

24th November Giving Sunday

Isaiah 1:1-31 – Reasoning with rebels

Steve Rees (preaching), Ben Thorndike (leading)



Next week – Morning Service

Isaiah 2-4 – Walking in the light

Ben Thorndike (preaching), Andrew Gibson (leading)

Other news and events coming up this week and beyond...

- **THIS Sunday, 24 November: St Richard's Gift Day 2019.** We have spoken a lot about this over the past few weeks, and if you were with us last Sunday morning you will have heard a sermon on Giving from 2 Corinthians 9 – can I encourage you to listen to this if you missed it. We have also given out hard copies of our Gift Day leaflet, and emailed to the church family recently too. **The theme of Gift Day 2019 is to remove the All Saints grant and keep our books balanced!**

The Gift Day form has a pledge section with Banker's Order. We would love to encourage **everyone in the church family:**

1. To complete and return the pledge section of the form this coming Sunday on Gift Day – even if you plan to continue your giving at current levels (do bring this in an envelope).
2. If you are changing your giving, please also change your Standing Order in line with the pledge form (or complete the Banker's order section and we can send this off to your bank).
3. If you are a UK taxpayer and can Gift Aid, please also fill in the separate form that was given out too, and put this in the envelope with your pledge/banker's order.

Please read the leaflet, pray and reflect. Again, we are excited about all God seems to be doing to grow our church family at St Richard's both numerically and spiritually – what an exciting platform we have been given for ministry and mission on into 2020!

- Wed 27 Nov: **Hub prayers**, in the lounge, 12-1pm. Weekly meeting in the lounge to pray from last week's sermon, and to share wider prayers for the life and ministry of St Richard's together.
- Fri 6 Dec: There will be a **service of thanksgiving for Felicity Partridges' life** on Fri 6 December, 12.30pm at All Saints church. Dick and the family would like to extend a welcome to all who knew Felicity and would like to join with them.
- **Christmas publicity is ready!** Christmas publicity cards will be available from this Sunday. Please take a bundle to give to friends, family, neighbours... Christmas is still a fantastic opportunity to invite people to come to church and hear the Gospel. Good news!
- Next outreach event on Sat 30 Nov: **Women's event – CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING**, 7.45pm. Flyers in the entrance. Trish Scobell will be giving a short talk about the Christian faith. A great event to bring a friend to – only 36 spaces – sold out last year! Grab some flyers, think who you can invite along and book your place! Speak to Jane Thorndike for more information.
- Sun 8 Dec: **Outreach event for families – Christmas Family Fun afternoon**, 3-4.30pm. A great event for pre-school and primary children, this year Alderbrook Community Association are also helping us at the event. Flyers in the entrance: activities, crafts, Carols, short Christmas talk – lots happening! Invite others – spaces limited – book now! **Speak to Jane Thorndike for more info or if you can serve on the afternoon.**
- 1-4 May 2020. **Bible by the Beach** – a great weekend of Bible teaching and fellowship for all ages! Theme: Fearless – advancing the Gospel. Many from All Saints & St Richard's go each year – come and join us. Speak to Tess or visit www.biblebythebeach.org for more info. For the church group discount, book through the following link before 30 Nov: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/qgdspjkg>
- A note from Frances: Thank you to all who supported the Shoe box appeal. 240 boxes were sent from Crowborough churches.