

## St Richard's Crowborough – News update 23 January 2022

**Sunday 23 January 2022**

**Lord's supper at 10.45am** (with children groups – Lasers in service!)

**Ephesians 2 – face the fear and act in faith**

(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

**Sunday evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm** – *Nehemiah - building for the future: Weeping and prayer Nehemiah 1:1-2:10 Holy Communion*, come along to All Saints or *tune in to the All Saints Live Stream for the evening service:* [allsaintscrowborough.org/live](http://allsaintscrowborough.org/live)

### SUNDAYS AT ST RICHARD'S

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 here is a brief reminder of some of the things we are doing, and encouraging all of us to do together, over the coming weeks:

- We are now serving **refreshments** from the front after church – 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.
- We will still have **hand sanitiser** at the doors **for you to use** coming in and going out.
- **Masks** have once again been made mandatory (10 Dec 2021) so please do wear a face covering unless you are exempt or under the age of 11 yrs.
- 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. Please consider this too, when sitting in front of, or behind, someone on the rows.
- We will keep the building **ventilated** as much as reasonably 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.



**1 March - Curry evening with guest speaker** (Please note change of date!)

**19 March - Afternoon tea with guest speaker**

**Be praying for and thinking about who you might invite**

## CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 26 January 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.
- **CONNECT** –Crafts, games, refreshments & short bible talk - meets again on the following dates: ***Mondays 6.45 – 8pm – 24 Jan, 21 Feb & 21 Mar. This is our outreach to children and families in the community so please do spread the word to those you know!***
- **Bible by the Beach** - Eastbourne 29 April – 2 May 2022 - ***Devoted to Jesus - from the Inside out*** with speakers including Christopher Ash, Linda Allcock, Helen Thorne, music from All Souls Orchestra and and full *Faith in Kids* young people's programme. More details here: <https://www.biblebythebeach.org/> Weekend tickets £100 adult, £30 children, if booked before Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. PLUS £10 discount if we book as group, please contact Suzanne Hall on 01892 652081 if you are interested.
- **Women's Bible study** – If you would like to join a women's Bible study there are two options. **Ladies 10:25 Bible Study group** meets weekly on Fridays over Zoom (and once a month in someone's home) from 10.15–11.15am. For more information please contact Trish Scobell 01892 611318.

**St Richard's Women's Bible Study group** meets fortnightly on Thursdays 9.15am to 10.30am in downstairs rooms All Saints. (Creche available 9.30am to 10.30am.) 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10<sup>th</sup> Mar, 24 Mar. More information – please contact the church office 01892 611318

## OTHER NEWS...

- **Passion for Life (PfL) prayers this week.** PfL is an initiative linking UK evangelical churches, as they proclaim the good news of Jesus in their communities over the coming months. **This week, please pray:**

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*  
**John 14: 6-7**

Lord Jesus

We live in a world where many people choose a way to live based solely on what benefits them the most, everyone seems to have their own version of truth, and life can be chaotic, confusing and disappointing. People don't know who to trust, they can't see the best way forward and there is a nagging feeling that there must be more to life than this.

Jesus, you simply told us that

You are the way.

You are the truth.

You are the life.

Your example and your words lead us into life in all its fullness, and as we place our trust in you, you reveal the truth about God and we experience a life full of his love and his goodness. May our lives and our words reflect the truth about God and lead others to Jesus so that they too can experience his love and goodness for themselves.

Amen

**This week please pray:**

- For the organising teams for each event as they plan – may they find a good balance between making the event as safe as possible and creating an informal and relaxed atmosphere.
- For the speakers at the events as they prepare the words they will share.
- That people would not be anxious about inviting friends to the events, whether due to fear of a negative response or because of concerns regarding Covid.
- Pray for those who are unable or unwilling to come to the events- thank God that he can meet them where they are and be found by them.

**Next Sunday – 30 January 2022**

**Morning service at 10.45am** (with children & young people's groups!)

**Ephesians 3 - The mystery is out!**

(Mark Rapley preaching & Trish scobell leading)