

St Richard's Crowborough – News update 17 April 2022

Sunday 17 April 2022

All age service & Lord's supper (Easter Sunday) at 11am

Luke 24: 1-8

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

(Mark Rapley preaching & leading)

Sunday evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm – *That you might believe - John 20:24-31 – Baptism service.*
come along to All Saints Church or tune in to their Live Stream for the evening service:

allsaintscrowborough.org/live

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 20 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](https://www.allsaintscrowborough.org/Groups/374589/All%20Saints%20Church/Whats%20On/End%20the%20Persecution/End%20the%20Persecution.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 31

As we go into Holy Week and think of the events of Jesus' last days on earth, we reflect on his final words as he hung on the cross.

Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30

Lord Jesus

You have finished God's work of salvation. Your sacrifice on the cross paid the full penalty for our sin and has given us access to the Father. Because of you, we are forgiven and can come into the presence of God and enjoy him forever. We have life because of your death.

Lord Jesus, you gave up your spirit and gave Him to us. You did not leave us as orphans but sent the Holy Spirit to be our advocate, to help us and guide us into all truth, to produce fruit in our lives that will bless and lead others to Jesus, and to be a seal that confirms God's faithful covenant promises to us.

Lord Jesus, we give you our lives in grateful thanks for all you have done.

Holy Spirit, thank you for your presence with us. Guide and lead us clearly each day, that we might give glory to Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

This week please:

- Give thanks for over 130 children who came to CIRT and heard about Jesus. Pray that they would grow in faith and understanding, and come to love Jesus more each day.
- Give thanks for a great CIRT Youth night with 75+ teenagers coming to the quiz. Pray for those who came who don't know Jesus- may they be drawn to find out more, and pray that the young people from Forest Fold and All Saints may be strengthened and encouraged in their faith.
- Pray for those getting baptised on Easter Sunday- may their lives be a witness to their friends and family, and school/work colleagues as they declare their love and commitment to Jesus.
- Pray for those you who you invited to one of the Easter services- ask the Holy Spirit to keep working in their hearts to respond to the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for those who may have been to a Passion for Life event, or find themselves with questions about faith- may they be drawn to the Hope explored or Christianity Explored courses. Ask the Lord to show you if there is someone you could bring to one of the courses.

Next Sunday – 24 April 2022

Joint APCM service at All Saints – (*Please note time* - 10.30am)

ASK together

(Steve Rees 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:

Also available on the notice board at St Richard's.

The Annual Report and Financial statements has been independently examined and is available on display in both All Saints and St Richard's churches.

If you would like an electronic copy please contact Suzanne Hall Suzanne.hall@allsaintscrowborough.org who will send one by email