

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 10 October 2021

Sunday 10 Oct 2021 – 10.45am Morning Service

(with children and young people's groups!)

Hebrews 11:1-40 Unseen conviction

(Steve Rees preaching & Trish Scobell leading)

Sunday evening at All Saints, 6.30pm – *if you want two services, come along to All Saints or tune in to the All Saints Live Stream for the evening service: allsaintscrowborough.org/live*

ST RICHARD'S – LATEST NEWS

We continue to pray on for applications, interviews and appointment of the next Minister for St Richard's. We are also so grateful to God for the response to last Sunday's Gift Day. In helping support our church family finances, **initial figures look like we have pledged together a monthly increase of around £775 towards the £750 we were aiming for! On top of which one-off gifts have totalled just over £6,200 so far.** This puts the church family in a great position for 2022 budget and decisions to be made on staffing and the new Minister.

SUNDAYS AT ST RICHARD'S

We hit the autumn term with the same freedoms to worship that we have enjoyed through the summer. Praise the Lord for that! If you are a regular member of the church family, you will know that our plan is to continue coming 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. So that said, a brief reminder of some of the things we are doing, and encouraging all of us to do together, over the coming weeks:

- We will still have **hand sanitiser** at the doors for you to use coming in and going out.
- **Masks** are not compulsory but please do wear a face covering if you would like (though we are asking everyone to wear one when we sing together).
- Rows of **seating** remain spaced out a little more than usual – but as a courtesy please ask the person you plan to sit next to if they want you to leave a seat empty or not, and please, if you feel more comfortable with a seat between you and another household do say so to the person planning to sit next to you without any embarrassment. Consider this too, when sitting in front of, or behind, someone on the rows.
- We will keep the building **ventilated** as much as possible, with windows open.
- We can **chat** in the building after a service, but if the weather is fine, we encourage you to chat outside.
- We continue to encourage people to **exit** via the back door into the outside space for the time being.
- We plan to continue administering wine at **The Lord's Supper** this month in a safe manner.

PLANNED CHANGES FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 17 OCTOBER

- Due to increasing numbers, the **extra row of seats will be added back** into the main worship area. (Next Sunday is also a Thanksgiving service for Jessie & Nathan Hyde, so we are expecting extra visitors!)
- We will be serving **refreshments** from the front after church – one of the changes to this is that we are asking **everyone to bring their own 'keep cup' (travel mugs / mugs with lids) to use.** We have a small number available for those who do not have (and cannot get) one, but it would help us massively if you can please bring your own to church from next Sunday onwards.

CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 13 Oct 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.
- **Going for Growth! update.** David Buck shared more fully at our monthly prayer meeting this week, but plans to purchase the site are in the final stages with solicitors, so all appears well! Beyond that, short term plans are likely to involve letting the bungalow commercially, whilst we then begin a planning process, involving all stakeholders, to think about longer term development of the site.
- **Friendship Hour will be meeting on Monday 11 October, 2.30pm at St Richard's.** A companionship group for men and women, which welcomes and offers support to anyone who may spend a lot of time on their own. The desire is for those in the group to draw close to God and feel cared for in a special way. This month, the guest slot is Marilyn Payne – 'There is music in the air.' Please contact the church office 01892 611318
- **Passion for Life launch: Cabaret & All That Jazz** – joint event by All Saints & St Richard's churches, an evening of cabaret, cocktails, craft beer & conversation, with speaker Rico Tice. **Wed 13 Oct 7.30–9.45pm** at All Saints Church. £7.50 (inc. free drink on entry) Book a table for up to six people online at: www.allsaintscrowborough.org

Rob & Suzanne Dillingham will be leading a time of prayer during the evening – in person at All Saints, and over Zoom. Please contact Suzanne for more information.

- **Connect – a group for children aged 5-13.** Our next Connect evening is on **Monday 18 October, meeting from 6.45-8pm at St Richard's.** There will be crafts, games, refreshments and a short Bible talk. A joint partnership project with Forest Fold Baptist church. Give thanks for the 21 children who came in September, including a number of families from Alderbrook, and new faces. Pray on that God might use these times to bring people into His Kingdom, and **do consider joining the team to help serve at this event** – contact Trish at the church office for more details.

OTHER NEWS...

- **SGP Annual Conference: Everyday Faith, Everyday Fruitfulness. Sat 13 Nov 2021 10am to 3.30pm.** *'How can we be more fruitful out in God's world, among the people we meet in the everyday places we spend the bulk of our time – the workplace, college, lunch club, supermarket, bus stop, toddler group or school gate? Come and join us for this dynamic, interactive day when we will be discovering the many ways we have probably already been fruitful for Christ and the multiple ways that we can help one another bring Christ's wisdom, power and hope to the challenges and yearnings of our neighbours, co-workers, and friends. Main speaker Mark Greene, Mission Champion at London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.'*

For more details and bookings see: <https://events.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/annual-conference>

- **All Saints Men's Breakfast, Sat 16th Oct at 8am in the Downstairs Rooms at All Saints.** Listen to a former barrister, QC and now judge unpack evidence for the resurrection over a full English breakfast! Great to bring non-Christian friends to. Book at <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/c81frpd0>
- **Road closure – Walshes Road!** South East Water plan to install 200m of new water main in Walshes Road, from July 26. The project is expected to take c.12 weeks to complete. Walshes Road will be closed for the

duration in three sections: First, 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 from the south, **but the church is still accessible from the Whitehill Road end of Fermor Road.** For more details see: <https://corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/walshesroad>

- **'Catch the wind'** joint churches prayer meeting from 9.00-9.40am at The Oasis (Community Church building in Beacon Road, opposite Royal Mail Sorting Office.) The meeting will be on the **first Saturday of each month.** They are introducing prayer walking around parts of Crowborough for those who want to take part, with time together at The Oasis before the prayer walk. For more information, please contact Peter and Pat Lockley.
- **Shoe Boxes** – If anyone would like to make up a shoe box for Link to Hope please be in contact with Frances Sadd – Tel: 01892 661959.

Next Sunday – 17 October 2021

Morning Service at 10.45am – with Thanksgiving for Jessie & Nathan Hyde

Hebrews 12:1-3 – Urged to keep running

(Ben Thorndike preaching & leading)

