

## 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

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## 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](mailto:kidswork@stjm.org.uk) or Ben at: [curate@stjm.org.uk](mailto:curate@stjm.org.uk)

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

**30 December 2018**

First Sunday of Christmas

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

**10.00am Combined Communion Service**  
Leading Revd Ben Sleep  
Presiding Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching Jorj Kowszun

**6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge**

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**Sunday 6th January 2019**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**  
Presiding Revd Jill Price  
Preaching Revd Ben Sleep  
Assisting Nick Bland

**9-30am Contemporary Service**  
Leading Catherine Butcher  
Preaching Revd Ben Sleep

**11-15am Classic communion**  
Presiding Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching Revd Ben Sleep

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Monday 31 December**  
No Events

**Tuesday 1 January**  
No Events

**Wednesday 2 January**  
9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)

**Thursday 3 January**  
11-00am Holy Communion (Chapel)

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### Prayer Pointers

- For the preparations of the new Alpha course and that even at this late stage there will be a good take up of this opportunity to discover more about the Christian faith
- For all who feeling abandoned and dispossessed they will find new hope in the coming year
- In the post Christmas travelling and the new Year celebrations we pray for safety on the roads, Especially remembering the friends and families affected by the deaths in a motor crash on a bridge in Iceland

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

### Epiphany Concert

The Renaissance Singers will be returning on Sunday 6 January for a concert of music for the season of Epiphany. 3.00pm in the church. Refreshments will follow the concert, and there will be a retiring collection. Everyone welcome.

### 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 Road, Hampden Park BN23 6PT. Come and go as you are able during the day - but make sure you book it in your diary now!

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### 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.

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## 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 be on January 13th. Let one of our Welcome Team know if you would like an invitation or contact the Church Office ([office@stjm.org.uk](mailto: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](http://stjm.org.uk).

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### 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](mailto: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**

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### 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/>

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### Pastoral Care

If you are aware or you know of someone needing a pastoral visit then please contact Jill Preece: [jill@stjm.org.uk](mailto:jill@stjm.org.uk) or phone: 01323 638020 or Nick Pendry: [nick.pendry60@gmail.com](mailto:nick.pendry60@gmail.com) or phone: 01323 737593.

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### HILARY TOBEN

Members of St John's will be sorry to hear that Hilary died peacefully on Saturday 22 December after a short final illness; Hilary had been a member of the church for a long time and until the last month or so had been the very welcoming host of the Rustington home group, who will miss her greatly.

## 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)

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## 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.



## NEW ALPHA COURSE FOR 2019

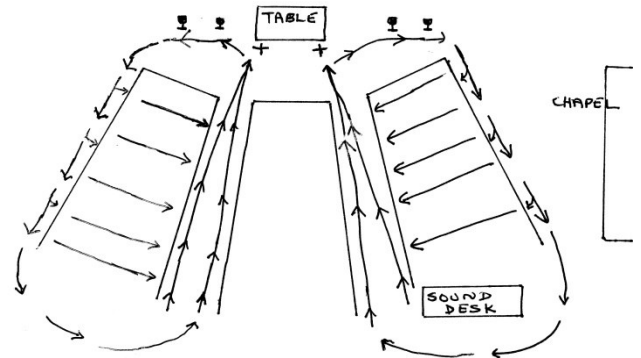
A new Alpha course will be running weekly in Meads from January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30-9.30pm. Do you have questions about faith? Not sure where to start? Come along and enjoy a good dinner followed by an even better discussion – no question is off limits! For more info, please contact the church office.

## \*Communion at 9.30 services\* (4th Week)

\*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.



## 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.



## 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