

"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 Summer News & Resources

Sunday 20 July

Morning service - 10.45am

(Throughout the Summer the children and young people will be with us in the main service & there will be a self-service creche in lounge if needed)

Exodus 16 Living for God 1: Trusting God? Manna, quail, wail

(David Buck preaching & Dorothy Hards leading)

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

Sunday 27 July

Morning service – 10.45am

Exodus 17 Living for God 2: Water from the rock

(Mark Rapley preaching and Trish Scobell leading)

Sunday 3 Aug

Morning service – 10.45am

Exodus 18 Living for God 3: Father-in-law top tips

(Andrew Gibson preaching & Trish Scobell leading)

Sunday 10 Aug

Morning service – 10.45am

Exodus 19-20 Living for God 4: Sinai and the law

(David Buck preaching & leader Dorothy Hards)

Sunday 17 Aug

Lord's supper – 10.45am

Psalm 103

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

Sunday 24 Aug

Morning service – 10.45am

Exodus 33: 12 – 34:35 Living for God 6: God's glory revealed

(Mark Rapley preaching & Leading)

Sunday 31 Aug

Morning service – 10.45am

Living for God 7: God's tent: God's glory revealed

(Mark Rapley preaching & Trish Scobell leading)

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 19th & Wednesday 20th August. Crafts, Games, football, short bible talk & BBQ on the Wednesday.

Registration is now open! Please use this [link](#) or contact the church office to register – strichardsoffice@gmail.com

Tel: 01892 611318.



HELPERS NEEDED!

Please sign up if you have a current DBS and can serve at this event!

Sign-up sheet in the entrance hall or let Trish know!

Find a Church whilst on Holiday

While away over the summer may we encourage us to be an encouragement to the churches where you go. There are some great resources that help us 'find a church'.

For Church of England churches click [CofE](#)

For Evangelical churches in the UK click [Evangelical](#)

For Evangelical churches abroad click [Abroad](#)



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.
Next gathering 4th August and 1st September
- **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 currently meet in Waitrose at 10.30am. For more information have a chat with John Wayte. **We continue as normal through the summer, except 25th August**
- **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.
We continue as normal through the summer
- **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. **Next gathering 22nd September**

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.
On a summer break
- **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
On a summer break

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.
Just turn up, if you're the only one why not go on a prayer walk.
- **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. **Our next meeting will be on 7 August – 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Richard's.**

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. Contact the church office if you think you'd like to join us! **On a summer break**

- **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 **We continue as normal through the summer**

Opportunities to Grow in our Faith

I know we have run this advert a lot, but through the summer may we encourage you to consider how we might grow in our love for and agility in, the word of God.

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 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 (SMTTC)

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 [here](#) to sign-up click [here](#)

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



Looking Ahead - Dates for your diary!

September Sunday 28 th	Harvest with BYO lunch
November Sunday 16 th /23 rd	AGM Take 2 with lunch
December TBC	Carol singing around Alderbrook
December Sunday 21 st	Scratch Nativity 10.45am Carols by Candlelight 7pm
December Wednesday 24 th	Christingle Service – 4pm
December Thursday 25 th	Christmas day All age Celebration service – 10am
