

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9-10

WELCOME to St Richard's News update 12 Jan 2025

Sunday 12 Jan

Morning service 10.45am

(with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

Galatians 6:9-10 Verse for the year – week 2

“Don't Give Up, Look Up and Live Up” Galatians 6:9

(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

Evening service at All Saints – 6.30pm – The Drumbeat of death - Genesis 5:1-32

Notices...

- **Feed their curiosity!**

Did you or a friend have your curiosity stirred through Christmas? Want to know more about why through Jesus we can have true hope, peace and purpose? Then the Hope Explored course is for them. It is an informal three-session series, where they can bring their questions, and scratch that itch! Chat to Trish and Mark for more details – The Next one will start 4th Feb.



- **Calling all who have children in our Sunday Club, Lasers and Creche groups.**

On LORD'S SUPPER Sundays these groups will start at the same time as the service, so when you arrive you are welcome to take your children straight through to their group where their leaders will be waiting for them. For other all other services the children will start in the main service as usual.

- **Apology and correction: relating to a figure in the AGM finance report.**

“The figure for giving in 2017 was published as £9.990. This was in fact, incorrect. The figure should have been £18,065. Please accept my apologies for this oversight. Kind regards, Dave Lattimer.

- **St Richards Management Team – meeting this Sunday 12 Jan from 3.30pm**

Our management team meets this Sunday so if there are any items you would like us to discuss please let one of us know. We will be reviewing our Christmas activities, needs within our ministries, and amongst our community, as well as finance and maintenance.

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

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 - 10.30am – 12noon (usually every third Wednesday)**

Meeting 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.

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!

Opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

Bible Reading Resources – (click on the **blue text** for links)

There is very real joy and help for life as we allow God's word to daily feed us. Below you'll find some excellent resources to help us do this, as well as specific links, these resources can easily be accessed via [10ofthose](#) or [The Good Book Company](#) websites. If you would like help ordering or delivery, please contact Trish on 01892 611318.

Bibles

[English Standard Version](#) (ESV) – the one we use in church – more literal great for study.

[New International Version](#) (NIV) – a best all-rounder for study and reading

[New Living Translation](#) (NLT) – great for reading using everyday English

All are available as a 'study bible' with companion notes. e.g. [ESV study Bible, W Grudem, Crossway](#)

All are available online to read and listen to as an 'Audio Bible' for free via [BibleGateway](#)

All are available as apps for your smartphone either version specific or multi-version eg. [YouVersion](#)

For a suite of study tools, including meaning of words and commentaries on the text online check out the [BibleHub](#) website.

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 reading PLANS – 365 days

Whereas 'bible notes' tend to be a monthly programme, 'reading plans' are usually a 12-month program of passages to read – which may be a book each month or even for the more adventurous the whole bible in a year. These also usually include guided study notes and thoughts helping us to look deeper.

[The Robert Murray M'Cheyne](#) reading plan is the reading plan that spawned all reading plans, with a section from the Old Testament, New Testament and Psalms each day. It will take you through the Old and New testaments once and the Psalms twice.

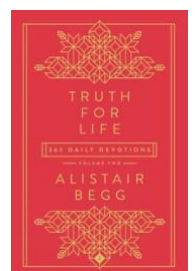
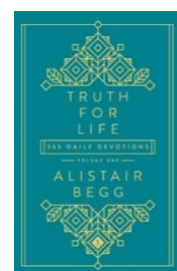
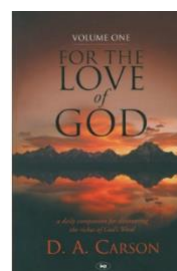
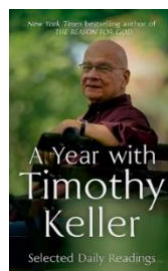
[Bible Gateway](#) website has various reading plans to help read through the whole Bible

[A Year with Tim Keller](#)

[For the Love of God – Don Carson](#)

[Truth For Life \(Vol 1\) Alistair Begg](#)

[Truth For Life \(Vol 2\) Alistair Begg](#)



Additional Resources

Sermons, study guides, blogs and vlogs from [John Piper](#)

A led Arts retreat on the theme of REST

Arts retreat Fri 21st Feb 7-9pm & 22nd Feb 9:30am -5pm at All Saints church. Time to connect with God, people and creativity. All artistic disciplines and standards are welcome more information (or contact Cathy) and sign up via link <https://bit.ly/3OIZvsM>

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



Recommended book

Belong

Loving Your Church by Reflecting Christ to One Another

By Barnabas Piper

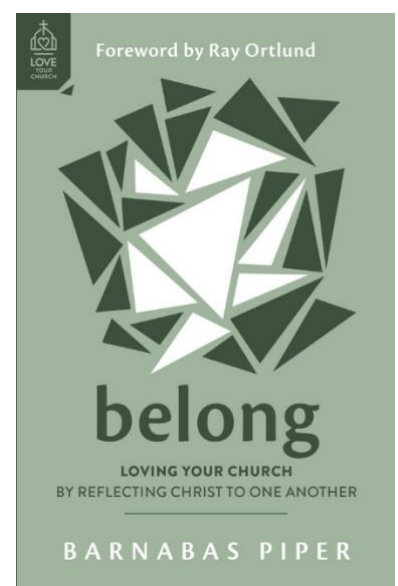
How to build genuine, real, deep, honest and authentic Christian relationships as a community of believers.

This book explores how you can help to create a church where everybody feels at home: a place where fellow believers build genuine, honest, meaningful Christian relationships and enjoy deep fellowship as a community of believers.

Readers will come to see that belonging to a church is a good gift from God, the outworking of our identity as brothers and sisters in Christ, and worth your time, love and commitment.

There are discussion questions at the end of every chapter with action steps, making it ideal to read as a small group or even a whole church. Accompanying [free downloads](#) are available that can be used for small groups. There are downloadable worksheets, a PDF version of the book's discussion guide, introductory videos for each chapter and more.

Available from [The Good Book Company](#) £8.49 Also available as an [EBOOK](#) £5.59



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