

*“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 24 Nov 2024

**Sunday 24 Nov – Lord’s supper from 10.45am**

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

**Exodus 13:17-15:31 Deliverance form the enemy.**

(Pete Winstone preaching & Lord’s supper, & Mark Rapley leading)

*Evening service at All Saints – 6.30pm - Words of Life 2 - 2 Timothy 3:14-17*

## Notices...

**A big thank you** to everyone who made donations for cakes last Sunday for Alicia Smith’s trip to Gambia. The total raised was £289.70

*“This trip to distribute aid by our Sixth Formers has been described as “life-changing”. The visit, which started in 1990, allows the participating Sixth Form students to witness first-hand the problems that a developing world country faces from an economic, educational and environmental viewpoint. Because the trip has been going for so many years, we have developed strong links with communities in the villages and in the capital, Banjul. We are accompanied for much of the trip by Sixth Form students from the Gambian High School.”* For more information click [here](#)

## Help needed!

### Crowborough Town Christmas Cracker

This year (**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 4-6.30pm**) we shall be offering biscuit decorating for passing children and families. if you can **hand out leaflets and point people to “Follow the Star”** – Yes, we are using the star from our tree - under which the activity will be happening then please let Mark know!



## Fairy lights!!

Do you have a set of fairy lights that we can borrow for the Christmas Family Fun Afternoon on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec?

Please bring and give to Mark or Laura Rapley.

## MINCE PIES

It's always lovely to be able to offer mince pies after some of our Christmas services! **Can you donate a box?**

Please leave any donations in the church kitchen clearly marked "for St Richard's"



## Nightingales Carol Singing

Everyone is welcome to join us as we sing carol around the Nightingales development. We meet from 4.45 for 5 pm start at 30 Kingfisher Drive.

## What's on this week...

### MONDAYS

- **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](mailto: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 10:15 -11.30am.**

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

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – **Crowborough Christmas fayre** – St Richard's plan to have a stall.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Quiz Night** – 7.30pm - £2 per ticket.  
**Book a table (up to 8 people) please contact the church office.**
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – **Carol Singing around Nightingales**
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Family fun afternoon (for ages 0-13yrs) 2-3.30pm.**  
**Book tickets [HERE](#) or contact the church office.**
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – **Carol singing around Alderbrook**
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Christmas Lunch at All Saints

12.30pm - 3.30pm on 25th December.

All welcome, but you need to book using this link

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/qoh3p9l7>

## Quiz Night and Family Fun Afternoon

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE via the links above in Dates for your diary.

Both these events give us an opportunity to connect to our friends and community whilst having fun. It also gives us an opportunity to connect them to the truth claims of Jesus. We cannot make anyone a Christian, but we can lead them to the living water for them to drink.

Please pray for Mark as he speaks at both events and that a curiosity will be created in those who do not yet know Jesus to come along to our Hope Explored and Christianity Explored courses in January

# 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 1 Dec

#### ADVENT 1 - Morning service at 10.45am

(With Crèche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

Exodus 15:1-27. Worshipping and whinging

(Mark Rapley Preaching & Andrew Nichols leading)

## Assisted Dying bill.

MPs are seeking to bring in a bill to legalise assisted dying – to be debated by Christmas. Christians should oppose this dangerous bill and protect the lives of the vulnerable. Visit Christian Concern to find out more [here](#). They have helpful guidance on contacting our local MP and other ways to oppose this bill. If you struggle to know what to write to an MP [click here](#) to edit and send an example letter:

# Opportunities to Grow in our Faith

**Bible by the Beach 2025 - 2nd-5th May 2025.** [www.biblebythebeach.org](http://www.biblebythebeach.org) Weekend tickets reduced if booked before **30th Nov**. Places can be secured with a £40 deposit. Please contact Suzanne Hall on 01892 652081 if you are interested.

## Keswick Convention 2025

### “Be Transformed”

Week 2: Saturday 19th – Friday 25th July 2025

Ten years ago, St Richards travelled to the Lake District and attended the Keswick Convention. Well, we thought it was time we returned. Interested have a chat with Philip and Sue Rowland-Smith.

