

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

9 December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Heritage Communion Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter Preaching Revd Jill Preece Assisting: Dick Thwaites Epistle Malachai 3: 1-4 Gospel Luke 3: 1-6
9-30 am	Contemporary Communion Leading Revd Ben Sleep Preaching Revd Jill Preece Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter Assisting: Rowena Adams, Nick Pendry, Neil Cumming and Graeme Wallis
11-15am	Choral Matins Leading Revd Ben Sleep Preaching: Revd Jill Preece
3-00pm	Renaissance Singers Advent Meditation
6.00pm	Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge

Sunday 16th December 2018

8.00am	Heritage Communion Presiding Revd Jill Preece Preaching Nick Pendry Assisting Nick Bland
9-30am	Contemporary Service Leading Revd Jill Preece Preaching Nick Pendry
11-15pm	Classic Communion Leading Revd Jill Preece Preaching Nick Pendry Assisting Diana Guthrie

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	10 December
9-00am	Morning Prayer (Back of the Church)
11am	Parche at Camelot
2-30pm	Scrabble (Jubilee Hall)
5-30pm	Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
7-30pm	Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
Tuesday	11 December
10-30am	Movement to Music (Jubilee Hall)
2-45pm	Prayer at St John's School (Rainbow Room)
Wednesday	12 December
9.30am	Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
6-00pm	Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
7-30pm	Harmonia Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Thursday	13 December
11-00am	Holy Communion (Chapel)
7-45pm	Choir Practice
Friday	14 December
10-00am	Coffee Pot+
11-15am	St Andrew's School Christmas Service

Prayer Pointers

- ⇒ That people will be drawn to the many Christmas services we will be offering, and that in coming, they may discover the true meaning of Christmas.
- ⇒ For children from poverty stricken families in this country and beyond this Christmas, that through the work of the Salvation Army, Shelter and similar organisations they may have presents to unwrap and have a really happy Christmas.
- ⇒ That throughout our nation the Holy Spirit will bring many to a genuine encounter with God through carol concerts, nativity plays, Christingle services and performances of the Messiah.

Wednesday 12th 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.

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.



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@coagency.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.

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

Constructing Christingles

On Saturday the 22nd December at 10am (not too early a start) we need as many helpers as possible on a "conveyor belt" process to construct the Christingles ready for the service on the 24th December

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.



Christmas delivery

Give an hour or two to help deliver invitations to Christmas events at St John's to the homes in our parish. On Saturday 15th December from 9.30am packs of invitations will be ready to pick up from church. Join the delivery team – many hands make light work! Hot drinks and sweet treats for all the team.

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."

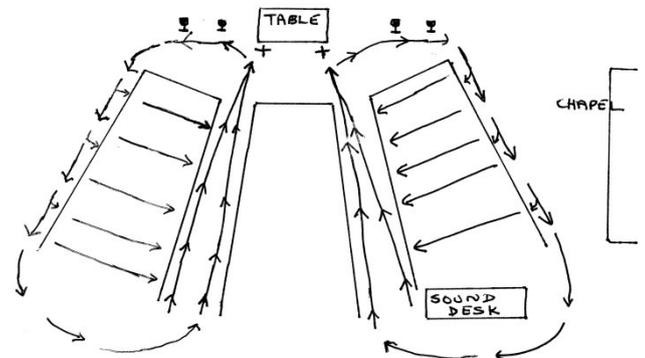
Tea and mince pies will be served during the interval! Look forward to seeing you.

Communion at 9.30 services

*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



Darkness to Light

I wish to thank everyone involved in last Sunday evenings very special Darkness to Light Service.

This introduction to Advent Service, was the culmination of hard work and devotion from every corner of our church! From Choir, Musicians, and Office to the Clergy team who Ministered on the evening.

Following years of similar Services in Cathedrals all over England, the ambiance in our, candle lit only Church, was the ideal background again for the solos from Messiah, to the very moving lighting of the five candles during the five accompanying prayers. These prayers are as relevant today as they've been through the ages.

A number present commented that 'God was really with us this evening'!

If you missed it, make a diary entry for next year! 6pm, the first Sunday in Advent.

David Oakenfold