

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 4 July 2021

Sunday 4 July 2021 – Morning Service

Genesis 20:1-21:7 Why the long wait?

(Ben Thorndike preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

10.45am Morning Service in the building – with Sunday Club service in the hall

(doors open from 10.30am)

also broadcast over Zoom

(If joining on Zoom – you can use the 'side-by-side option during the sermon to see both preacher & sermon slides together)

Final hymn(s) 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

- We 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 All Age service
- Children & Young People's groups will remain in family bubbles until the 18 July.

CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **July Prayer Service: our July monthly prayer meeting is this week – Thu 8 July, 7.45pm.** This will take place at St Richard's – in the outside space if the weather is good, if not then the main worship area. Come and join with the church family as we hear news, share, and pray together for our lives, our church, local communities and the world. You don't have to pray out loud, join an 'Amen' if you'd like!
- **Going for Growth!** We praise God that the bank account is finally open to collect pledges. If you made a pledge you should now have received details from David Buck about how to give – if you have not received this yet, please contact David at: ridleybuck@btinternet.com
- **Weekly lunchtime prayers AT ST RICHARD'S – Wednesday 7 July, 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.
- **Prom Praise Together Watch Party – Saturday 17 July, 6pm (free!)** Why not invite others to join you at home (*up to six, or two households*) for this live broadcast from All Souls, Langham Place featuring the orchestra and special guests Joanne McGahon, Noel Robinson, Geraldine Latty, Matt Redman, Rend Collective and a talk by Krish Kandiah. A great concert to enjoy together for a wonderful evening – either with non-Christians, or as Christians together. **More details at: allsoulsmusic.org**

Men and women of the 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 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 join together and share a pre-ordered takeaway curry!

The cost will be £10 per person for a main dish, rice and coffee/chocolates (*we can't share breads, etc!*) (*please bring other drinks you would like with you*).

Please let the church office know strichardsoffice@gmail.com by 4 July if you intend to come.

John Scobell will then contact all those who plan to come on 5 July with a menu and details of how to choose food. We will order it ahead of the evening ready to eat!

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.

Outreach to Alderbrook and the local community – with Forest Fold Baptist Church

What a joy to serve the children and young people in our local community. This year we are partnering with Forest Fold Baptist Chapel in two events, see details below. Do be **praying** on for these events, do think about any families with children you might like to **invite**, and please think if you could help **serve** on these teams. Speak to Ben or Trish for more information:

- **Lighthouse** – children of all ages welcome to join for Bible talks, football, craft/painting and refreshments. Tue 20 & Wed 21 July, 7.30-8.30pm at Adam Field.
- **Connect** – a monthly meeting, following on from Lighthouse. Children aged 5-13 welcome to join for crafts, games and short Bible Talk. Mon Sep 13, Oct 18 & Nov 22 at St Richard's Church 6.45-8pm.

Living in Love and Faith catch up – Monday 5 July 7.30pm

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. We want 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.

If you missed both the evenings of teaching and reflection on these important matters of human sexuality and gender, the most recent will be broadcast over Zoom on Monday 5 July at 7.30pm. Details from church office.

If you have questions that are not answered in the Question Time, please be in touch with Steve via email

Recommended books are available to purchase here:

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/dbdtgelg>

We would also love as many people to respond to ‘the next steps group’ to encourage the Church of England to hold onto the Bible’s teaching about marriage. You can do this via this link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith/contact-living-love-and-faith-next-steps-group>

There is a form to fill in, which will be shared with the LLF Next Steps Group. Your response to this could be via a written or recorded response. Have a look at the options available.

Next week

Sunday 11 July 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)

Genesis 21:8-24 – Mockery and Certainty

(David Buck preaching & Abi Lattimer leading)

All I Once Held Dear

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

*Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord.*

Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die.

*Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord,
love you Lord.*