

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Eph 3: 20-21

WELCOME to St Richard's News update 14 April 2024

Sunday 14 April 2024

Morning service - 10.45am

(with Crèche & Sunday Club! Lasers in the main service)

Ephesians 1:1-14 Know God's plan – Spiritual blessings in Christ

(Andrew Gibson preaching & Andrew Nicholls leading)

Important notices!

- **The Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM)**

The Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) for 2024 will be held at All Saints Church on Sunday 28th 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 residents of the parish, and continue to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, open to all on the church Electoral Roll. If you would like to nominate someone for the position of Churchwarden or PCC Representative, please do so by 24th April using the correct form, sending either the paper form (via the All Saints Church office pigeonhole) or a scanned 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 in writing by Sunday 21st April to Suzanne Hall. Notices of the meetings, together with copies of forms and the revised Electoral Roll are on the board and desk in the entrance hall of S Richard's.



CONNECT Youth Group – Monthly on a Monday – 6.45 – 8.00pm

WE NEED MORE HELPERS if we are to keep this group running!!

Held at St Richard's, this is our monthly outreach to children and families in the community. There is so much fun to be had at Connect as we jointly run this wonderful group with friends from Forest Fold Baptist Church. The evening consists of crafts, games, football, a short bible talk & refreshments, and the children and parents who come along, love it!

Please let Trish or Mark know if you feel that God is calling you to be a helper!

What's on this week...

- **MONDAYS: Southern Crowborough "A Walk in the Park"- 9.30-10.30am**
Reaching out to the community with fitness & friendship. We meet in Adam's close cul-de-sac.
Why not bring a friend along!
- **MONDAYS: Men's Sausage Roll Club**
If you're free on Monday mornings and would benefit from good company and conversation, then why not join this group. They meet in various places so for more information and the latest rendezvous have a chat with John Wayte.
- **MONDAYS: Southern Crowborough Craft Group - 2-4pm every Monday.**
A craft group for anyone who likes to chat over coffee and crafting - meets in the lounge at St Richard's. **Why not bring a friend along?** For more info chat to Rosemary Longley.
- **TUESDAYS: Little Seeds Toddler Group 10am – 12pm**
Our toddler group meets at St Richards during term time from 10am till 12noon. A welcoming meeting place for parents and carers to socialise and bring their little ones to enjoy playing and organised activities. For more info chat to Sarah Bell and Laura Rapley.
- **TUESDAYS: Youth:  (F-Y2)  (Y3-Y6) at All Saints**
During term time we partner with All Saints in their youth groups. Meeting from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Hero's meets in the Parish Halls Adventurers in the downstairs hall accessed from the back of All Saints church. For more info email Sarah Thrift sarah@allsaintscrowborough.org
- **WEDNESDAYS: Midday prayer at St Richard's – 12noon to 1pm**
Join with us as we think through what we heard on Sunday and to pray for our church, the community of southern Crowborough, the churches in Crowborough, the CofE and the world.
- **FRIDAYS – Ladies bible study at St Richard's from 10:15am**
An hour together to grow in faith and enrich our bible knowledge. Speak to Trish if you think you'd like to join us!
- **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. Slots are available Monday evenings from 7.45pm and Thursday afternoons 1.45pm and 4pm at St Richard's lounge. A time to chat through things, share time in prayer and fellowship, whatever may be helpful for you.

Opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

Bible overview course

What can really help our bible study is a framework that covers the whole bible. One way of creating that is through being part of an interactive course group. At St Richards we run [The Bible Course](#) created by the Bible Society it is an eight-session course helping us explore the BIG story.



“Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible”. Sound familiar? That’s where *The Bible Course* comes in. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a birds-eye view of the world’s bestselling book. Over eight interactive sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion and personal reflection and daily readings. If you would like to be part of our next course have a chat with Trish or Mark.

Conferences

St Richards is the local expression of God’s people, yet remember we are part of God’s global people, and meeting up with other believers is a huge encouragement!

Southern Women’s Convention 8th June at All Saints 9.30am – 4.15pm



There are limited spaces and this event is filling up fast so please book soon to avoid disappointment!

A better Story, Talks from Hebrews with speaker Kimberly Davis. In a day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, we will be taken through the book of Hebrews; seeing how God’s story was fulfilled through the person of Jesus Christ. Even in the midst of life’s storms, God reminds us that His story is perfectly written for us!

For more info and to book, [click here](#), or contact Trish at the church office 01892 611318

Opportunities to grow in your faith

• Spring Partnership Day - Listen Again

Making Faith Magnetic with Dan Strange

If you were unable to attend the Spring Partnership Day with Dan Strange speaking on the theme of his book **Making Faith Magnetic: Five Hidden Themes Our Culture Can't Stop Talking About... and How to Connect Them to Christ**, then you can listen by going to the link below:

If you would like to listen to the sessions again or download the handout, please

visit: <https://sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/resource/partnership-training-day-tuesday-19-march-2024/>

Opportunities to serve our local community

As a church we like to encourage, engage and be a benefit to the communities around Southern Crowborough. With the potential for many new people moving into our area, our desire is to create ways in which they can connect and network. Below are the upcoming opportunities we are all encouraged to get involved with and if you've got an idea let us know!

Crowborough Community Pantry

Crowborough Community Pantry is open to anyone, the food is free although a small donation is appreciated as it which helps towards the rent and running costs of the premises.



Located around the corner from St Richards **Beechview Parade, Walshes Road, TN6 3RA.**

Mondays: 10.00am until 11.00am,

Tuesdays: 2.30pm until 4pm,

Thursdays: 6pm until 7.30pm,

Saturdays: 10am until 11.30am

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 their [website](#)



This week's Top 10 items

Nappy Pants sizes 5,6,7	Tinned soup - meat	Shampoo & conditioner
Baby wipes	Instant mash potato	Rice and pasta
Easter eggs	Tinned cooked meat	Wash pods Bio/Non-Bio
Cat biscuits	Toilet rolls	Children's toothpaste
Razors	Antibacterial surface spray	Tinned corn/carrots
Bio washing pods	Tinned fruit	Microwave rice pouches

Next Sunday 21 April

Lord's supper - 10.45am

(with Crèche & Sunday Club. Lasers in the main service!)

Ephesians 1:15-23 Know God's plan – A prayer for eyes enlightened

(Steve Rees preaching & Lord's supper, & Trish Scobell leading)

For our Prayers

Going for Growth

The primary phases in our Going for Growth project are:

Phase 1 the purchase of the Hawes bungalow.

Phase 2 the purchase of the St Richards site.

Phase 3 the design and construction of new facilities.

Phase 4 setting the foundation that springboards our church into the next season of its ministry.

So, we pray...

The prayer for phase 2 will remain the same for now. Give thanks that the path is clear and now mapped out for our site to be sold by its current owners SMAA & AS, and subsequently purchased by CWGT.

Pray for the effective fulfilment of the next four next steps in that path.

- 1) A suitable mutually agreeable surveyor can be found to fulfil the "section 119" valuation process
- 2) The compilation of the paperwork that constitutes the formal request to the DBF for the PCC's to sell their stake
- 3) The drawing up of a mutually agreeable lease agreement between CWGT and PCC of All Saints and St Richards
- 4) That this lease agreement will be acceptable to the Diocese to grant us a license to worship on our site

With phase 3 being "paused" to allow for further investigation into the plausibility of All Saints securing a site for their future developments (project "next generation"). Please continue to pray that we would be impassioned for mission focussing on growing the people of God's Kingdom, that it will not be that long before we're hiring in the baptism pool again!

You may remember from the last Take2 Sunday where a proposal to utilise a strip of land of the Hawes to create a third ministry space, improving access and useability of our facilities together with an office for Mark were shown. Give thanks for Karl and Andrew Steen who have worked on the production of the necessary plans to be presented to the Trust and the planners. Give thanks that we have had a response regarding the telegraph pole and know the process to get it relocated. Pray that the steering team may be able to meet with the trustees asap.

