

"From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love as each part does it's work." Eph 4:16

WELCOME to St Richard's Crowborough

News update 21 May 2023

Sunday 21 May 2023

Lord's supper 10.45am (with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

John 14:1-14 "The comfort of Jesus"

(with Mark Rapley preaching, Trish Scobell leading & Nick Ashton Lord's supper)

Evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm

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

I rejoice in serving you - Philippians 1:18-30 allsaintscrowborough.org/live

CHURCH NEWS...

- **PRAYER: Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 24 May 12.00 – 13.00pm**
A time of fellowship around God's word and prayer. Join with us as we think through what we heard on Sunday in the service and to pray for our church, the community of southern Crowborough, the churches in Crowborough, the Church of England and the world.
- **PRAY: For your young people who have exams coming up.**
Attached to your email or paper copy of our newsletter is the timetable of exams that two of our church family will be sitting in the coming weeks. May we encourage them by praying for them in their revision, the exams themselves and the decisions they make afterwards.
- **Big Church Festival** (previously Big Church Day Out) Sat 27 - Sun 28 May 2023, a great family day/weekend, a Christian Festival of Worship and Fun in West Sussex. Use this link to access our group booking page offering discounts <https://bigchurch.group/2023/all-saints-crowborough> (closes 22 May.)
- **FEST 2023 – Date for your diary 23rd-25th June 2023 BOOKING NOW OPEN**
Over the weekend of 23rd – 25th June the church families of St Richards and All Saints are invited to relocate to a campsite near Halland for Fest 2023. Enjoy a weekend away under canvas or in a caravan to worship, share fellowship, play games and get to know people. You don't have to camp though, "day visitors" are also welcome, but booking is essential! Oh, and meals are included in the price. Bookings are now open, with early bird rates until 11th June!
<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/cvvwi2uc>



- **The Mrs de Lannoy & Haven Homes Almshouse Charity** has a vacancy in Jarvis Brook, Crowborough, a ground floor flat for a single person over the age of 50 and in financial need. Preference will be given to those of the Protestant faith. Anyone who would like to be considered for accommodation please contact the secretary to the Trustees, Gillian Morris, on 01892 668890 or g.d.morris20@btinternet.com before 25th May with full name, current address and telephone number.
- **Many thanks from the Barnabas Dementia Support Group** to all who supported their fundraiser – with thanks to Rosemary and the knit & natter group for their wonderful forget-me-nots which raised £66.

Free NHS Health Checks - offered to residents in Wealden.

The NHS Health Check is a free check-up designed to spot the early signs of strokes, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia. Residents aged 40-74, who haven't had a stroke or don't suffer heart disease or kidney disease, are eligible for an NHS Health Check every five years. Residents who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes will not be eligible.

The health check will include taking height and weight measurements and some blood samples to analyse sugar levels and cholesterol. Residents will also be able to discuss any medical questions, talk about family medical history and to receive support, if needed once their results come back.

Clinics will be held at St Richard's on various dates: If you would like to book an appointment please contact Jo Stonebrook on 07712 611209.

Opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

Southern Women's Convention 2023

This year's SGP Southern Women's Convention is on Saturday 10th June 2023 at All Saints Crowborough, with guest speaker Charlotte Cornes. A day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, through which we will be taken through the unique Old Testament book of Esther as we reflect upon "For such a time as this".

Bookings open on **Monday 27th February** via this link:

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/spp5yekg>

or contact All Saints office on 01892 652081



- **SGP Partnership Training Day** - Tuesday 6 June 2023 - 10am to 4.15pm at Cuckfield Baptist Church - £10 per person.



This Training Day is open to anyone so let us encourage you to attend if you're able!

Dr Matt Searles (author, speaker and Biblical Studies Lead for Crosslands Training) will be leading a day on... Isaiah and the Gospels. So join us to:

- Become more familiar with Isaiah as a book, especially the promises of hope in Isaiah 40-66
- Be equipped to see the background to the gospels in Isaiah, so that you can read the gospels more richly
- Gain a deeper view of Christ and his salvation
- Grow in skills in Biblical theology as we see how New Testament authors pick up on themes from the Old Testament and expect their readers to do the same.

If you have any extra questions contact Trish at the church office: 01892 611318 or to book use the following link: <https://events.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/partnershiptrainingday>

- **Foodbank**

If you would like to bring items along the current Foodbank wish list is below, and for their full list of acceptable items check out:

<https://crowborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



This week's Top 10 items

Antibacterial surface spray	Long-life semi skimmed/whole milk
Bleach	500g packets rice
Liquid soap	Men's deodorant
Shower gel	Biscuits savoury
Kitchen roll	Pasta sauce

Next Sunday 28 May 2023

Morning service - 10.45am - Pentecost Sunday

(with Creche, Sunday club & Lasers!)

John 14: 15-31 The comfort of Jesus

(Andrew Gibson preaching & Dorothy Hards leading)

Going for Growth

Please Pray:

In light of the letter sent by Steve to the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) requesting our desire to purchase the land and buildings of St Richards:

- Give thanks for the thorough, 'no stone left unturned' response from the Diocese
- Give thanks that the response was not simply 'no you cannot' even if they would rather we didn't
- Give thanks for the clear steps detailing how to go about the purchase.
- Pray for Steve as he composes the response to answer DBF questions.
- Pray that this letter will reassure those who are responsible for issuing the faculty (permission) to sell
- Pray for our steering committee as they determine what 'next' steps can continue and what to hold
- Pray as we confirm the DBF's instruction that the site of SR is still under dual ownership
- Pray as we contact St.Michael's and All Angels (SMAA) the joint owner, that they will grasp our vision
- Pray for a new "Operating Committee" a joint committee of All Saints and SMAA required by the DBF
- Pray for the Crowborough Weald Gospel Trust who are legally responsible for purchasing the site
- Pray that as we continue to follow our "Plan A" to gain outright ownership, that don't miss any "Plan B's"
- Pray that as a church we will keep Christ at our heart and gospel focussed, seeking opportunities to support our surrounding community, to strengthen it as it grows rapidly, that we would be at the heart of it.