

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 Jubilee Hall

The Big God Space—Ages 5-10 in the Pauling Room

Streetwise - Every Sunday Evening

Join us every Sunday night from 6.00pm - 7.30pm 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



This Sunday 10th March 2019

The First Sunday of Lent

Lent 1: Reconciliation Series
The Ministry of Reconciliation

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Revd Jill Preece

9.30am Contemporary Communion

Presiding Revd Ben Sleep

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11.15am Choral Matins

Presiding Revd Ben Sleep

Preaching Revd Jill Preece

6.00pm Streetwise Youth

Next Sunday 17th March 2019

The Second Sunday of Lent

Lent 2: Reconciliation Series
Relationships & Reconciliation

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Ben Sleep

Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter

9.30am Contemporary Service

Presiding Revd Jill Preece

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11.15am Classic Service

Presiding Revd Jill Preece

Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter

6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge



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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 11th March

9.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am Parche at Camelot
2.30pm Scrabble (JH)
5.30pm Beavers (JH)
7.30pm Scouts (JH)

Tuesday 12th March

10.30am Movement to Music (JH)

Wednesday 13th March

9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
12.00pm Lent Course (Church)
6.15pm Cubs (JH)
7.30pm Harmonia Choir (Church)

Thursday 14th March

10.00am Babies & Toddlers Group
11.00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
2.00pm Coffee Pot Prayer Meeting (PR)
6.30pm Living Faith (JH)

Friday 15th March

10.30am Coffee Pot Plus in the Parish Hall

Saturday 16th March

8.30am Prayer Plus (Church and JH)

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. Jorj Kowszun

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need up to three volunteers, who are willing to be DBS checked, to accompany 2–3 Chaseley residents who wish to come to the 9.30am service on a Sunday. Volunteers would need to walk beside the resident who will be in their motorised wheelchair. After the service the resident would need accompanying back to Chaseley. If you are able to help, please contact Sarah Hassell on 07904 302887.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Date for your diaries... The Mothering Sunday service will take place on 31st March at 10.00am. All are welcome! This will be a combined service with no kids clubs and **no communion**. If you would like to receive communion then this will be available at the 8.00am service.

COFFEE POT PLUS

What about popping in for coffee at the Parish Hall next Friday morning from 10.00 - 12.30. It's a chance to meet friends old and new, borrow the latest paperback, catch up with local and national news or sort out that IT problem at the computer helpdesk. We have a children's corner with books and toys and our brilliant catering team serve a light lunch at 12.00 for just £2.50. All this plus a smile and a warm welcome! Pop your head round the door. We'd love to see you!

LENT COURSE 2019 STARTS WEDNESDAY 13TH 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 13th March. We look forward to welcoming you on our Lent journey together. Your course leaders this year, Giles and Brian

CAMEO LADIES

On Monday 18th March at 2.00pm, a representative from Release International, supporting persecuted Christians, will be coming to speak to us. This is our charity event of the year so please do support it.

CHURCHSUITE

For those unfamiliar with ChurchSuite, Revd Ben Sleep and Carrie Elliott are running two demonstration session options and would be most grateful for your support in this attempt to streamline rota administration.

These are: **2nd April at 1.30pm** and **3rd April at 7.00pm**, both in the main Church. Please RSVP to: office @stjm.org.uk

SIDESMEN AND WELCOMERS

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April 2019, and the meeting will be approving the List of Sidesmen. Please can all Sidesmen kindly check their pigeonholes for their letters asking if they would like to continue for another year. All replies to Julia Pinder PCC Secretary by Sunday 31st March please.

STAYING ONLINE

You can find the Sunday Sermons online on our website, www.stjm.org.uk—a great way to keep up to date with the current messages and also the best place to buy tickets to our events.

A WARM 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). 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 www.stjm.org.uk

PRAYER POINTERS

For all those in care homes within the Parish, for closer links with these homes, and for inventive initiatives to bring the love of God to the residents.

For more people to donate food to the Eastbourne Foodbank, where the stock of food is running low.

In view of the alarming rise in knife crime and the recent tragic murders of young people, for all who are working to reverse this trend.



EASTBOURNE FOODBANK

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 and cereal. Donations are always gratefully received and the drop-off bin is to the left of the exit doors.

ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Eastbourne is holding its annual jazz concert on the 17th April in the Eastbourne College Theatre when the Storyville Strutters will be playing again. Tickets are priced at £15 each, please contact Dennis Thompson on 01323 749329 for tickets.

SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE

Everyday Discipleship is the title of a Chichester Diocesan conference led by lay people for lay people on Saturday, 16th 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 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

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

FAREWELL TO THE MADDOCKS

The Maddocks' final Sunday is the 17th March. If anyone would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please drop in any contributions to the office between now and the 17th. Please join us for tea/coffee and cake at the end of the 9.30am service on the 17th March.

ACCESS AT 9.30AM COMMUNIONS

Please would all Church Family members be mindful of access issues with so many people moving around the Church during the 9.30am Communion. This includes toys or musical instruments brought back after the Kids Clubs and keeping all corridors free of bags and newsletters, to avoid trip hazards. Thank you.

MENS' BREAKFAST

The next Breakfast is Saturday 23rd March at 8.00am at the Holywell Café, when Chris Kemp will be sharing his Thought for the Day. If you are not one of those with a permanent tick against your name, please sign up on the list in the cloister. If after signing up for the breakfast and you are unable to make the event, please call me on 01323 749329 to cancel. The list will be removed the Tuesday before the breakfast. Future Men's Breakfast dates for your diary are 13th April (John Caroe) and 25th May (David Barrett).

MOORINGS HOME GROUP

Dates of the Moorings Home Group are 2.30pm on March 14th, 28th and April 11th.

SPONSOR A STONE

Work has started to repair the church tower and the large south window behind the choir stalls. In the next couple of months 102 stones will be replaced. Generous gifts from members of St John's, charities and the Heritage Lottery Fund, plus an element of the church's reserves, mean that the cost of these repair works is underwritten. Sponsoring a stone does however represent a very tangible way of supporting our Building for the Future Appeal, particularly for those who have not yet had cause to do so. We are suggesting £100 to sponsor a stone and this will release funds back into reserves so that they can be used for the re-decoration of the church (part of the original project) later this year. Sponsors will receive a certificate of thanks. Gifts should be made payable to 'PCC of St John Meads' by cheque or by bank transfer to PCC of St John Meads Building Fund, sort code 40-52-40, a/c no. 00020269. The reference for both is 'Tower'. Thank you, Catherine Butcher

VOLUNTEERING

There are a number of office administration jobs that I need regular assistance with, through volunteers. This includes Parish Hall and event administration. Could you spare 2-3 hours per week on a regular basis? Please contact me on: office@stjm.org.uk. Thank you, Carrie Elliott