

“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 1 Sep 2024

Sunday 1 Sep

Morning service - 10.45am

(with Creche, Sunday Club & lasers!)

Mark 5: 1-20 Set free by Jesus (Mark Rapley Preaching & leading)

Evening service at All saints – 6.30pm - Psalm 121 - The Lord is our help - [All Saints Live Stream](#)

What's on this week...

- **Home Groups restart this week**

This term we are focusing on an overview of the bible using The Bible Course – see below Each home group is praying for one of our Mission partners and we're trailing the idea of "DO weeks" which are when we intentionally do something different together.

MONDAYS



“A Walk in the Park”

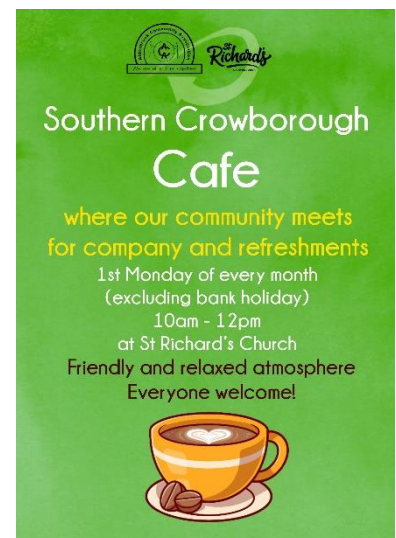
every week 9.30-10.30am

Reaching out to the community with fitness & friendship. We meet in Adam's close cul-de-sac.

Southern Crowborough café

First week **NEW TIME** 10am-12pm

Come and meet people from our community!



- **Men's Sausage Roll Club – most Monday mornings**

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.

- **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. For more info chat to Rosemary Longley.

TUESDAYS

- **Little Seeds Toddler Group 10am till 12pm - Restarts 10 Sep.**

Meeting during term time, this provides a welcome meeting place for local parents and carers to socialise and bring their little one to enjoy playing and organised activities. First timers are welcome to come for a taster session just give Sarah a buzz to let us know you're coming.

- **Heroes (R-Y2) and Adventurers (Y3-Y6) at All Saints – Restarts 10 Sep**

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 – every week 12noon till 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.

- **The Barnabas Support Group – every third Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon**

in the Downstairs Rooms at All Saints Church to bring together those with dementia or memory loss problems and their carers for encouragement, sharing together, and information. All are welcome to come and join in these Coffee Mornings. **For more information, please speak to Frances Sadd.**

Barnabas Dementia Support Group

THURSDAYS

- **Pastoral Surgery**

A key aspect of church life is our spiritual health and wellbeing. Slots are available Monday evenings from 7.45pm and Thursday afternoons from 4pm at St Richard's lounge. A time to chat through things, share time in prayer and fellowship, whatever may be helpful for you.

FRIDAYS

- **Ladies bible study – during term time at St Richard's from 10:15am**

An hour together to enrich our bible knowledge and grow in faith. Speak to Trish if you think you'd like to join us! **Restarts this week 6 Sep.**

Dates for your diary

Looking ahead here are some proposed events and dates coming up from September.

- Sunday 22nd September – **Mission Sunday (Tearfund) – Take 2 - with lunch provided.**
Sunday 29th September – **Harvest with BYO lunch.**
Saturday 16th November – **Ladies 'Cosy Christmas Candle Painting' evening - 7.30 – 9pm.**
Sunday 17th November – **AGM - Take 2 - with BYO lunch.**
Friday 29th November – **Crowborough Christmas fayre** – St Richard's plan to have a stall.
Friday 6 December – **Christmas Quiz Night** – 8pm.
Saturday 14 December – **Christmas Family fun afternoon – for ages 0-13yrs.**
W/C 15th likely 18th and 20th December – **Carol singing -**
Nightingales (Wed?) and Alderbrook (Fri?) - FYI Carols on the Green by AS 19th Dec
Sunday 22nd December – 10.45am **Scratch Nativity** 7pm **Carols by Candlelight.**
Tuesday 24 December – **Christingle Service** – 4pm.
Wednesday 25 December – **Christmas day All age Celebration service** – 10am.

Opportunities to serve and help others

Crowborough Foodbank

St Richard's is a Foodbank collection point, for a list of acceptable items check out their [website](#)

Crowborough Pantry

This open to anyone, regardless of circumstances, and aims to help both the planet and the community, by sharing donated food which would otherwise likely be wasted. You'll find them around the corner in

Beechview Parade, Open:

Mondays: 10am until 11am

Tuesdays: 2.30pm until 4pm

Thursdays: 6pm until 7pm

Saturdays: 10am until 11am

Sundays: 6pm – 6.30pm



Next Sunday 8 Sep

Morning service at 10.45am

(With Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers

Exodus 1 – 2:10 The redeeming Lord revealed: Slavery, oppression, and God's kindness.

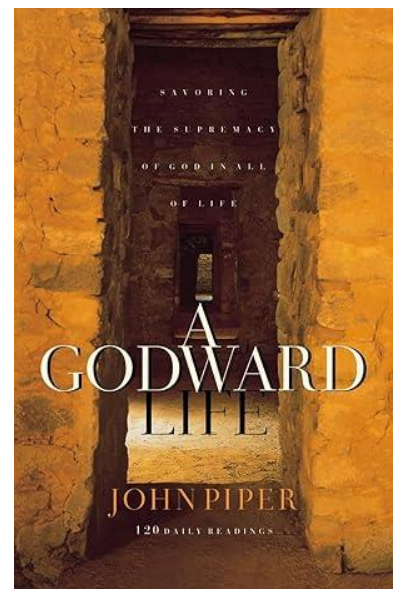
(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

St Richard's Lending Library

A Godward Life – John Piper

A Godward Life is the first of three devotional volumes by John Piper, each feature 120 vignettes that focus on the radical difference it makes when we choose to live with God at the centre of all that we do.

Scripture-soaked and touching on the issues which most affect our lives today, A Godward Life is a passionate, moving, and articulate call for all believers to live their lives in conscious and glad submission to the sovereignty and glory of God.



Opportunities to Grow in our Faith

Bible reading NOTES

A great help and starting point for getting into the bible is using 'bible notes'. More than just a verse for the day, these lead us through chunks of the Bible at a time, giving us a sense of the bigger storylines and themes of the Bible and its books. Check out...

[Explore notes, Good Book Company](#) These can also be ordered in paperback or purchased to download via the Explore app on your phone.



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.

This term in our Home Groups we will be running through [The Bible Course](#) created by the Bible Society it is an eight-session course helping us explore the BIG story.



If you would like to join a group speak to Trish or Mark. If you are already in a group pick up your book from your home group leader.

“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.

