

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 7th April 2019

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lent 5: Reconciliation Series
Humility and the Self-Examined Life

8.00am	Heritage Communion
Presiding	Revd Brian Richards
Preaching	Revd Brian Richards
Assisting	Nick Bland
9.30am	Contemporary Service
Leading	Revd Jill Preece
Preaching	Revd Brian Richards
11.15am	Classic Service
Presiding	Revd Jill Preece
Preaching	Revd Brian Richards
Assisting	Derek Moulard
Hymns	572, 738, 658, 394



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Next Sunday 14th April 2019

Palm Sunday

Lent 6: Reconciliation Series
Radical Openness to the Other

8.00am	Heritage Communion
Presiding	Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching	Revd Jill Preece
Assisting	Chris Sneath
9.30am	Contemporary Communion
Presiding	Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching	Revd Jill Preece
11.15am	Choral Matins
Leading	Revd Giles Carpenter
Preaching	Revd Jill Preece

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 8th April

- 9.00am Morning Prayer
2.30pm Scrabble (JH)

Tuesday 9th April

- 10.30am Movement to Music (JH)

Wednesday 10th April

- 9.30am Quiet Prayer (Chapel)
12.00pm Lent Course (Church)

Thursday 11th April

- 11.00am Holy Communion (Chapel)
2.00pm Coffee Pot Prayer Meeting (PR)
7.45pm St John's Singers rehearsal

Friday 12th April

- N.B. No Coffee Pot Plus until 26th April

Saturday 13th April

- 8.00am Men's Breakfast
10.00am Who Let the Dads out (JH)
7.00pm Art at Easter Preview Evening (JH)

Please also see the Easter calendar overleaf...

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.

CHURCHSUITE

Thank you to those who attended this week's ChurchSuite presentations. For those who haven't yet logged on, please follow the link that has been emailed to you (if we hold an email address for you) and type in St. John's (exactly as it appears here). St. John's Meads will be one of the options in the list.

Please then choose your own password and log on.

In MY DETAILS please got to COMMUNICATIONS and ensure that the boxes RECEIVE GENERAL EMAILS and RECIEVE ROTA REMINDER EMAILS (if applicable) is ticked.

In MY DETAILS and PRIVACY please ensure you have chosen whether or not you want your address, telephone, mobile and email visible to others in the Church Family. If you do not, please ensure these are not ticked.

BAPTISM

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

DGH CHAPEL SERVICE

We are privileged to have been invited to lead the Easter Day Service (21st April) 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 Moulard 01323 736185.

PARISH MAGAZINE DELIVERIES

A huge thank you to all those who helped distribute Parish magazines. For the next edition we will need one volunteer coordinator. Please email: office@stjm.org.uk if you can help.

SUMMER FETE: 22nd JUNE 2019 from 12.00pm—4.00pm

Calling all Green Fingers - Bookworms - Bakers - Collectors!

We are looking forward to a day of fun and entertainment for all our community in Meads, friends and visitors at our **Summer Fete on June 22nd Middy till 4pm**. If you are sowing seeds or taking cuttings, would you prepare some extras for the Plant Stall? Similarly, would you look out for good condition books for the Book Stall. There will be a Bric-a-Brac stall so please start collecting items for that. Cake makers, please bake and freeze or bring fresh cakes for the Cake Stall and Tea and Cake supply - we have a reputation for 'wow' factor cakes! Vintage cars, bouncy castle, choirs, candy floss, stalls galore, Eastbourne Silver Band and a barbecue.....a fun afternoon for all! We also hope to have a dog show. So please come and enjoy or, better still, volunteer to help AND enjoy! Maggie and George Gibson, Tony Mottram and Sally White.

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

CONNEXIONS



PRAYER POINTERS

- ◆ For Kim Leach as she prepares for, and leads, Holiday Club on Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April and for Messy Church on Good Friday, 19th April;
- ◆ For our clergy and all involved in the Good Friday and Easter services;
- ◆ For the work of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy, for all who are in despair, that the Chaplains will be able to talk many distressed people away from the edge;
- ◆ For Pete Ewins who will be in South Sudan for two weeks working in camps with displaced people.



With such a busy time in the calendar over Easter, here is a round up of all forthcoming events and services...

Palm Sunday 14 April

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Contemporary Communion
10.30am-11.30am Art at Easter (JH)
11.15am Choral Matins

Monday 15th April

10.00am-12.30pm Art at Easter (JH)

Wednesday 17th April

10.00am-1.00pm Age 5-11 Easter Club (JH)
2.30pm Going Deeper: Bible Study (PR)

Maundy Thursday 18th April

10.00am-1.00pm Age 5-11 Easter Club (JH)
11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
7.00pm Tenebrae Service

Good Friday 19th April (Bank Holiday: office closed)

10.00am-11.30am Messy Easter (JH)
12.00pm-3.00pm Three Hours at the Cross (enter or leave on the half hour)
12.30pm-3.30pm Art at Easter (JH)

Saturday 20th April

8.30am Prayer Plus (Church)
10.00am Flower arrangement prep for Easter Service (volunteers needed)

Easter Sunday 21st April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt
4.30pm DGH Chapel Service

Friday 26th April

7.30pm Garth Hewitt Concert (Church)

SPONSOR A STONE

Our Sponsor a Stone Appeal is off to a great start with 11 people responding so far. Home Groups and other groups at St John's are also considering how they can back the appeal together, with 10 people each giving £10. Full details of the appeal are on the table in the baptistry. 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'.

EASTBOURNE FOODBANK

Eastbourne Foodbank's stock of food is extremely low at present and they urgently need food items to enable them to maintain the service they provide: they are particularly in need of **tinned meat and tinned fish** at this present time. 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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday 13th April at 8.00am at Holywell Cafe when Clem Jackson will be sharing his Thought for the Day. If you don't have a permanent tick against your name, please sign up in The Cloister. If are unable to make the event, please call Dennis on 01323 749329 to cancel. The list will be removed the Tuesday before the breakfast. A future date for your diary is the 25th May, with David Barrett.