

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 to Friday 9-30am to 12-30pm

NEWS SHEET



This Sunday 13th January 2019

First Sunday after Epiphany

8am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter

Assisting: Richard Wells
Epistle: Col. 1:3-6,15-20
Gospel: John15: 1-8

9.30am Contemporary Communion

Leading Nick Pendry
Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter
Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

11-15am Choral Matins

Leading Nick Pendry
Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter
Hymns: 259,364,& 85

6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in the Lodge (Starting in February)

Next Sunday 20th January 2019

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Jill Preece
Preaching Jorj Kowszun

Assisting: Dianne Barrett

9-30am Contemporary Service

Leading Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching Testimony Sunday

11-15am Classic Communion

Presiding Revd Jill Preece
Preaching Jorj Kowszun

6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in 'The Lodge' (Starting in February)

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 14 January

9.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Parche at Camelot
2-30pm Scrabble (JH)
5-30pm Beavers (JH)
7-30 pm Scouts (JH)

Tuesday 15 January

10-30am Movement to Music (JH)
10.30am Parche at Alma Lodge
2-45pm Prayer at the School in the Rainbow Room

Wednesday 16 January

9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
2-30pm Bible Study (PR)
6.15pm Cubs (JH)
7-30pm Harmonia Choir Practice (Church)
7-30pm Springfield Home Group

Thursday 17 January

9.00am Matthew 25 Trustees Meeting (PR)
10.00am Babies & Toddlers Group (JH)
11-00am Holy Communion (Chapel)

Friday 18 January

10-30am Coffee Pot Plus (PH)

Saturday 19 January

8.30am Prayer Plus

Eastbourne's Annual Day of Prayer - Saturday 19 January 2019

This is now its 9th year and it has become a most significant occasion for seeking God together for our town with Christians from many different local churches. Worship leader Graham Kendrick will be present all day to support our prayer and worship from 9.30am to 5pm with a lunch break from 12.30-1.30pm. The theme for the day is 'For such a time as this' and it will be held at Kings Church, Edison

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.

Jorj Kowszun

Sermons on Line

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



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.

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+).

You'll be invited to test the water over a few sessions without pressure to join. If you like what you see you'll join a rota with the opportunity to serve twice a month.

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)

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE PAIN OF LOSS AND GRIEF

'WE HAVE TO SAY HELLO BEFORE WE CAN SAY GOODBYE'

- Have you experienced the death of a loved one or another kind of painful loss – for example in a relationship, loss of work, role, home, difficult change in circumstances and would like help along that inevitable and painful journey of grieving?
- Painful grief that is not acknowledged maybe displaced onto other people and situations in ways, not intended, but can however bring hurt and misunderstanding.
- This programme helps us understand what grief is and how we might be helped along the journey.

On Thursdays, from 7th February 2019 - 9.30 to 11.30 am

You will see a video that will help in the understanding of the process of loss and grief, then share in a confidential small group.

For further questions and to book a place, please speak with Sheila Smith



Welcome to Newcomers

A very warm welcome from all of us here if you are new to St John's or just visiting. We hope you enjoy worshiping with our church family.



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.

To Confirm that those invited, the Connexions gathering is on this Sunday afternoon at 4pm at the vicarage. If you miss this one and would like an invitation to attend let one of our Welcome Team know or contact the Church Office (office@stjm.org.uk or 01323 738671). The next event is on the 10th February

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 register interest using online keypad located at the welcome desk. You can also visit our website at stjm.org.uk.

Prayer Pointers

- For all those beginning the new Alpha Course, that they will each be drawn closer to the Lord and become hungry for a genuine encounter with him.
- For all who are struggling to cope with ill health and the onset of old age.
- For those seeking a solution to the spate of knife crime in our towns and cities, and for all who have been affected by it.
- Continued Prayer for Vic Lawrence still recovering from his recent strokes in the DGH hospital



“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15

One of our aims at St John's is to grow in three dimensions. **'Up'** as we grow in our knowledge and love of God as our Father. **'In'** as we learn what it is to be the body of Christ loving, encouraging and supporting one another and lastly **'Out'** as we seek to be a blessing to those on the fringe of church life and beyond, sharing the love of God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The bible reveals a God who, through His dealings with men and women in history, is always active in reaching out to the world and calls us to participate in this mission. From ancient times the church has encouraged its members to share in this mission by adding their own stories or testimonies to those in scripture itself. These testimonies speak of a God who is not confined to the pages of a religious book but still at work in people's lives today.

Testimony enables us to share our own story of God's faithfulness in our lives (**up**). This reminds us that faith is not simply about a one off event or encounter but an ongoing journey of encountering God afresh as we learn to trust Him more today than we did the day before.

Secondly the apostle Paul encourages us to build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11). At any one time a congregation, such as ours, will have people at different stages and seasons in their faith. Whilst some may feel dry or be struggling in their faith others will be experiences a fresh touch from God. Testimony encourages people within the body of the Church, reminding us all of the continuing work of the Spirit among us (**in**).

Lastly the good news about Jesus first spread because those first disciples 'gossiped' their experience to their neighbours (Acts 11.20). In our age of social media people are increasingly making decisions on the basis of this same kind of 'social proof'. Testimony gives us an opportunity to invite those on the fringe of church and beyond, through story, to hear of God's action in the lives of other (**out**).

With this in mind, Sunday 20th January will be an opportunity for us as a body to testify to the things that God is doing amongst us. Several people has already approached me to ask if they can share but we would like to give as much opportunity as we can for everyone, who would like to and regardless of the service they attend, to share a short testimony in their service. If that could be you, please drop me a line at vicar@stjm.org.uk (or a note via the church office) with a brief outline of what you would like to share and I will be in touch.

Giles

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.

LADIES CAMEO - We commence our 2019 programme on Monday 21st January 2pm, Jill Maddock speaker - Meet 4 Eskimo Friends. Look forward to seeing you then.

HARMONIA Ladies' Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday, at 7.30-9.00pm in the Church. Everyone welcome - do come along if you would like to join in.

Going Deeper

The next Bible Study will be on Wednesday next, 16th January at 2.30pm for an hour in The Pauling Room, when we shall be continuing our beneficial studies in Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

This is an opportunity to explore the teaching of Scripture in greater depth than is possible at other times in our Church, and all are welcome to attend.

For further information, if required, please contact Robert Millett on 01323 723689, or pegro19@me.com

Wednesday January 16th is Clarice's 50th Birthday and on Sunday 20th January. As a gesture of "Celebration and Thanksgiving" of having actually reached this milestone and also to give thanks for all the Lord's Blessings and support given to both of us by you, our Church Family, over the last couple of years, we are very pleased to provide Special Birthday refreshments of "Cake and Fizz" for the entire congregation after the service. We sincerely hope that you will all stay to take part and enjoy it !

Graeme and Clarice Wallis.