

## St Richard's Crowborough – News update 8 May 2022

### Sunday 8 May 2022

**Morning service at 10.45am**

#### **World Mission Sunday**

(Mike Cooper preaching & our World Mission Team leading)

#### **Followed by fellowship lunch**

Join us for lunch when Mike Cooper will tell us more about the work of Open Doors

**Sunday evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm** – *WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Simon Guillebaud*

*Romans 11:33-12:2*

come along to All Saints Church or tune in to their Live Stream for the evening service:

[allsaintscrowborough.org/live](http://allsaintscrowborough.org/live)

### CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

# HOPE | EXPLORED

**Hope Explored Course** – A new 3-week course starts soon!

**Mondays 30 May, 6 & 13 June 7.45pm at St Richard's church**

Hope Explored is one of the easiest ways to introduce someone to Christianity, it does not require a huge time commitment from guests and the Christianity Explored course can then be run as a follow-up for those eager to explore the Christian faith. The course looks at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in Luke's Gospel, this three-session series shows that Christianity is about real hope: a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about my present.

**To book a place contact Trish: 01892 611318**

- **Pastoral Surgery** – A key aspect of church life is our spiritual health and wellbeing. As part of this Mark has set up our "Pastoral Surgery" where we can book a slot via Trish. Initially on Tuesday evenings 7:45pm at Mark's home or yours, and Thursday afternoons 1:30pm and 4pm at St Richards lounge. A time to share, for prayer and fellowship.
- **Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 11 May 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.

- **“End the Persecution”, Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm.** An evening where churches from across Sussex are invited to come together and hear about initiatives that are being taken to end persecution all over the world. At the end of the evening there will be a Q&A with all the speakers. Refreshments will be provided. The event is free but please sign up  
[https://www.allsaintscrowborough.org/Groups/374589/All Saints Church/Whats On/End the Persecution/End the Persecution.aspx](https://www.allsaintscrowborough.org/Groups/374589/All%20Saints%20Church/Whats%20On/End%20the%20Persecution/End%20the%20Persecution.aspx)
- **Southern Women’s Convention ‘Thrive’ at All Saints** – Saturday 11 June – 9.30am – 3.30pm. In a day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, we will be taken on a whistle-stop tour of the book of James. Our main speaker Lizzy Smallwood will be speaking about the ‘spiritual heart surgery’ we all need in order to truly thrive! For more detail or to book a place:  
<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/9bzn3gmp>

## OTHER NEWS...

- **Passion for Life (Pfl) prayers this week.** Pfl is an initiative linking UK evangelical churches, as they proclaim the good news of Jesus in their communities over the coming months. **This week, please pray:**

### Week 32

*<sup>7</sup> How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!*

*<sup>8</sup> The watchmen shout and sing with joy, for before their very eyes they see the Lord returning to Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup> Let the ruins of Jerusalem break into joyful song, for the Lord has comforted his people. He has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The Lord has demonstrated his holy power before the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.*

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

Lord God

You have given us the wonderful privilege of being able to bring the good news of Jesus to those around us. This Easter, please give us opportunities to speak of your saving grace and your amazing love and forgiveness, that bring comfort and joy to all who receive it. We thank you that one day the whole earth will see the victory of our God.

We give glory to you Lord Jesus

Amen

### **This week please**

- Spend some time in grateful thanks to Jesus for his amazing sacrifice that brings us forgiveness, freedom, peace and life in all its fulness. Pray for opportunities to bring this good news to others this week.
- Give thanks for our leaders. Pray for rest and time for them to recharge with friends and family.
- Pray for the daytime Christianity Explored course starting this week, and the evening course beginning next week. Pray that we would have courage to invite others and that those who have questions would come.
- The passage above reminds us that joyful song is our response to what the Lord has done. Pray that those rehearsing for Prom Praise would be reminded of the goodness of God as they praise him in song, and each would be encouraged in their journey of faith.
- Pray that the new Hope Café in All Saints would be a welcoming and well used space, especially for those who are new or unfamiliar with church.

### **Next Sunday – 15 May 2022**

**Morning service – (with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers)**

**1 Peter 1:1-12    God's people have a glorious future**

(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)