

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 20 June 2021

Sunday 20 June 2021 – Morning Service – Father's Day

Genesis 18:16-19:29 Destruction and Salvation
(Andrew Gibson preaching & Ben Thorndike leading)

9.15am Morning service over Zoom (*this is the last week we will have a 9.15am service*)
(Zoom meeting open from 9.00am)

10.45am Morning Service in the building – with Sunday Club service in the hall
(doors open from 10.30am)

Final hymn to be sung outside together – print off the words on this news sheet and bring with you!

Sunday evening at All Saints, 6.30pm – if you want two services, book a seat in the building via their website, or tune in to the All Saints Live Stream for the evening service: allsaintscrowborough.org/live

SUNDAYS AT ST RICHARD'S – LATEST NEWS

- Sadly, we will not be able to meet all together on Sunday 27 June, as originally planned. We now hope to return fully to the building on 25 July – with a 'Bring Your Own' picnic lunch after the service.

Sunday 25 July – Bring Your Own picnic lunch to eat together after the 10.45am service

- **From next Sunday, 27 June, we will hold one service in the building at 10.45am, with the opportunity to join via Zoom at the same time.** Social distancing will remain, so please make booking requests as usual to the church office by end Wednesday if you want to join in the building.
- Children & Young People's groups will remain in family bubbles until the 18 July.

CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **Weekly lunchtime prayers AT ST RICHARD'S – Wednesday 23 June, 12.00-12.45pm.** A time of fellowship around God's word and prayer. Join with us to pray for our church, our community and the world. Bring your own sandwiches to share time together over lunch too if you would like.
- **Joyce Newman's funeral.** Joyce's funeral is on Tue 22 June, 2.30pm. If you have not already requested a seat from the family, there will be a Livestream of the service at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCobsq07tk40E4Sp5clGIF5g>
- Everyone on the church database should have been receiving emails from Suzanne Hall about **Libby Feeseey**. Do please pray on for her and the Feeseey family.
- **Living in Love and Faith.** Living in Love and Faith is a new teaching and learning hub produced by the Church of England to help the church discern a way forward on matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. **All Saints & St Richard's will be running two identical evening services (hosted at All Saints) on Thu 24 and Wed 30 June, from 7.30-9pm,** to enable as many people to engage

and be informed by the project, and to equip us in our thinking in these important matters that could potentially reshape the practice and doctrine of the Church of England. *You only therefore need to attend one of the evenings, not both!*

The evenings will include explanations on the resource, opportunity to engage with it, to hear the Church of England Evangelical Council's response, and to ask questions that members of the staff team will try to answer. We would love as many people to come as possible either in person or on Zoom.

Steve Rees & Ben Thorndike

Booking and Zoom details below:

For Thu 24 June book to attend here: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/voiooxen>
The Zoom link (no need to book for that) Contact All Saints Church office

For Wed 30 June book to attend here: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/giwxwfd0>
The Zoom link (no need to book for that) Contact the church office

Men and women of the church family

Things are opening up! Social distancing is reducing! Vaccinations are happening! We are keen to help one another connect back together as a church family. Below are the remaining events in our plan to help get men and women of the church meeting together again.

These also tie into some evangelistic events later in the autumn term and into 2022 (to invite others to) as we prepare for 'St Richard's Passion for Life Mission.' More on that to follow!

These sort of events will be increasingly important in our reconnections together outside Sunday mornings. **So if you are a man or woman of St Richard's, please be encouraged to come along and reconnect together.**

Friday 9 July, 7.30-9.00pm. MEN'S 'Take-out and talk-about.' An opportunity to open the Bible briefly, pray together, and chat more about life as we share a suitably prepared 'take away' together. Please let the church office know strichardsoffice@gmail.com by 5 July if you intend to come - in order to plan food!

Saturday 18 September, 2.00-3.30pm. WOMEN'S 'Desserts and discussion.' An opportunity to open the Bible briefly, pray together, and chat more about life – as we share, hopefully by now, a selection of desserts prepared by one another.

Wednesday 6 October, 7.30-9.00pm. MEN'S 'Lager and laughter.' An opportunity to open the Bible briefly, pray together, and chat more about life – as we share a drink or two, and snacks together.

Next week

Sunday 27 June 2021 – Morning Service

10.45am in the building (also broadcast over Zoom) – with Sunday Club

(request a seat by contacting the church office by end Wednesday)

1 Peter 4:7-11 The End is Near (Ben Thorndike preaching & leading)

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, oh God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in eloquent witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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He will hold me fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*

REPEAT

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast*