

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 SHEET

This 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

Assisting Dick Thwaites

9.30am Contemporary Service

Leading Revd Jill Preece

Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter

11.15am Classic Service

Presiding Revd Jill Preece

Preaching Revd Giles Carpenter

Assisting Derek Moulard

Hymns 227, 368, 428, 74

6.00pm Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge



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Next Sunday 24th March 2019

The Third Sunday of Lent

Lent 3: Reconciliation Series Roadblocks to Reconciliation

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Nick Pendry

Assisting Richard Wells

9.30am Contemporary Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Nick Pendry

11.15am Classic Service

Presiding Revd Jill Preece

Preaching Nick Pendry

Assisting Sheila MacNicol

Hymns 16, 374, 337, 249

6.00pm Evensong

Genesis 3: 8-15,

Leading Revd Ben Sleep

Preaching Sarah Hassell

Hymns 457, 631, 621, Psalm 113

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 18th March

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 2.00pm Cameo (JH)
- 3.00pm Linking Lives (PR)
- 5.30pm Beavers (JH)
- 7.30pm Scouts (JH)

Tuesday 19th March

- 10.30am Movement to Music (JH)

Wednesday 20th March

- 9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
- 10.30am PARCHE at Alma Lodge
- 12.00pm Lent Course (Church)
- 2.30pm Bible Study (PR)
- 6.15pm Cubs (JH)
- 7.30pm Harmonia Choir (Church)

Thursday 21st March

- 9.30am Open the Book (back of Church)
- 10.00am Babies & Toddlers Group
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
- 6.30pm Living Faith (JH)

Friday 22nd March

- 10.30am Coffee Pot Plus in the Parish Hall

Saturday 23rd March

- 8.00am Men's Breakfast (Holywell Café)

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.

DGH CHAPEL SERVICE ON 21ST APRIL

On Sunday 21st April from 4.30pm, we are looking for Readers and Prayer Ministry volunteers to help with a service at the Eastbourne DGH, which will be broadcast on radio to the patients at the hospital. If you can kindly offer to help volunteer, you will be given a daily parking ticket. Please RSVP if you can help to office@stjm.org.uk (The next volunteering opportunity will be 25th August).

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Date for your diaries... Mothering Sunday will take place on 31st March at 10.00am. All are welcome! This will be a combined service with no kids clubs. There will be no communion at this service.

BAPTISM

Are you interested in being baptised in the sea at Holywell on 30th June 2019? Please ask Revd Ben Sleep for more information.

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.

PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR PARISH?

Our Parish Magazine is one of the key ways that we keep in touch with people in the parish of Meads. We are grateful to those who have distributed the magazines faithfully over many years. Some of the distribution team are now unable to help in this way. Could you join the team? You don't need to live in the parish to help – and whole families can get involved! As well as distributors we also need other volunteers: to sort the magazines into bundles ready for distribution and to keep the distribution list up to date. The Easter Parish Magazine will be available to pick up for distribution from Thursday 21st March. If you are able to sort the magazines on Wednesday 20th March, help with distribution, or organise the distribution lists for future deliveries, please email the Church Office on: office@stjm.org.uk.

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.

SIGHT LINES

If you find yourself at the back of our 9.30am services, we know that it can't always be easy to see what's going on at the front. Now that we have screens in place, the next step is to use them to show much of the service. To that end, we are reviewing a plan to install cameras in the knave, so that all are able to be fully involved in the service. Updates to follow soon. Revd Ben Sleep.

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.

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. Please speak to our Welcome Team or contact the Church Office (office@stjm.org.uk or 01323 738671). **Our next Connexions event is Sunday 28th April 2019.** 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 the online keypad located at the welcome desk. You can also visit our website at www.stjm.org.uk

PRAYER POINTERS

For David and Jill Maddock, in gratitude for all that they have given to us, and praying for them as they settle in to their new home and new spiritual family in Lytham St. Annes.

For Coffee Pot Plus on Friday mornings at the Parish Hall, as light lunches are now being reintroduced, and for more folk from St. John's to come and chat with those who come.

For God's continued blessing on those who came to the Holy Spirit Day at Ashburnham on 9th March.



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.

YOUTH CAMP

MAY CAMP is the Diocese-wide annual youth event. It's for those in School years 7-10 (age 11-15), with a leadership stream for school years 11-13 (age 16-18) Every year hundreds of young people from across Sussex meet for a weekend of worship, teaching, discipleship, sports, games, and music at Plumpton Racecourse on 24th - 27th May 2019. The event is focused on the local church and the discipleship journey of the young people. There are seminars on subjects including social action, overseas mission, spiritual disciplines, money, worship, vocations, leadership, tough questions and much more. The cost of the weekend is £59.00. Details online at: <http://youth.chichester.anglican.org/maycamp/> If you have young people who would like to attend with us please email Kim for more information at kidswork@stjm.org.uk

'MISSION 3:16' HOLIDAY CLUB & MESSY EASTER

We would be '*over the moon*' if you would come and be part of the Mission 3:16 Mini Holiday Club for an '*out of this world*' time of galactic games, cosmic crafts, astronomical activities and much more! For children aged 5-11 on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th April in the Jubilee Hall from 10.00am-1.00pm. Messy Easter for the whole family on 19th April at 10.00am.

FLOWER ARRANGING FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY 31st MARCH

If you are able to help prepare posies for the 10.00am service, please come to the Jubilee Hall at 10.00am on Saturday 30th March. I will provide the flowers but please bring some greenery if you can. Thank you, Margaret Moulard (01323 736185).

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. Future Men's Breakfast dates for your diary are 13th April (John Caroe) and 25th May (David Barrett).

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.

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 administration and rotas. 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 or by logging onto your ChurchSuite App.

GOING DEEPER

The long arranged date for the next 'Going Deeper' Bible Study is Wednesday 20th March. It is hoped to see regulars and others interested in studying God's Word in greater depth. We shall be meeting (for no more than an hour) from 2.15pm in the Pauling Room. It is hoped that it will be felt possible to support both the Lent Course and the Bible Study, at which we shall be continuing our consideration of Paul's Letter to the Colossians, and, in particular, the marvellous passage speaking of the uniqueness and majesty of Our Lord Jesus. Robert Millett

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