

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 27 June 2021

Sunday 27 June 2021 – Morning Service

1 Peter 4:7-11 The end is near
(Ben Thorndike preaching & 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 hymns 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 this Sunday 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

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

CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **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 30 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.
- 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 are running two identical evening services (hosted at All Saints)** to enable as many as possible 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. **The second of these is on Wed 30 June, from 7.30-9pm.** The evening 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. The best way to engage is to book in person if you feel able, or alternatively join on Zoom. *(There were some technical issues with Zoom at the first evening, which we hope are now resolved ahead of this coming Wednesday).*

Booking and Zoom details

For Wed 30 Jun book to attend at: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/giwxwfd0>

The Zoom link (no need to book for that) Contact Church office for details

We would also love as many people to **respond to the national 'Next Steps Group'** to encourage the Church of England to hold onto the Bible's teaching about marriage. You can do this via the link below. 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:

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

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
(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.

Next week

Sunday 4 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 20:1-21:7 - Why the long wait?

(Ben Thorndike preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

Oh how good it is

Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people.*

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people.*

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people.*

REPEAT

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His
people.*

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Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

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