

"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 & Resources 11 May 2025

Sunday 10.45am – Lord's Supper Service

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

Matthew 6:9-13 Prayer: How we devote ourselves to prayer

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

while St Richards doesn't have an evening gathering we are welcome to join All Saints from 6.30pm

Notices

Ukraine Christian Ministries

I am sure we all enjoyed the visit of Ella Perseedoss, Director of Ukraine Christian Ministries. Thank you to those that have already returned the red Ukrainian gift day envelopes. If you have yet to make a gift or do not have a gift day envelope, it is not too late. There are some red gift envelopes in the church foyer.

Thank you all for your support - The Mission Team

Southern Crowborough Ladies Breakfast –

Sat 31 May – 9am at St Richard's.

Join us for another wonderful continental breakfast and short talk. Bring a friend!!

Book tickets [here](#).



The Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM)

and the **Meeting for Election of Churchwardens** is on Sunday 18th May 2025 at 10am, combining 9.15, 10.45 and St Richard's. If you would like to ask a **question** at the meeting, please submit it in writing by Sunday 11th May to Suzanne Hall. **Nomination forms** for churchwardens, PCC members (3 positions) and Deanery Synod Representatives (1 position) are available on request from Suzanne Hall. **There are paper copies of the Finance Report in St Richard's entrance hall for those who have not received it with the email newsletter.**

Dementia awareness week - Barnabas fundraising morning Wednesday 21 May 10-12 noon – All Saints downstairs hall. A morning of coffee, cake & music - All welcome.

SRMT – meeting Sunday afternoon

The St Richards Management team are our elected leaders who are essentially a sub-group of the PCC who focus on the spiritual and practical needs of our church. If you would like them to discuss anything today, do let them know before 3.30pm.

See page 5 for more details of who we are and what we do

FEST 2025 - 4th-6th July - save the date

Over the weekend of 4th-6th July the church families of St Richards and All Saints are invited to relocate to a campsite near Halland, to enjoy a weekend of fellowship and fun together, sleeping under the stars – well under canvas or in a caravan - with space to worship, share fellowship, play games and get to know people. You don't have to camp though, "day visitors" are also welcome, but booking is essential!



Breakfast is hosted by the Rapley's with an assortment of fresh pancakes and pastries evening meals are included for those camping. Equipment and partially and fully sponsored tickets are available, speak to Mark. More info. Can be found in the flyer in the vestibule including prices and how to book.

Why not just come for one day Saturday or Sunday!

What's on in the week

MONDAYS

- **A Walk in the Park – 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!

- **Southern Crowborough Café - First Monday of the month – 10am-12pm.**

With it being Bank Holiday on Monday the next café will be held on **Monday 12th May**. Come for your morning coffee and meet folk from our local 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.
- **Friendship Hour - second Monday of each month from 2.30pm**
This is our companionship group for senior men and women. We have a great team of helpers, and where possible also try to provide transport for anyone who may need it. Please contact Dorothy 01892 655480 d.hards80@btinternet.com (or Frances 01892 661959) for more details.
- **CONNECT Youth Group – 6.45-8pm** – Our **monthly** outreach to young families in the community. Crafts, games & a short bible talk. **Upcoming dates: 24 Mar, 28 Apr, 19 May & 23 Jun.**

TUESDAYS

- **Exploring the truth claims of Jesus**
Most Tuesdays during term time we run one of several courses that explore the truth claims of Jesus. Starting from 7.30pm at the church, the current course is Christianity Explored which is an 8-session course that seeks to answer three key questions: Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? Anyone welcome. There's still time to join the current session.
- **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.

THURSDAYS

- **Monthly Church Family Prayer meeting – Evenings 7.15 for 7.30pm - First Thursday**
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 2-3pm. (First Thurs of the month)**

For those who are unable to get to our monthly evening prayer meetings, Pat Hoyle hosts a daytime prayer meeting on the same Thursdays. 'Bracklee', Fermor Road, TN6 3BN

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 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 reading

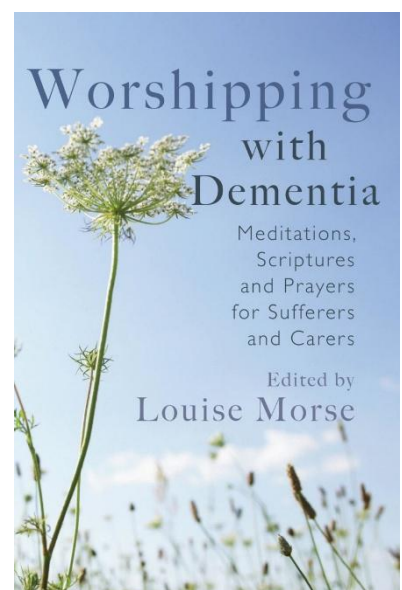
Worshipping with Dementia

Meditations, Scriptures and Prayers for Sufferers and Carers

By Louise Morse

This practical book explains how Christians can care spiritually for people who may not be able to show their response. For people with dementia, simplicity is paramount. This book provides simple daily devotions, together with a scripture verse, a suggested prayer and a hymn. This is a worship resource for caregivers, sufferers, families, pastors, church groups and medical professionals.

This book can be purchased [here](#), or ask the church office to place an order for you.



Next Sunday

Sunday 18 May - APCM joint service at All Saints - 10am

Mark 6: 30 -52 GOOD NEWS: Bread of Heaven

(Steve Rees preaching & Mark Rapley Leading)

Do make an effort to be there, Mark would like a big SR CHEER!

SRMT - St Richards Management Team

St Richard's was founded 68 years ago, in a joint venture between All Saints and St Michael's and All Angels churches. Roughly 10 years later responsibility for the congregation and facilities being taken on by All Saints in the creation of the Parish of All Saints and St Richards.

Today that means that with All Saints being the parish church, it is the centre in terms of the Church of England governance structures PCC and Wardens. Currently three members of St Richard's are on the PCC, Lindsay, Stuart and Mark, and they represent the interests of St Richard's and Southern Crowborough and serve for a term of 3 years.

For the local governance of St Richard's there is a sub-committee of the PCC called the St Richard's Management Team – SRMT for short.

Who's our current team?

Below is who is currently on our team and their key connections to the life of the church, they do far more of course, but will give you an idea of who to chat to for a particular aspect of church life

Mark Rapley – Pastor

Fay Smith – Treasurer

David Lattimer – Finance strategy, Home Groups, Music

Andrew Gibson – Local mission, Home Groups, Sunday youth, Senior Ministries

Rosemary Longley – Youth ministries, Southern Crow' craft group

Stuart Smith – Fabric, AV, Men

June Gibson – Mission Team, Women

What do we talk about?

Below is a typical structure to our agenda and the purpose of that section.

St Richards Management Team - Agenda - Meeting at SR 15:30

Welcome inc. Bible thought & Prayer

Apologies for absence (*very rare – very committed team!*)

Minutes of last meeting

Finance

(This is an opportunity to share the latest financial report and make key decisions and planning)

Staffing

(This is an opportunity to share any feedback and needs of the leadership of church ministries)

Fellowship matters

(This is an opportunity to share any people news that we have picked up)

Evangelism

(This is an opportunity to share updates and ideas for church events and outreach endeavours)

Ministries and Sundays

(This is an opportunity to share updates and ideas for church ministries and Sunday ministry)

Mission

(This is an opportunity to share updates on our mission partners and our support)

Fabric

(This is an opportunity to share updates on the needs of our facilities)

Building Projects

(This is an opportunity to share updates on our building projects)

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