

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 10 April 2022

Sunday 10 April 2022

Morning service (Palm Sunday) at 10.45am

(With crèche, Sunday club & Lasers!)

John 12: 12-36 Welcome the King

(Mark Rapley preaching & Abi Lattimer leading)

Sunday evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm –*Set free from sin - Romans 6:15-23*

come along to All Saints Church or tune in to their Live Stream for the evening service:

allsaintscrowborough.org/live

Good Friday service - 15 April at 3pm

Round the cross

(Mark Rapley preaching & leading)

SUNDAYS AT ST RICHARD'S

With the gradual relaxing of Covid measures our 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:

- **Refreshments** are served from the front, if possible please **bring your own** mugs with lids. We have a small number available if needed.
- We continue to encourage the use of **hand sanitiser** which you'll find at the doors.
- **Masks** are no longer mandatory however the Government guidance still recommends taking care in crowded places.
- 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.
- We will keep the building **ventilated** as much as reasonably possible.
- 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** in a safe manner.

• CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **Pastoral Surgery** – A key aspect of church life is our spiritual health and wellbeing. As part of this Mark has set up our "Pastoral Surgery" where we can book a slot via Trish. Initially on Tuesday evenings 7:45pm and 8:30pm (Mark's home or yours) and Thursday afternoons 1:30pm, 2:15pm and 4pm at St Richards lounge. A time to share, for prayer and fellowship.

- **Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 13 April 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.
- **"End the Persecution", Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm.** An evening where churches from across Sussex are invited to come together and hear about initiatives that are being taken to end persecution all over the world. At the end of the evening there will be a Q&A with all the speakers. Refreshments will be provided. The event is free but please sign up
https://www.allsaintscrowborough.org/Groups/374589/All_Saints_Church/Whats_On/End_the_Persecution/End_the_Persecution.aspx
- **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/>
- **Southern Women's Convention 'Thrive' at All Saints – Saturday 11 June – 9.30am – 3.30pm.** In a day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, we will be taken on a whistle-stop tour of the book of James. Our main speaker Lizzy Smallwood will be speaking about the 'spiritual heart surgery' we all need in order to truly thrive! For more detail or to book a place:
<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/9bzn3gmp>

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:**

Week 30

He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrow that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.
Isaiah 53:3-6

Lord God,

As we look at our world, we see so much hatred and division, so much pain and sorrow, such brokenness, fear and hardship, such undeserved suffering- it can feel like evil is winning.

As we look towards the cross of Jesus, we see a man of sorrows, hated, beaten, alone and in pain, crushed by the weight of our sin, suffering an undeserved punishment, and yet this is the moment of victory. The death and resurrection of Jesus brings defeat to the power of sin, victory over death and in Jesus we find wholeness, healing, hope and love.

This Easter may we not turn our backs and look the other way but take time to gaze upon the cross of Jesus, to recognise the price he paid to enable us to be reconciled with God, and with grateful hearts, may we take this message of grace to our hurting world.

To the glory of our precious Saviour Jesus,
Amen

This week please continue to pray:

- Pray for all those (children and teenagers) who went along to CIRT last week that they will have been encouraged by meeting other young Christians from different churches.
- Pray that they will see new openings for them to share their faith with their friends.
- Pray for those children and young people who experienced Christian teaching for the first time; that the Lord will continue a good work in them.
- Pray for the young people (and others) getting baptised on Easter Sunday. Thank the Lord for what he has begun to do in their lives and pray that they may continue to grow in wisdom and faith as they follow the Lord.
- Pray for the Easter services. May those who are feeling broken or without hope be drawn to church to discover the everlasting hope and joy we have because of Jesus.

Next Sunday – 17 April 2022

All age service & Lord's supper (Easter Sunday) at 10.45am

"We could do cute this Easter, but... we'd rather do life changing"

(Mark Rapley preaching & leading)

APCM 2022 - Update

The Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) for 2022 will be held at All Saints church on **Sunday 24th April at 10.30am**, as part of a service combining the 9.15, 10.45 and 10.45 St Richard's services. It will begin with the Meeting for Election of Churchwardens, open to all in the parish, and continue to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, open to all on the church Electoral Roll. Here are the details:

Notice of Election of Churchwardens 2022

Notice of APCM 2022

If you would like to nominate someone for the position of churchwarden or PCC representative, please do so by 21st April using the correct form:

Churchwarden Nomination Form 2022

PCC Nomination Form 2022

sending either the paper form (via the Church office pigeonhole or Reception) or a scan of a signed copy, to the PCC secretary Suzanne Hall suzanne.hall@allsaintscrowborough.org. If you would like to ask a **question** at the meeting, please submit it by Sunday 17th April to Suzanne Hall

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has been revised and is published here: