

## 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 to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm

# NEWS SHEET



**This Sunday 24th February 2019**

**The Second Sunday before Lent**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**

Presiding Revd Jill Preece  
Preaching Catherine Butcher

Assisting: Richard Wells  
OT: 2 Samuel 12:1-13  
Gospel: Matthew 12: 15-21

**9.30am Contemporary Communion**

Presiding: Revd Brian Richards  
Preaching Catherine Butcher

**11.15am Classic Communion**

Presiding Revd Brian Richards  
Preaching Catherine Butcher  
OT: 2 Samuel 12:1-13  
Gospel: Matthew 12: 15-21

Hymns: 314, 732, 149 & 217

**6.00pm Evensong**

Leading Nick Pendry  
Preaching Jorj Kowszun

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

**Next Sunday 3rd March 2019**

**The Sunday next before Lent**

**8.00am Heritage Communion**

Leading Revd Brian Richards  
& Presiding  
Preaching Revd Ben Sleep  
Assisting: Nick Bland

**9.30am Contemporary Service**

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter  
Preaching Revd Ben Sleep

**11.15am Classic Communion**

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter  
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**6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group** in the Lodge

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday 25 February

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am PARCHE @ Meads House
- 5.30pm Beavers (Jubilee Hall)
- 7.30pm Scouts (Jubilee Hall)
- 7.30pm Kowszun House Group

### Tuesday 26 February

- Movement to Music (Cancelled)*
- 11.30am Memorial Service for Hilary Toben (Church)
- 2.45pm Prayer at the School in the Rainbow Room
- 7.30pm Alpha
- 7.30pm Kemp Home Group
- 7.30pm Bland Home Group
- 7.30pm Jackson Home Group

### Wednesday 27 February

- 9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
- 2.30pm Scrabble (Jubilee Hall)
- 6.15pm Cubs (Jubilee Hall)
- 7.30pm Adams Home Group
- 7.30pm Springfield Home Group
- 7.30pm Harmonia Choir Practice (Church)

### Thursday 28 February

- 10.10am 'Open the Book' Storytelling at St John's School
- 10am Baby & Toddler Group
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
- 2.00pm Coffee Pot Plus Prayer Meeting
- 2.30pm Darley Home Group (formally Maddock) \*
- 6.30pm Living Faith Course (Jubilee Hall)

### Friday 1 March

- 10.30am Coffee Pot + (Parish Hall)

### Saturday 2 March

- 7.30pm Jazz Evening (Church)

\* Darley Home Group: until Easter the dates are Thursday 28th February, 14th March, 28th March and 11th April

## Sermons on Line

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



## Pastoral Care

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

## Thanksgiving for Hilary Toben

All are warmly invited to join Hilary's family and friends for a service of thanksgiving to be held at St John's on Tuesday 26th February at 11.30am, followed by refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.



## Smile Chennai 2019

Our church family member, Justin Futers, is raising awareness and raising funds for the 'Smile Chennai 2019' Project, by cycling from Eastbourne to Thurso, and back (a distance of 1700 miles!). He will be leaving St John's on Sunday 31st August 2019 and returning on Sunday 8th September 2019. If you would like to get involved or help him raise funds, please contact Justin on 07465 769707 or email him on: [justincolnago1@gmail.com](mailto:justincolnago1@gmail.com)

## Sunday Club Team Members

We're still looking for new members to join our great kids' 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 Stars 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)

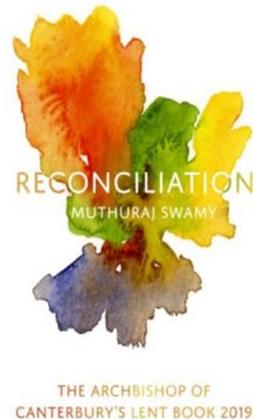
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Paul reminds the church in Corinth (2 Corinthians 5:11-21) that as followers of Jesus we are all called to the **ministry of reconciliation.**

During Lent this year we will be exploring this theme of reconciliation together as part of our Sunday teaching. Using the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book as a guide we will explore the biblical foundations for reconciliation as well as its impediments and its risks. We will discover together that at the heart of this ministry of reconciliation lies a 'radical openness to others' that characterises the life and ministry of Jesus.

Copies of the book are available to buy now at the back of church.

Giles



## Welcome to Newcomers

A very warm welcome from all of us here whether you are new to St John's or just visiting. We hope you enjoy worshipping 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. Dates of future events will be announced.

If you would like us to keep you 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 the online keypad at the Welcome Desk. You can also visit our website at [stjm.org.uk](http://stjm.org.uk).

### Prayer Pointers

- For our young people as they start Youth Alpha, that each of them may meet with God.
- For the upcoming Lent Course, for Giles and Brian as they lead it and for everyone who comes, that their faith may be enriched.
- For the ten thousand young cystic fibrosis sufferers in this country, for whom the drug Orkambi is not yet available due to the cost to the NHS.

### Electoral Roll 2019

Every six years the Electoral Roll has to be rebuilt and 2019 is the year! To do this **everyone** has to complete a new Electoral Roll form. The forms are available at the back of the church. Please complete a form and place it in the designated tray.

Many thanks.

**Brian & Diana**

## 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.

**Jorj Kowszun**

## IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Lent Course 2019 starts Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

In this Year of Vocation, in the Lent course, *Living Christ*, we encounter Christians across Sussex exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus.

With video contributions from a farmer, an artist, a mental-health campaigner, a carer and many others, the course consists of five sessions exploring: our life's work; family, friendship and community; a good childhood; health and vulnerability; and how we draw close to Christ at the end of our lives.

With a mixture of videos, prayers, Bible reading and discussion, the course is accessible for those exploring faith as well as offering opportunity for deeper reflection for those with a mature faith. It runs each **Wednesday Lunchtime** from **12noon to 1pm** beginning on **13<sup>th</sup> March**.

We look forward to welcoming you on our Lent journey together.

Your course leaders this year...

Giles and Brian



## Building for the Future—Update: Phase 2

Eleven levels of scaffolding have now been erected for the 2nd phase of works in our Building for the Future programme; wooden hoarding will be completed in the next week to secure the site and provide for safe access in and out of the West door. This has allowed T.E.Tilleys Ltd, our stone mason contractors, to go up and identify and mark all the stones to be either replaced or repaired. They have identified Stoke Ground Bathstone as the preferred match for the replacement, which has been cut from the quarry bed and supplied from the Bathstone Group. (Google their website for more information).

Re-turfing the North Lawn: this work has begun. A small area will need to be completed upon the eventual removal of the site office. We gratefully acknowledge a private gift made towards this element of the work.

## Drone and Operator Needed!

Do you have a drone, or know somebody who does? We would like to collate film footage of the tower and need somebody with the time and equipment to help us. Please email Carrie in the office if you can help: [office@stjm.org.uk](mailto:office@stjm.org.uk)

## Setting God's People Free

*Everyday Discipleship* is the title of a Chichester Diocesan Conference led by lay people for lay people on Saturday 16 March at Sussex University. Keynote speaker for the conference is Nick Shepherd, national director of the Setting God's People Free (SGPF) initiative for the Church of England. SGPF is a programme of change to equip Christians to live out the Good News of Jesus confidently in all areas of life, Sunday to Saturday – particularly as part of the Year of Vocation. Catherine Butcher has been the lay representative for our diocese in the national SGPF discussions. Ask Catherine for more details: [cathbutcher@live.co.uk](mailto:cathbutcher@live.co.uk)