

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 18 July 2021

Sunday 18 July 2021 – Morning Service

Genesis 22:1-24 The Test

(David Lattimer preaching & Trish Scobell 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

I had hoped to write a letter to the church family this week to outline how we plan to come out of lockdown over the coming weeks. Restrictions are lifting, but things still won't look exactly like they did before the pandemic. We are planning to open up our life and worship together in stages over the coming weeks into the autumn so that people can feel safe and come back with confidence. However, at the time of writing there has been no guidance from the government or Church of England, which we expect imminently. That in mind, **I will write to the church early next week to outline some of our plans looking to 25 July and beyond.** Please do be patient, definitely be praying, and with many thanks to you all for everything you have done to keep us going and growing these past 16 months or so. *Ben*

- BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 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

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 21 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.
- **Can you help serve refreshments after church?** We are planning to serve refreshments again after our Sunday services from September onwards. Could you help join the team? Serving about once a month in a pair. **We currently need three more people to join in order to re-start.** For more information, please contact Trish at the church office.

- **The Southern Women's Convention – Sat 2nd Oct, 9am-3.15pm.** *There is no rock like our God (1 Sam 2:2)* In a day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, we'll be considering how we can be bold in living for Jesus as we look forward to our new normal, post-Covid-19. Main speaker, Karen Soole, will spotlight the challenge of two very different women from 1 Samuel. In person and online options. More info and how to book see here: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/2b0ck2gl>
- **Update from the Gibsons on mission!** Andrew wrote this week to say:

'(10 July) A good start at Newcastle Emlyn with over a dozen from local Anglican church with evangelical vicar probably younger than you(!) We joined the team and were able to talk to shoppers on the high street. (11 July) Now writing as I sit on a wall beside a bridge over the Afon (River) Teifi waiting for the team to appear – they have accommodation tonight in the village. Team leader George seems glad to have us on board so we are speaking to people in the street and have had several conversations about faith at the campsite. (14 July) Just finished 4 hours over a moor on the next phase of walk. Last night our farmer hosts arranged a meeting in a barn. They asked at very short notice an ex-opera singer to come. He was in London and his plan to direct music at a Christian conference in Alaska fell through so we had him singing in Welsh. One team member gave his testimony and there was singing. At the appeal two men (father and grown up son), plus two ladies responded committing themselves to Jesus. There is a meeting on Friday evening at tomorrow night's stopover village and the team changeover Saturday noon. Please pray for the chance encounters we have along the way.'

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.**

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 come along with your children, and do think about any families with children you might like to **invite** to join you!

- **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.

OTHER NEWS ...

- It is with great sadness that Fred Best passed away on Wednesday 30 June at Cottage Hospice. Though not a member of the church family, Fred was a key member of the Alderbrook community and will be much missed by us all. Pray on for the family and our witness to them through this time. That they might find comfort in grief, knowing the peace of God found through the Lord Jesus. Fred's funeral will take place on Wed 21 July, 11am at All Saints church.
- **Road closure – Walshes Road!** South East Water are planning to install 200 metres of new water main in Walshes Road, Crowborough, from July 26. The project is expected to take approximately 12 weeks to complete. Walshes Road will be closed for the duration of the scheme, in three sections: First a closure between Stone Cross Road and Walshes Road to the junction at Kingfisher Drive. Secondly, between Kingfisher Drive and Nightingales. Finally, between Nightingales and Luxford Road. This will impact traffic, especially from the south. For more details see: <https://corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/walshesroad>

Next week

Sunday 25 July 2021 – All Age Service (*no Sunday Club*)

10.45am in the building (with Zoom broadcast)

There is no longer a need to request a seat!

John 2:1-12 Water into Wine

(Ben Thorndike preaching & Jane Thorndike leading)