

## St Richard's Crowborough – News update 1 May 2022

**Sunday 1 May 2022**

**Morning service at 10.45am**

**John 21:15-25 Pardoned, healed, restored, forgiven.**

(David Buck preaching & Abi Lattimer leading)

**Sunday evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm** – *John 20: 11-18 – Garden meeting* - come along to All Saints Church or tune in to their Live Stream for the evening service:

[allsaintscrowborough.org/live](http://allsaintscrowborough.org/live)

### CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

# HOPE | EXPLORED

**Hope Explored Course** – A new 3 week course starts soon!

**Mondays 30 May, 6 & 13 June 7.45pm at St Richard's church.**

Hope Explored does not require a huge time commitment from guests and is one of the easiest ways to introduce someone to Christianity. The Christianity Explored series can then be run as a follow-up course for those eager to explore the Christian faith more. The course looks at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in Luke's Gospel, this three-session series shows that Christianity is about real hope: a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about my present.

**Please contact Trish to book a place: 01892 611318**

- **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 4 May 12.00-12.45pm.** A time of fellowship around God's word and p-rayer. Join with us to pray for our church, our community and the world.
- **Our May monthly prayer meeting is this week – Thursday 5 May, 7.45pm at St Richard's.** Come and join with the church family as we hear news, share, and pray together for our lives, our church, our local communities and the world. You don't have to pray out loud, just join with an 'Amen' if you'd like!
- **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>

- **Covid-19** - With the relaxing of Covid measures, what remains is our overriding principle of love and concern for others, especially those who feel less confident and more vulnerable than we might. So, we continue to encourage the use of **hand sanitiser** which you'll find at the doors, and we will keep the **building ventilated** as much as is reasonably possible. If you have the **symptoms** of covid, as with any illness, please **stay at home** and where appropriate test yourself.
- **Foodbank and Crowborough Community Fridge.**  
A few have asked about the difference between the Foodbank and Crowborough Community Fridge. The Foodbank receives donations from the public which go to produce food parcels that are delivered to needy households around Crowborough through a ticketed referral system, so as to ensure those in need get the help. Crowborough Community Fridge collects surplus food from the supermarkets and distributes this through pop-up centres where anyone can drop-in and take whatever food they need. One of those pop-up centres being St Richards on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

## 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 33

*Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'*  
**Matthew 28:18-20**

Lord Jesus

Thank you that your gospel is good news for the whole world. Lord, you have commissioned us to take your gospel to all nations and we give you thanks for those who serve you in places all over the world, often at great personal cost. Lord Jesus, you command each of us to make disciples, so whether that is in a distant nation, or in our own home town and families, may we recognise the privilege and responsibility you have given us. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your promise to be with us always, wherever we are called to serve you.

Amen

## **Next Sunday – 8 May 2022**

### **All Age Service – World Mission Sunday.**

**(Self-service Creche in Room behind Stained glass Window)**

(Mike Cooper preaching & World Mission Team leading)

The St Richards Mission Team are delighted to welcome **Mike Cooper from Open Doors** to preach at our Morning Service and following lunch to talk to us about the work of Open Doors. We hope as many of you as possible will join him for quiche with salad and potatoes and a fruit dessert.

There will be a signup sheet at church on Sunday 1 May to indicate that you can stay for lunch, with any dietary needs.

Please also indicate if you can help with set up, serving lunch, or clearing up afterwards.

If you would like to stay for lunch but will not be at church this Sunday, please email Anne at [symons.family6@gmail.com](mailto:symons.family6@gmail.com)