

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Eph 3: 20-21

WELCOME to St Richard's News update 5 May 2024

Sunday 5 May

Morning service – 10.45am

(with Creche, Sunday Club & lasers!)

Ephesians 2:11-3:13 The Tale of Two Kingdoms

(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

Notices!

- Church Family Prayer Meeting Thursday 9 May 7.15pm for 7.30pm start Everyone welcome to St Richards, to gather around the word of God and to pray for our world, country, church and each other.
- FEST 2024 Date for your diary 28th 30th June 2024 BOOKING NOW OPEN

Over the weekend of 28th – 30th June the church families of St Richards and All Saints are invited to relocate to a campsite near Halland for Fest 2024. Enjoy a weekend away under canvas or in a caravan to worship, share fellowship, play games and get to know people. You don't have to camp though, "day visitors"



are also welcome, but booking is essential! Oh, and meals are included in the price. Bookings are now open <u>here</u>. This year we are also giving people the opportunity to make a donation so that we can offer either partial or full subsidies. Donations to support the event can be made <u>here</u>. See the flyer or check out ChurchSuite for further details.

• BBQ lunch with The Beehive - Saturday 11th May 12-3pm We are all invited to a BBQ/Lunch at Andrew & June's to meet Alan & Jane Hutt from The Beehive when they will be able to update us as to what is happening at The Beehive,. There will be the usual sign-up sheet in the hall and June will have invitations with their address and time. There will be no charge for food, but we hope you will make a donation for The Beehive our `mission partners.



• Communion - Final COVID restriction lifted

In short - From 28th April as a Parish we reverted to serving communion with pieces of bread and a shared cup of wine. This means we will be discontinuing the dipping of wafers in wine. This is in fact what the Diocese have been instructing us to do form some time. In long - the dispensation that permitted Anglican churches to accommodate those who prefer not to drink from a common/shared cup during communion which was introduced during the COVID pandemic has expired. This means that as with All Saints we will be returning to sharing a common cup.

What's on this week...

MONDAYS: Southern Crowborough "A Walk in the Park"- 9.30-10.30am

Reaching out to the community with fitness & friendship. We meet in Adam's close cul-de-sac. NOT BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY!

MONDAYS: Men's Sausage Roll Club

If you're free on Monday mornings and would benefit from good company and conversation, then why not join this group. They meet in various places so for more information and the latest rendezvous have a chat with John Wayte.

• MONDAYS: Southern Crowborough Craft Group - 2-4pm every Monday.

A craft group for anyone who likes to chat over coffee and crafting - meets in the lounge at St Richard's. Why not bring a friend along? For more info chat to Rosemary Longley.

TUESDAYS: Little Seeds Toddler Group 10am – 12pm

Our toddler group meets at St Richards during term time from 10am till 12noon. A welcoming meeting place for parents and carers to socialise and bring their little ones to enjoy playing and organised activities. For more info chat to Sarah Bell and Laura Rapley.

• TUESDAYS: Youth: (F-Y2)

During term time we partner with All Saints in their youth groups. Meeting from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Hero's meets in the Parish Halls Adventurers in the downstairs hall accessed from the back of All Saints church. For more info email Sarah Thrift **sarah@allsaintscrowborough.org**

WEDNESDAYS: Midday prayer at St Richard's – 12noon to 1pm

Join with us as we think through what we heard on Sunday and to pray for our church, the community of southern Crowborough, the churches in Crowborough, the CofE and the world.

FRIDAYS – Ladies bible study at St Richard's from 10:15am

An hour together to grow in faith and enrich our bible knowledge. Speak to Trish if you think you'd like to join us!

Pastoral Surgery

A key aspect of church life is our spiritual health and wellbeing. As part of this Mark has set up our "Pastoral Surgery" where we can book a slot via Trish. Slots are available Monday evenings from 7.45pm and Thursday afternoons 1.45pm and 4pm at St Richard's lounge. A time to chat through things, share time in prayer and fellowship, whatever may be helpful for you.

Other Resources:

Southern Women's Convention 8th June at All Saints - 9.30am – 4.15pm

Please book soon to avoid disappointment!

A better Story, Talks from Hebrews with speaker Kimberly Davis. In a day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, we will be taken through the book of Hebrews; seeing how God's story was fulfilled through the person of Jesus Christ. Even in the midst of life's storms, God reminds us that His story is perfectly written for us! For more info and to book, <u>click here</u>, or contact Trish at the church office 01892 611318

Crowborough Pantry

Beechview Parade, Walshes Road, TN6 3RA.

Mondays: 10.00am until 11.00am,Tuesdays: 2.30pm until 4pm,Thursdays: 6pm until 7.30pm,Saturdays: 10am until 11.30am

Crowborough Community Pantry Open Day!

Friday 10th May 10am – 2pm.

We would love you to come along and find out how we reduce food waste. Have a chat with our volunteers and (the best bit!) sample some rescued food one of our volunteers, who also happens to be a chef, has prepared. Look forward to seeing you! Jo Stonebrook

Crowborough Foodbank

St Richard's is a Foodbank collection point.

For their full list of acceptable items check out their website

Next Sunday 12 May Morning service at 10.45am

(With Creche, Sunday Club & lasers!)

Ephesians 3:1-11

(Mark Rapley preaching & leading)

For our Prayers

Going for Growth Project

Project "**Going for Growth**" is the name given to the joint project between St Richards and All Saints churches to provide robust building facilities to meet the growing needs of our church







community and the community of Southern Crowborough. The project started in 2021 with the purchase of the Hawes bungalow (next door) by the Crowborough Weald Gospel Trust (CWGT). There have been many twists and turns along the way, yet we **give thanks** to God that we have seen every hurdle overcome.

The latest stage in the process is getting the land titles for the bungalow and our current site under single ownership. As part of this process All Saints and St Michaels and All Angels PCC's need to sell their stakes in the land and buildings, we occupy to the CWGT. To achieve this a suitably qualified and agreeable surveyor is required to comply with Section 119 Charity Commission rules which cover the sale of Charitable assets. **Give thanks** that such a surveyor has been approached, and subject to their initial checks and acceptance of the invitation to create the valuation this important stage will go ahead.

You can give a donation to <u>Going for Growth</u> project at any time by **bank transfer** to:

sort code **30-96-26,** account number **73241968** (For identification please will you kindly add '**GfG**' in the **referen**

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Interim side expansion project

Project "**Side Expansion**" is the name given to the joint project between St Richards and the Crowborough Weald Gospel Trust to utilise a section of land between the side hall and the bungalow to provide temporary additional space while the Going for Growth project progresses.

This will enable us to create a third teaching space essential for our Sunday youth work, office accommodation for our minister, massively increase our "kerb appeal", increase parking, increase the flexibility in how our site is used by the community, and with two staff on site the increased security allowing for an 'open building'. Give thanks for a significant donation to this project, pray for the CWGT trustees as they navigate the legalities of who is liable for what and who is responsible for what, which determines who does what.



An illustration and impression so finer details may change, and all is subject to planning permission.