

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 25 July 2021

Sunday 25 July 2021 – All Age Service & Lord's Supper

BACK TOGETHER SUNDAY!

with Bring-Your-Own picnic lunch after the service

John 2: 1-12 – Water into wine

(Ben Thorndike preaching & Jane Thorndike leading)

10.45am Morning Service in the building

(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)

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

If you are a regular member of the church family, you will have received my letter this week explaining our plans to come out of lockdown and social distancing gradually. We long to open up and do as much as we can together, but the overriding principle is a love and concern for others, especially those who feel less confident and more vulnerable than we might. A brief reminder here, that this Sunday is our last planned Zoom broadcast for the moment, and also to please remain at home if you have any Covid symptoms or have been told to isolate, again out of a love for others. **Do remind yourselves of all the other details in the letter ahead of this Sunday, and let us join together in giving thanks and praise to God for getting us to this point!** *Ben*

CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 28 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 one more person 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>

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** – give thanks for all those who came along, and the team from St Richard's and Forest Fold Baptist Church, who served this past Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Pray on for continued relationship building and for people to ultimately come to know and trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

- **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 ...

- **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 1 August 2021 – Morning Service – Summer service (no Sunday Club)

10.45am in the building

There is no longer a need to request a seat!

John 2:13-25 Tables turned

(Ian Roberts preaching & Trish Scobell leading)