

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.

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NEWS SHEET



This Sunday 6 January 2019

Epiphany

8am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Jill Preece

Preaching Revd Ben Sleep

Assisting: Chris Nick Bland

Epistle Isaiah 53: 1-12

Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12

9.30am Contemporary Service

Leading Catherine Butcher

Preaching Revd Ben Shepherd

11-15am Classic Communion

Presiding Revd Jill Preece

Preaching Revd Ben Sleep

Hymns: 49, 152, 552 and 641

6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in the Lodge

Next Sunday 13th January 2019

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

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Assisting: Richard Wells

9-30am Contemporary Communion

Leading Nick Pendry

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11-15am Choral Matins

Leading Nick Pendry

Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter

6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in 'The Lodge'

RENAISSANCE SINGERS CONCERT which was to be at 3pm today has to be cancelled because of illness

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 January

9.00am Morning Prayer
5-30pm Beavers (JH)
7-30 pm Scouts (JH)

Tuesday 8 January

10-30am Movement to Music (JH)
7.00pm Kemp Home Group

Wednesday 9 January

9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
6.00pm Cubs (JH)
7-30pm Harmonia Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday 10 January

10.00am Babies & Toddlers Group (JH)
11-00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
7-45pm Choir Practice

Friday 11 January

10-30am Coffee Pot Plus (PH)

Saturday 12 January

8.00am Men's Breakfast
9.00am Who Let the Dad's Out (JH)
2.00pm Linking Lives Workshop (JH)

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!

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
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.

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)

Deadline for Entries into News Sheet

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

Rotas

For those who do not receive rotas by email the January & February ones are ready for collection in the letter rack in the cloister.

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.



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.

The next Connexions gathering is on the Sunday 13th January. If you 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).

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 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.

2018 Christmas Music and Services at St Johns

What an incredible Christmas time we all had at St John's in 2018!

Our church musical extravaganza started on Advent Sunday with our very poignant Darkness to Light candlelight service. (The details of this service have already been written).

We welcomed St John's School here for their Carol Service. This organ led service was so well attended that every new seat was used and an overspill of 30 plus climbed into the organ loft!

The children were brilliant in their story telling and their singing brought the story to life. Well done to all staff involved in the preparation of this special Service.

Apart from the usual Sunday services led by the worship band and organ in their respective services, we then entered the numerous special Christmas Services.

These started with our Carol Service led by the St Johns singers (our choir) and organ. A special thanks to Monty Sleep, who started this service with his beautiful solo of Once in Royal David's City. This takes courage!

A large and enthusiastic congregation proved how popular this traditional annual service remains. Thanks to the choir and Youth brass for the hard work involved in the lead up to this service.

The Nativity Service presented by our youth members followed. This took us on a brilliant route of traditional acting and modern technology! Some of the best costumes we've seen for a long time.

Music was provided by the joining of the worship band and organ. Again, a large attendance ensured that the singing of the Carols reached dizzy heights!

And what about the Christingle service the following day?!

The church laid out as never before and standing room only! A special thanks should go to all those who made the mountain of Christingles.

Again, music provided by the worship band and organ made the Carols ring out.

Midnight Mass also showed a larger congregation than usual and Carols sung with the organ took us into Christmas Day. Always a very reflective service.

Christmas Day brought all musicians together again to celebrate this special day. (The various groups from the congregation leading the Carols that day, could find themselves volunteered into our regular singing groups!) Thanks to the youth groups who presented part of the Days special story.

The Christmas music for 2018 was brought to an end by our joint Service on 30th December. Again, a great turnout for this service which culminated in a fantastic solo of 'Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar', an Epiphany Carol, sung by our Curate, Ben, during communion and the congregation then singing, spontaneously, the descant to 'Hark the Herald' competing with the organ!

So, as we go into 2019, a huge thank you to Mark and all in the worship Band and to our Choir, all who provide the music to our various services.

May I also add our thanks to all those who provided refreshments at so many services over this period and a final huge thanks to Brian who has provided us with the service sheets and service information etc over this extremely busy period.

David Oakenfold

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

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
fruit

Tinned

Tinned Rice pudding
Biscuits
Microwavable rice
Tinned tomatoes
Cereal



Donations are always
received.

gratefully

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 will be resuming rehearsals from this Wednesday, 9th January 2019, 7.30-9.00pm in the Church. Everyone welcome - do come along if you **would like to join in.**