

"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 March 2025

Sunday 2 March Morning service 10.45am

(with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Healthy church: Passion, love & work (Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

Evening service at All Saints – 6.30pm – BAPTISM - Life series: What's wrong with the world? Mark 7:20-23

Notices...

Loving one another through by knowing what to look out for Basic Safeguarding training – For ALL volunteers who serve in church

At St Richard's we take safeguarding really seriously. We want everyone who volunteers in any area of church life, to undertake basic safeguarding training so we can be aware of these issues as a church family. This is for any of us who volunteer, not just with young people, but refreshments, welcome, music, service leading, AV rota etc etc.

For the first time in many years we are able to offer a **face-to-face** option on **Monday 3rd March**, run by Peter Hall. Please do come along, book via this link: https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/lhg0umgl

Ask Trish to book for you if you don't have online access OR if you need a lift. (Trish 07900345118)

- A Walk in the Park starts again on Monday 9th March 9.30-10.30am meeting in Adam's Close cul de sac! Start the week with a fresh air walk around Walshes Park and meet members of our community. For more info call Andrew Gibson on 07732 174 774.

 Bringing our community of Southern Crowborough together!
- Ladies of St Richard's Please join us for some relaxed fellowship on Saturday 15th March from 7.30-9pm – in the church lounge. Pleaase bring your favourite snack to share. Soft drinks and tea/coffee will be provided. All welcome!

• St Richards Management Team meeting

Sunday 9th March our leadership team meets to discuss the life of the church, such as people, ministriry needs, feedback on events, future venters, fabric etc. If there is anything you would like us to discuess at our meeting please let one of us know.

Next Christianity Explored Course 18th March

With our latest Hope Explored Course underway, do think ahead to who you might invite to our Next Christianity Explored Course, this is an 8 session course that seeks to answner three key question about Christianity: Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond?



This is an interactive course, where there is plenty of opportunity to bring your questions, none is too simple!

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March at the United Church from 11am

Many of you will be familiar with the women's world day of prayer, well it is now open to all and this year hosted by the United Church in Croft Road. During the meeting prayers will be provided by Christians from the Cook Islands, information can be shared from the churches represented and followed by a light lunch. All are welcome

Prom Praise Wonder at the Royal Albert Hall with the All Souls Orchestra on Saturday
 3rd May. More details via link https://bit.ly/40sfzEK

What's on this week...

MONDAYS

- Southern Crowborough Café St Richard's hall 10am-12pm. Come and have your morning coffee with us and meet members of 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

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!

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. <u>Click here to book:</u>

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:

Do Miracles Happen Today?

And other questions about signs, wonders and mighty works. By Tim Chester

Do miracles happen today? How do we respond if someone says they've seen a miracle happen? Should we hold healing services? What can I say to a child about praying for healing? How should we react when prayers for healing aren't answered?

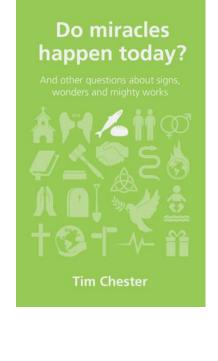
There are also other engaging and accessible guides to the Bible's teaching on various topics in this series such as:

- Is Hell for real?
- Who on earth is the Holy Spirit?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- How will the world end?

All available from The Good Book Company £4.24 each. Order <u>HERE</u> or contact the church office to order for you.

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 March – Morning service 10.45am

(with Sunday Club, Creche & Lasers!)

(Mark Rapley preaching & Abi Lattimer leading)