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## WELCOME to St Richard's News & Resources 6 July 2025

# Sunday 6 July Morning service - 10.45am

(No Sunday Club & Lasers – self service creche in lounge if needed)

Ephesians 1: 3-14 What's to do - Purpose

(Andrew Gibson preaching & Trish Scobell leading)

There will be no service at All Saints this evening!

### **Notices**

### **Lighthouse – Book the date and your tickets!**

This is our summer event for children on Adam Field Recreation Ground run in partnership with Forest Fold Baptist Church.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Crafts, Games, football, short bible talk & BBQ on the Wednesday.

Registration is now open! Please use this <u>link</u> or contact the church office to register – strichardsoffice@gmail.com Tel: 01892 611318.



### **Southern Crowborough Café – This Monday** – 10am-12pm.

If you're free on Monday, why not pop into the Café hosted at St Richards, come when you can go when you must. Jon with members of our community for refreshments and good conversations. Everyone welcome.

## Crowborough Men of Faith - Pub Night

Crowborough Community Church are inviting the men of St. Richard's and their friends to join them for a **Pub Night** at The Wheatsheaf, Mount Pleasant, **Friday 11**<sup>th</sup> **July from 7pm.** For more information speak to Karl Scholten.



### What's on in the week

### **MONDAYS**

• Southern Crowborough Café - First Monday of the month — 10am-12pm. 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.

#### **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? Chat to Trish or Mark if you'd like to join the next course.

### • 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
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.

#### **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!
- Table Tennis 7.30-9.30pm at St Richard's every week
   For beginners onwards Just turn up! £2.50 per person. Bats, balls & a drink included.
   For more info contact Andrew Gibson: 01892 663358

## **Opportunities to Grow in our Faith**

St Richards church is part of a network of churches in Sussex called the Sussex Gospel Partnership. One aspect of church life that the network does is to offer training opportunities.

The training courses are for Christians of all ages from different Churches across Sussex and beyond who come together for Biblical instruction and training, and warm fellowship. Through lectures, group work, class discussions and teaching workshops, students on the course gain the following:

- A firm understanding of the Bible & its teaching
- Confidence and ability to share the Bible with others
- A practical understanding of biblical ministry

The result is that you are equipped to be more effective in living for Christ and serving him in the church and the world.



There are two versions to fit most life stages and circumstances

### The Sussex Ministry Training Course (SMTC)

This course is run over three 11-week terms on a Tuesday, in Cuckfield, near Haywards Heath, starting in September every year. The course day runs from 10am to 4:15pm at Cuckfield Baptist Church. Students who complete the first year have an option of continuing for a second year that builds on the foundation laid in year one. For more info. click <a href="here">here</a> to sign-up click <a href=here</a>

#### The Saturday Morning Bible Training Course (SMBTC)

This course is a cut-down version of year one of the Tuesday course aimed at those who are not free to undertake a week-day course. Students are required to attend once each month (excluding August) from 9:30am to 1:00pm and it takes two years to complete the course. To widen accessibility, the SMBTC is run in various locations across Sussex (East/Mid/West). The next course for 1st year enrolment is due to run from Hove (near Brighton) from September 2025 to Summer 2027; for 2nd year students the course continues from September 2025 to summer 2026 in Crawley. Students who complete the Saturday course have the option of taking year two of the Tuesday course. The lectures on all our courses are recorded so that students who miss a session are able to catch up on-line. To sign-up click here.

For more information visit here:

## **Opportunities to serve others**

## **Crowborough Foodbank**

St Richard's is a Foodbank collection point, for a list of acceptable items check out their website

## **Crowborough Pantry**

This is 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



## St Richard's lending Library

#### **Know Your Enemy**

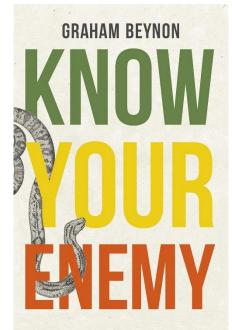
#### **By Graham Beynon**

The battle against sin, the world, and the devil is constantly raging. To be effective, soldiers go into battle armed with thorough tactical knowledge to equip them for the fighting they will face. Although we're aware that there is an enemy, we're often caught off-guard running for cover rather than advancing confidently like well-equipped soldiers.

Graham Beynon seeks to change this in Know Your Enemy. Graham hones our battle skills and prepares us to fight the good fight by helping us to know both ourselves and our enemy better. In six manageable chapters, and with help from historical sin-battlers, we'll

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The fight against sin will continue throughout our lives but it is possible to fight our enemy more confidently and more effectively.





#### Stacey Fuller (7 July)

## **Next Sunday**

# Sunday 13 July Lord's supper- 10.45am

(With Sunday Club & Self-service Creche in the lounge if required. No Lasers)

Colossians 3: 16 & Ephesians 5: 18-20 Gathering to sing together

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

## **Church family Prayers**

#### Sun 6

Pray that this last day of **FEST** will be a blessing to both God and His people as they worship and have fun together.

#### Mon 7

Pray That the seeds planted at **Creche, Sunday club & Lasers** may fall on good soil and grow a heart filled love for the Lord Jesus, that will not dissipate over time. Pray also for wisdom for the leaders as they prepare the sessions, in how to deliver truthful teaching in a way that is accessible and motivating for the broad range of children.

#### Tue 8

Pray through our verse for the year: "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

#### Wed 9

Pray for more and more **opportunities to share the good news** of Jesus to those unbelievers with whom we're in contact. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives." (Proverbs 11 v30).

#### Thur 10

"In everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God." (Philippians 4 v6). Give thanks for the Lord's gracious invitation to us and pray that we might delight in bringing our requests to Him at all times, including this evening at our monthly prayer meeting.

#### Fri 11

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7) Give thanks to God for the connection that we have our communities. Pray that we may be a benefit to them, and they too seeing the church of Christ making a difference.

#### **Sat 12**

"Seek justice, defend the oppressed." (Isaiah 1 v17). Pray that we might be willing to stand up for those suffering injustice whether at home, work or in our national life.