

## St Richard's Crowborough – News update 5 Sep 2021

### Sunday 5 Sep 2021 – 10.45am Morning service

*(children and young people's groups re-start)*

#### Luke 11:28 – Life at its best

(Ben Thorndike preaching & Trish Scobell leading)

**Sunday evening at All Saints, 6.30pm** – *if you want two services, come along to All Saints or tune in to the All Saints Live Stream for the evening service: [allsaintscrowborough.org/live](https://allsaintscrowborough.org/live)*

## SUNDAYS AT ST RICHARD'S

We hit the autumn term with the same freedoms to worship that we have enjoyed through the summer. Praise the Lord for that! If you are a regular member of the church family, you will know that our plan is to continue coming out of lockdown and social distancing gradually. We long to open up and do as much as we can together, but the overriding principle is a love and concern for others, especially those who feel less confident and more vulnerable than we might. So that said, a brief reminder of some of the things we are doing, and encouraging all of us to do together, over the coming weeks:

- We will still have hand sanitiser at the doors for you to use coming in and going out.
- Masks are not compulsory but please do wear a face covering if you would like (though we are asking everyone to wear one when we sing together).
- We will keep the building ventilated as much as possible, with windows open.
- Rows of seating remain spaced out a little more than usual.
- We are allowed to sit next to each other on rows, but as a courtesy please ask the person you plan to sit next to if they want you to leave a seat empty or not, and please, if you feel more comfortable with a seat between you and another household do say so to the person planning to sit next to you without any embarrassment. Consider this too, when sitting in front of, or behind, someone on the rows.
- We can chat in the building after a service, but if the weather is fine, we encourage you to chat outside.
- We continue to encourage people to exit via the back door into the outside space for the time being.
- We hope to reintroduce wine to The Lord's Supper this month in a safe manner – more info to follow.
- From 12 September we plan to reintroduce refreshments after the service – again, more info to follow (but we will be encouraging people to bring their own mugs with them!)

**Do continue to join together in giving thanks and praise to God for getting us to this point!** Ben

## CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 8 Sep 12.00-12.45pm.** A time of fellowship around God's word and prayer. Join with us to pray for our church, our community and the world. Bring your own sandwiches to share time together over lunch too if you would like.
- **Our September monthly prayer meeting is this week – Thursday 9 September, 7.45pm at St Richard's.** Come and join with the church family as we hear news, share, and pray together for our lives, our church, our local communities and the world. You don't have to pray out loud, just join with an 'Amen' if you'd

like! *We will have a special focus and update this month from 'Walk the Way,' the mission Andrew and June Gibson were involved in over the summer.*

- **Connect – a group for children aged 5-13.** First meeting on Monday 13 September from 6.45-8pm at St Richard's with crafts, games, refreshments and a short Bible talk. This is a joint partnership project with Forest Fold Baptist church, following Lighthouse over the summer. Do pray on that lots might come, for leaders to get alongside children, and for one of the Forest Fold team as they give a short talk.
- **Southern Women's Convention – Sat 2nd Oct, 9am-3.15pm.** *There is no rock like our God (1 Sam 2:2).* In a day of teaching, fellowship, worship & seminars, we'll be considering how we can be bold in living for Jesus as we look forward to a new normal, post-Covid-19. Main speaker, Karen Soole, will spotlight the challenge of two very different women from 1 Samuel. In person and online options. More info and how to book see here: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.co.uk/events/2b0ck2gl>
- **Cabaret & All That Jazz** – joint event by All Saints & St Richard's churches, an evening of cabaret, cocktails, craft beer and conversation with guest speaker Rico Tice. **Wed 13 Oct 7.30–9.45pm** at All Saints Church. £7.50 (inc. free drink on entry) Book a table for up to six people online at: [www.allsaintscrowborough.org](http://www.allsaintscrowborough.org)

## Men and women of the church family

Below are the remaining events in our plan to help get men and women of the church meeting together again. *These also tie into evangelistic events later this autumn term and into 2022 (to invite others to) as we prepare for 'St Richard's Passion for Life Mission.' More on that to follow!*

These sort of events will be increasingly important in our reconnections together outside Sunday mornings. **So if you are a man or woman of St Richard's, please be encouraged to come along and reconnect together.**

**Saturday 18 September, 2.00-3.30pm. WOMEN'S 'Desserts and discussion.** An opportunity to open the Bible briefly, pray together, and chat more about life – as we share, hopefully by now, a selection of desserts prepared by one another. Please let the church office know [st-richardsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:st-richardsoffice@gmail.com) by 11 September if you intend to come so we can send more details.

**Wednesday 6 October, 7.30-9.00pm. MEN'S 'Lager and laughter.'** An opportunity to open the Bible briefly, pray together, and chat more about life – as we share a drink or two, and snacks together. Please let the church office know [st-richardsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:st-richardsoffice@gmail.com) by 29 September if you intend to come so we can send more details.

## OTHER NEWS...

- **Road closure – Walshes Road!** South East Water plan to install 200m of new water main in Walshes Road, from July 26. The project is expected to take c.12 weeks to complete. Walshes Road will be closed for the duration in three sections: First, between Stone Cross Road and Walshes Road to the junction at Kingfisher Drive. Secondly, between Kingfisher Drive and Nightingales. Finally, between Nightingales and Luxford Road. This will impact traffic from the south, **but the church is still accessible from the Whitehill Road end of Fermor Road.** For more details see: <https://corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/walshesroad>
- **One of the World In Need (WIN) bedsits has become vacant.** The accommodation would suit a single person, situated on the first floor comprises of a recently refurbished bedsit complete with a kitchenette, and its own private shower room. Facilities are provided for doing laundry complete with a washer /dryer. Free internet connection. Car parking space available and is within walking distance of Crowborough town centre and busses to Brighton and Tunbridge Wells. Mainline train link to London is a 20min walk away.

The rent is £375 per month including all services, excluding Council Tax. Please contact the WIN office for further details on 01892 486476.

- **Saturday 4 September, 'Catch the wind' joint churches** prayer meeting from 9.00-9.40am at The Oasis (Community Church building in Beacon Road, opposite Royal Mail Sorting Office.) The meeting will be on the first Saturday of each month. They are introducing prayer walking around parts of Crowborough for those who want to take part, with time together at The Oasis before the prayer walk. For more information, please contact Peter and Pat Lockley

## **Next Sunday – 12 September 2021**

**Morning Service 10.45am      2 Peter 3:14-18   Growing**

(Ben Thorndike preaching & Trish Scobell leading)

