

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 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 28: 10-19,
John 1: 35-51

Leading Revd Ben Sleep

Preaching Sarah Hassell

Hymns 457, 631, 621, Psalm 113

Next Sunday 31st March 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lent 4: Reconciliation Series
Risky Reconciliation

8.00am Heritage Communion

Presiding Revd Giles Carpenter

Preaching Jorj Kowszun

Assisting Richard Thompson

10.00am Mothering Sunday Combined Service

Presiding Revd Ben Sleep & Kim
Leach

Preaching Revd Ben Sleep



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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25th March

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 10.30am PARCHE at Meads House
- 5.30pm Beavers (JH)
- 7.30pm Scouts (JH)

Tuesday 26th March

- 10.30am Movement to Music (JH)

Wednesday 27th March

- 9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
- 12.00pm Lent Course (Church)
- 2.30pm Scrabble (JH)
- 6.15pm Cubs (JH)
- 7.30pm Harmonia Choir (Church)

Thursday 28th March * Deadline for Electoral Roll Forms *

- 9.30am Open the Book (back of Church)
- 10.00am Babies & Toddlers Group
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
- 2.00pm Coffee Pot Prayer Meeting (PR)
- 6.30pm Living Faith (JH)

Friday 29th March

- 10.00am Coffee Pot Plus in the Parish Hall

Saturday 30th March

- 10.30am Coffee Concert (Church)
- 2.30pm AV Desk Training (Church)

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE MADDOCKS

Dear Friends of St John's, you have taken our breath away with your wonderful generosity. Thank you too for the large card signed by so many of our friends, wishing us God's blessing for the future. It has been a privilege to have been part of the Church family over the past 10 years. You have been so kind and supportive and we are going to miss you all very much. May God bless you all, Jill and David Maddock

CHENNAI

We are up and rolling (literally!) with the launch of our fundraising and Facebook pages. There will be a number of initiatives and events in the months to come. Thank you to Becca for the logo and Lisa for the eye catching media. Justin Futers.



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EASTBOURNE → THURSO → EASTBOURNE

CONCERTS FOR YOUR DIARY

We have two amazing concerts coming up and they are both FREE!

Song Recital Coffee Concert with baritone Ian Collins on Saturday 30th March at 10.30am (Church) and the Harmonia Ladies Choir Spring Recital on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm (Church) with guest soloists Deborah Aloba, George Oakenfold, Lucy Sleep and Brian Steer.

BAPTISM

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

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. The task involves meeting the resident in the foyer of Chaseley Care Home on South Cliff (down St. John's Road and turn right at the bottom). 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.

DGH CHAPEL SERVICE

We are privileged to have been invited to lead the Easter Day Service which is broadcast on hospital radio at 5.00pm and lasts for 30 minutes. The timings are precise so we have to gather at 4.30pm in the Chapel. Please let myself or Carrie know if you are able to join us. Free parking vouchers are available! Derek Mouland 01323 736185.

MESSAGE FROM THE EWINS

We are relocating from London to Polegate this coming week and would be delighted if you would join Jackie for coffee at The Grand Hotel on 26th March from 11.30am-1.00pm. Please RSVP to jaci.evans@btinternet.com

JAZZ CONCERT

A whopping £1500 was raised for St Wilfred's Hospice. A massive thank you to everyone who supported this and to our own Mark Edwards and his 'troupe of strolling players' for a memorable evening. Clem Jackson.

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 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. 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 God's blessing on our Mothering Sunday Service on 31st March, that all those specially invited will come, and that the whole service will be a joy-filled celebration, but also remembering those for whom Mothering Sunday is not an easy occasion.

For Justin Futers as he takes up his role as national PARCHE co-ordinator.

For the families and friends of all those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack at Christ Church, New Zealand; also for those mourning the loss of loved ones in the crush at a St. Patrick's Day party in County Tyrone, and following the shootings in Utrecht.



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 Pauling Room 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).

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

AV TRAINING

Would you like to help with the AV desk at some services? Please come to our training session on Saturday 30th March at 2.30pm.

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.

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

HOLIDAY CLUB & MESSY EASTER

We have a great opportunity to share the Easter story with children and their families and need volunteers! If you would like to lead a small group in crafts, singing, games or help with refreshments then please contact me. Thank you, Kim Leach.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Today's collection will be for two important charities... The first for Christchurch Cathedral to support the work they are doing with those affected by the terrorist incident in Christchurch. In addition we are supporting a charity to support those affected by the devastating floods in Malawi and Mozambique.