity

Wednesday 26 December
No Events

Thursday 27 December
11.00am Holy Communion

Friday 28 December
No Events

Saturday 29 December
No Events

Prayer Pointers

- For all who will be attending our Christmas services, that the Holy Spirit will open people's eyes and hearts to the true meaning of Jesus' birth.
- For all who are on their own over Christmas, for those with no home, and for the work of Linking Lives Eastbourne, the Salvation Army, Matthew 25 and similar organisations.
- For the continuing diplomatic efforts to bring a lasting ceasefire and peace to Yemen, for the port of Hodeidah to remain open for aid to reach those in desperate need, and for the churches in Yemen as they seek to celebrate Christmas amidst such widespread and profound suffering.

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



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.

Severe Weather Response for the Homeless

A short walk on the seafront near Holywell or onto the lower slopes of the downs serves as a reminder that the needs of vulnerable and homeless people are as much a part of life in Meads as in any other area of Eastbourne.

Whilst the Winter Night Shelter (WNS) provides supervised overnight accommodation during the extreme winter months, when the temperature drops below freezing, the council are obliged to provide additional space for clients who cannot be accommodated by the existing WNS hosts (a selection of churches from across Eastbourne.)

Over recent weeks we have been in discussions with representatives from the Council and the WNS to consider their request for help from St John's in these extreme conditions.

The PCC have been united in expressing the wish that we offer what help we can subject to reasonable safeguards from the council and the full support of The WNS team who would provide the staff and handle all the logistics.

The aim of the WNS team will be to provide a warm, safe and friendly environment in the Jubilee Hall and Pauling room between the hours of 7.00pm and 8.00am when guests depart. This will involve mealtimes at evening and breakfast and a period of inter-acting with the guests during the evening.

Whilst WNS will provide this support if anyone from our own congregation would like to be involved in supporting the ministry this represents an ideal opportunity to get involved. Full training is provided for all volunteers and if anyone is interested in exploring this please speak to Giles, Jill, Ben or our Warden Tony Mottram.

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 will be on the 13th January 2019. 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



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.

Tess Dyson sends her best to all at St John's and that she has settled happily in her new home. Her new address is Fernbank Residential Care Home, 25-27, Gratwicke Road, Worthing, BN11 4BN

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)

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.



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 Meat
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned Rice pudding
- Biscuits
- Microwavable rice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Cereal



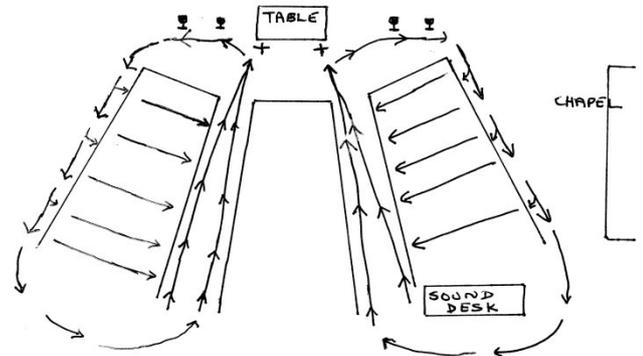
Donations are always gratefully received.

Communion at 9.30 services (3rdWeek)

*Revised

Communion will be received from 2 stations at the front of the church. Those sitting at the back will be directed forward first, using the central aisles, as indicated in the diagram below and returning via the side aisles. Those in the central block will also use the central aisles, joining whichever side they are directed towards, and returning to their seats from the back.

If you would like a prayer of blessing please come forward and leave your hands down. 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. Prayer ministry will be available in the Chapel.



Men's Breakfast

The first men's breakfast for 2019 will be on the 12th January, 8.00 at Holywell Cafe when Dennis Thompson will give his Thought for the Day. The majority of regular attendees have a permanent tick on the sign up sheet, for others please add your name. If you are unable to attend having signed up please do call me on 749329 to cancel, the list will be removed the Tuesday prior to the breakfast.

Future dates for your diaries, 23rd February Forbes Wastie and 23rd March Chris Kemp