

"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 2 Feb 2025

Sunday 2 Feb

Morning service 10.45am

(with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 **Healthy Church: Roots and shoots**

(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Nicholls leading)

Evening service at All Saints – 6.30pm – Mercy for Humanity - Genesis 8:20-9:17

Notices...

- **Monthly Church Family Prayer meeting – Evenings this Thursday 7.15 for 7.30pm.**
Come and join us to pray for our world, our nation, our community, our church, and ourselves!
Come when you can go when you must. **We finish by 9pm.**
- **Monthly Prayer Meeting – daytime**
For those who are unable to get to our monthly evening prayer meetings, Pat Hoyle has offered to hold a daytime prayer meeting at her home 2-3pm on 6 February and 6 March.
Please contact the church office for Pat's address.
- **Feed their curiosity! This Coming Tuesday 4th Feb 7.30pm**
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 irmlal three-session series, where they can bring their questions, and scratch that itch!
Chat to Trish and Mark for more details



What's on this week...

MONDAYS

- **THIS MONDAY: Southern Crowborough Café - 10am-12pm.** If you are around this Monday morning 10am-12pm, then do drop into the Southern Crowborough Cafe at St Richard's and support the Alderbrook Team who faithfully turn out to serve our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for showing Jesus to the folk around us! You don't have to stay for the whole two hours, but why not have your morning coffee break there?!
- **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.**

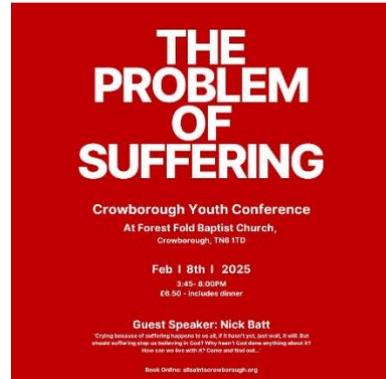
An hour together to enrich our bible knowledge and grow in faith. ***This term we are studying Hebrews!*** Speak to Trish if you think you'd like to join us!

Opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

Crowborough Youth Conference (13-18's)

Feb 8th - at Forest Fold - for 13-18's (roughly year 9 and up).

We will be thinking about the big topic of suffering, there's also games and dinner provided! [Click here to book:](#)

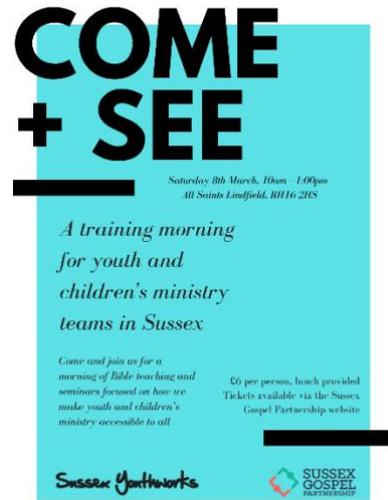


Sussex Youth Works 'Come and See'

Saturday 8th March - 10am to 1pm at All Saints Church Lindfield Haywards Heath RH16 2HS - £6 per person. (Lunch included)

Come and join us for a morning of Bible teaching and seminars focused on how we make youth and children's ministry accessible to all with a particular focus on those with additional needs. [Click here to book:](#)

A ministry of the Sussex Gospel Partnership.



CIRT Holiday Club – (Foundation to Yr 6)

8 – 11 April – 9am – 12.30pm, at All Saints.



The annual Easter Holiday club is just around the corner. It would be great to have people from St Richards involved in helping out - there's simple things like baking cakes, welcoming people in the parent's cafe, helping set up/ tidy away/ registration. Then there's need for kids groups leaders, 1-1s and creche helpers.

[Let the team know you can help by clicking here to book:](#)

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.

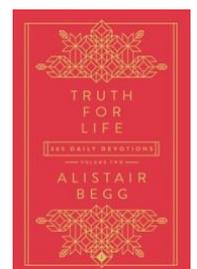
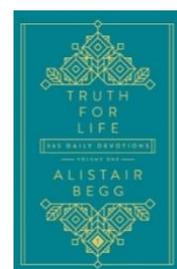
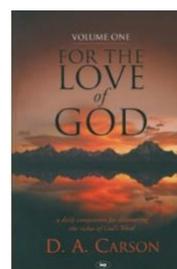
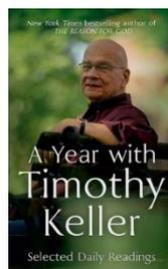
[Bible Gateway](#) website has various reading plans to help read through the whole Bible

[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](#)



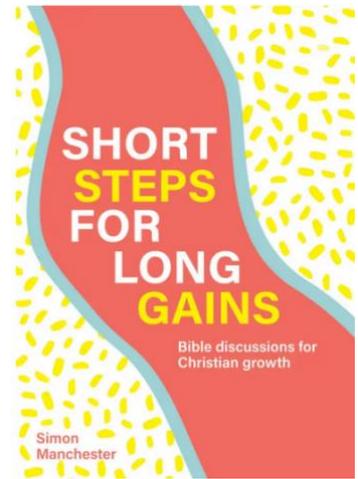
Additional Resources

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

Easy daily readings and 1-2-1 materials

Last week Mark mentioned a booklet that makes reading the bible with someone else or even on your own readily available and achievable for any of us. The books have arrived, so feel free to take a copy

“This small booklet has been written to provide a focus for Christians who meet together briefly and regularly to look at God's word, pray and share something of their lives. There are 26 topics, so the booklet will provide reflections for half a year or a year's fortnightly input.”



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



Next Sunday

Sunday 9 Feb - Morning service 10.45am

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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Healthy church: Workers serving and establishing

(Mark Rapley preaching & Abi Lattimer leading)

