

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

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

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25 November 2018

Sunday Before Advent

8.00am	Heritage Communion Presiding Revd David Maddock Preaching Revd David Maddock Assisting: Richard Wells OT Jeremiah 23:5-8 Gospel John 6: 5-14
9-30 am	Contemporary Service Leading Revd Giles Carpenter Preaching Bishop Richard Assisting Robert & Peggy Millett, Clive & Kate Dilloway, Nick Pendry & Catherine Butcher
11-15am	Classic Communion Leading Revd Giles Carpenter Preaching: Bishop Richard Assisting Dianna Guthrie & Sheila MacNicol OT Isaiah 6: 1-8 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-4:1 Hymns: 375,580,12&137
6-00pm	Choral Evensong Leader Revd Jill Price Preacher Jill Maddock
6.00pm	Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge *****
Sunday	2nd December 2018
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6-00pm	Darkness to Light Service Leader Revd Giles Carpenter

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 26 November**
9-00am Morning Prayer (Back of the Church)
10-30pm PARCHE at Meads House
2-00pm Pastoral Care Meeting (Pauling Room)
5-30pm Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7-30pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
- Tuesday 27 November**
10-30am Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
2-45pm Prayer at St John's School (Rainbow Room)
7-00pm Kemp House Group
- Wednesday 28 November**
9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
2-30pm Scrabble (Jubilee Hall)
6-00pm Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7-30pm Ladies Choir Rehearsal (Church)
7-30pm Springfield Home Group
- Thursday 29 November**
10-00am Baby & Toddler Group (Jubilee Hall)
11-00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
2-30pm Maddock Home Group
- Friday 30 November**
10-00am Coffee Pot+

Prayer Pointers

- 1) For the children's work at St. John's: Rising Stars, The Big God Space and Streetwise; also Mums and Toddlers on a Thursday morning, that Kim will have all the helpers she needs, and that each group will grow in numbers and in faith
- 2) For all who attended the Memorial Service on 18th November, that they will know God's comfort and strength on their continuing bereavement journey.
- 3) Let's lift up to God the desperate plight of everyone affected by the continuing forest fires in California; in particular for those who have been bereaved, those who have been injured and for all who don't know the whereabouts of family and friends.



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.

Public Wifi in the Church

We now have public wifi in the church. The code to log onto the public wifi system is:- stjorguk

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.

Meads Magic

Meads Magic is the popular Festive Street Market held in Meads Street each year – this year's event is on Friday 30th November 2018 2.30pm - 7pm. St John's opens the parish hall to serve hot drinks and mince pies and we also run a Christingle stall giving away sweets, a Christmas HOPE magazine and inviting passers-by to our Christingle Service. Volunteers are needed to serve drinks in the parish hall – see Margaret Kowszun (01323 737745) if you can help in the parish hall for all or part of the time. See Catherine Butcher (07850 0834140) if you can help with the Christingle stall.

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 event this Sunday has been cancelled and we will new dates to 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@congency.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.



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.

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.

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.
If you are hoping to come, please let Sarah Hassell know.

Wednesday 28th November 7.30-9.00pm 'Harmonia' Ladies' Choir rehearsal in the Church

Additional information:

HARMONIA Ladies' Choir, which was formed for the Remembrance Festival earlier this month, will be continuing to sing, rehearse, perform and have fun. All are welcome - just come along to our next rehearsal on a Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Church. I look forward to seeing you there!

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 2-45pm. We meet in the Rainbow Room for half an hour to pray for the students staff, families etc.
