

## 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](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 3rd March 2019

### The Sunday Next Before Lent

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Heritage Communion</b>
Presiding	Revd Brian Richards
Preaching	Revd Ben Sleep
Epistle	1 Peter 3: 15-16
Gospel	Matthew 28: 19-20

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Contemporary Service</b>
Presiding	Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching	Revd Ben Sleep

<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Classic Service</b>
Presiding	Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching	Revd Ben Sleep
Hymns	755, 456, 698, 282

### 6.00pm Streetwise Youth



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## Wednesday 6th March 2019

<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Communion</b>
Presiding	Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching	Revd Jill Preece

## Next Sunday 10th March 2019

### The First Sunday of Lent

<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Heritage Communion</b>
Presiding	Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching	Revd Jill Preece

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Contemporary Communion</b>
Presiding	Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching	Revd Jill Preece

<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Choral Matins</b>
Presiding	Revd Ben Sleep
Preaching	Revd Jill Preece

<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Streetwise Youth Group in The Lodge</b>
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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday 4th March

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
- 12.00pm Lunch Club (PH)
- 5.30pm Beavers (JH)
- 7.30pm Scouts (JH)

### Tuesday 5th March

- 10.30am Movement to Music (JH)

### Wednesday 6th March

- 9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
- 6.15pm Cubs (JH)
- 6.30pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 7.30pm PCC Meeting

### Thursday 7th March

- 10.00am Babies & Toddlers Group
- 11.00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
- 6.30pm Living Faith (JH)

### Friday 8th March

- 10.30am Coffee Pot Plus in the Parish Hall

### Saturday 9th March

- 10.00am Who Let the Dads Out (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](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

## PASTORAL CARE

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

## STAYING ONLINE

You can find the Sunday Sermons online on our website, [www.stjm.org.uk](http://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.



## **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

The current method of compiling rotas for volunteers will soon be changing to managing rotas on ChurchSuite. Revd Ben Sleep and Carrie Elliott will soon be announcing two date / time options, for those unfamiliar with the system, to provide guidance on logging on, getting the app, receiving correspondence and managing rota availability. Carrie would be most grateful for your support in this attempt to streamline rota administration. For those who do not have access to an iPhone or Android mobile phone, nor access to any computer, rotas will still be printed in hard copy and placed in respective pigeon holes.

## **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.

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](mailto: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](http://www.stjm.org.uk)

## **PRAYER POINTERS**

That many of us will commit to our forthcoming Lent Course: 'Reconciliation' - the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book; and for ourselves, that the coming season of Lent will be a time of real blessing.

For all who are involved in the current Alpha Course and for the forthcoming Holy Spirit Away Day on Saturday 9th March at Ashburnham.

For the country of Venezuela at this time, that President Maduro will face up to reality and let in the aid that is so desperately needed, with a just and peaceful political solution.

## **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.

## **PARCHE**

It is with enthusiasm and gratitude that I join PARCHE as the National Coordinator. PARCHE is a Church-based Ministry of Christian Teams bringing fellowship, comfort, Bible teaching, Communion and friendship to the Elderly living in Care Homes . I am blessed with the opportunity to invest my skills into PARCHE's mission as a way to give back to the greater community. I encourage anyone who might be interested in advising as to how I might best serve PARCHE communities, to please get

## **SMILE CHENNAI 2019**

Our church family member, Justin Futers, is raising awareness and raising funds for the CMLT charity in Chennai. The project called 'Smile Chennai 2019' involves Justin 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

## **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

## **THANK YOU**

Peggy and Robert Millett want to thank the many members of the Church Family who have so lavishly shown their love and practical caring in recent weeks during Robert's indisposition. It has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated, demonstrating, as it does, how in abundant measure St John's Church really is an expression of the Body of Christ made up of so many caring, loving members.

## **FAREWELL TO THE MADDOCKS**

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

## **MENS BREAKFAST**

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday 23rd March at 8.00am at 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).

## **WHO LET THE DADS OUT: NEW TIME!**

The next Who Let the Dads Out will take place on 9th March at the new time of 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.