

“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 15 Sep 2024

Sunday 15 Sep

Lord's supper - 10.45am

(with Creche & Sunday Club! Lasers in main service)

Exodus 2:11-3:22 Encounter and the Exodus plan.

(David Buck preaching , Mark Rapley leading & Steve Rees Lord's supper)

Evening service at All saints – 6.30pm - Following the Way, Become Like Jesus

Matthew 5: 1 - 2 & 2 Corinthians 3:18- [All Saints Live Stream](#)

Notices...

- **Carol Kempthorne's funeral** will take place at Tytherington Family Worship (TFW) Church, Sandwich Dr, Macclesfield, SK10 2UD, on **Friday 4 October at 2.00pm** followed by the Committal at Macclesfield Crematorium at 3.30pm. Only Family Flowers, donations can be made to Charities to be confirmed later. Please wear bright colours!

We are looking into options for anyone who would like to attend in person. If you would like to go let Mark know. FYI it is 5hrs each way by car.

- **IMPORTANT: Changes to those who need to do Safeguarding Training**
 - The Church of England want people to be more aware of potential Safeguarding Issues in our churches and have asked anyone involved with children or vulnerable adults and also people who regularly mix with members of the church family to do safeguarding training.
 - This includes clergy of course, wardens, PCC, also house group leaders, pastoral team leaders and members, anyone who volunteers for such groups as Friendship Hour, Craft Group, children's group leaders and helpers and members of any other future other groups.
 - Many people will already have completed training if they have had to be DBS checked already.
 - Jane will be writing to you individually over the coming weeks to complete training. Some people need just Basic and others Basic and Foundation. She will inform you of the online link and tell you which levels to do. Please send her the certificate when completed.
 - If you have no computer or find these things difficult please contact Jane and we will endeavour to make alternative arrangements.

TEARFUND

Sundays 15 & 22 Sep we will invite people to give to the work of Tearfund.

Envelopes will be provided at both services.

What's on this week...

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.
- **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**
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**
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!

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 – **Candle Painting evening - 7.30 – 9pm.**
Book tickets [HERE](#) or contact the church office.
- Sunday 17th November – **AGM - Take 2 - with BYO lunch.**
- Friday 29th November – **Crowborough Christmas fayre – St Richard's plan to have a stall.**
- Friday 6th December – **Christmas Quiz Night – 7.30pm.**
- Sunday 8th December – **Carol singing around Nightingales**
- Saturday 14th December – **Christmas Family fun afternoon (for ages 0-13yrs) 2-3.30pm**
- Friday 20th December – **Carol singing around Alderbrook (TBC)**
- Sunday 22nd December – **10.45am Scratch Nativity 7pm Carols by Candlelight.**
- Tuesday 24th December – **Christingle Service – 4pm.**
- Wednesday 25th 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



CROWBOROUGH
COMMUNITY
PANTRY

Next Sunday 22 Sep

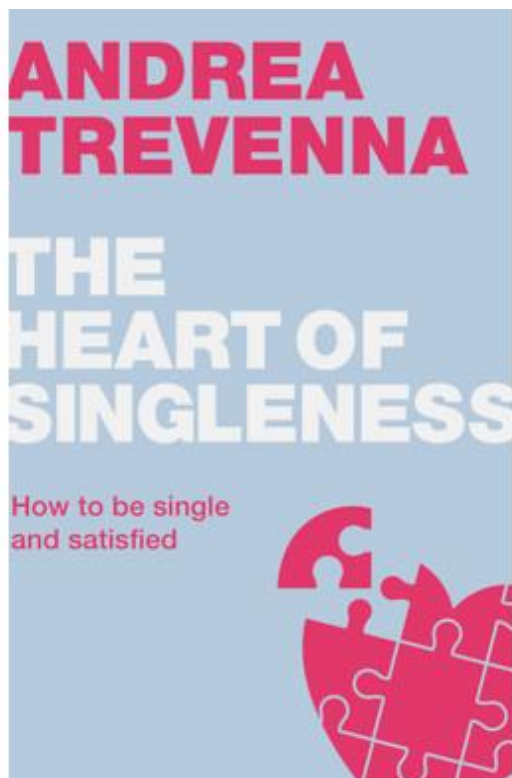
Morning service at 10.45am

(With self-service crèche in the lounge)

Tearfund Sunday with Take 2 (Lunch provided)

(Ian Roberts preaching & Phillip Rowland-Smith leading)

St Richard's lending Library



The Heart of Singleness. Andrea Trevenna.

The world tells single women that they most need to find a guy, at least for a night. The church often seems to suggest they most need a husband. Is it really possible to be a single Christian woman *and* be satisfied? Andrea Trevenna takes readers to the heart of singleness—to what our hearts need, how they feel, and the ways they can be deceived. She shows that there is a way for singleness not to be at best a quiet regret, and at worst a personal tragedy. She points to the ultimate, and only, place where anyone, single or married, finds true satisfaction—knowing, and enjoying knowing, Christ.

If you are a single woman, whatever your experience of life so far, or if you are a friend of someone who is single, then this short, warm, realistic book is for you.

Opportunities to Grow in our 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.

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 do this course, you are welcome to drop in on a home group, even if you're not usually part of one, just speak to one of the leaders, Trish or Mark.

"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.

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.



The bible and Archaeology

This term at our Sunday morning gatherings our sermon series is on the book Exodus. We know we do not need archaeology to prove whether the biblical accounts of historical events are reliable, but it is certainly fascinating when cities, regions, dynasties, and specific rulers literally come out of the ground 3500 years later. Exodus is a book that has many significant global events described as it dovetails with the Egyptian nation. Amongst the many people who write and vlog on this, one that Mark finds particularly helpful is Joel Kramer. For example, there has been much debate on which Pharaoh was the Pharaoh of the exodus, well, Joel has a great [video](#) on that.

