

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42

WELCOME to St Richard's Crowborough

News update 2 Oct 2022

Sunday 2 October 2022 – 10.45am Morning service

(with Sunday Club, Lasers & Crèche)

Genesis 29: 1-30 – Marriage!

(Ian Roberts preaching & Abi Lattimer leading)

Sunday evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm – *Holy Communion - Present suffering, future glory-*
Romans 8:18-27 Come along to All Saints Church or tune in to their Live Stream for the evening service:

allsaintscrowborough.org/live

CHURCH NEWS AND COMING UP...

- **PRAYER:** At the heart of any Christian community is prayer and this week we have two opportunities to join together for prayer
 - **Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Wednesday 5 Oct 12.00 - 1.00pm.** A time of fellowship around God's word and prayer. Join with us as we think through what we heard on Sunday in the service and to pray for our church, our community, the churches in Crowborough and the world.
 - **Our monthly prayer meeting will be on 6 Oct, 7.45pm.** Come and join with the church family as we hear news, share, and pray together for our lives, our church, local communities and the world. You don't have to pray out loud, join an 'Amen' if you'd like!

OTHER NEWS...

- **HARVEST BARN DANCE** – Saturday 15 October - 7pm at St Richard's.
Come and join us and dance the night away to The Old Green Glen Ceilidh Band under the friendly instruction of Mervyn Brown, or just enjoy the fun. **Tickets - £8** to include a hot dog and apple pie & cream. Tickets will be **available from Marilyn Payne** after the service or from the church office during the week.
- **PAKISTAN:** There is still time to donate to the **Tearfund DEC Appeal following the floods in Pakistan**, either place your cash in an enveloped marked as such, or for the quickest and most tax efficient way to give please use this link: Tearfund.org/flooding

- **UKRAINE:** Thanks, from **UCM** for supporting their work in Ukraine

Thank you so much for supporting the work of Ukraine Christian Ministries by donating to us. Over the past seven months, while Ukraine has been under attack, our partners have been working tirelessly to care for those who have been affected. The region where we work, the Cherkasy Region in Central Ukraine, has remained relatively conflict free. This has allowed our churches and partners to provide a safe place for those seeking refuge. We are providing housing, food, medications and other essentials, as well as sharing the truth of the Gospel with those who come under our care.

We have also produced a short video that can be shared in a meeting or passed around which further details how funds have been used in Ukraine. You can find it here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4r7hY4ja08>

As you will know, the war in Ukraine continues and these coming months are very uncertain for Ukrainians. We will continue to support them on a daily basis. You can stay up-to-date with all our partners through our website, ucm.org.uk, on social media and through our newsletter.

Once again, thank you for supporting our ministry,

Ella Perseedoss

Director: Ukraine Christian Ministries Trust

- **SGP ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Why should we attend?**

As a church we are part of a cross denominational network of churches known as the Sussex Gospel Partnership (SGP). The topic of their conference at All Saints Crowborough this year is very important to us as an Anglican church because it will help us understand why the outcome of the Bishop's Living in Love and Faith (LLF) project matters.

**Sussex Gospel Partnership
Annual Conference 2022**

God's Better Story

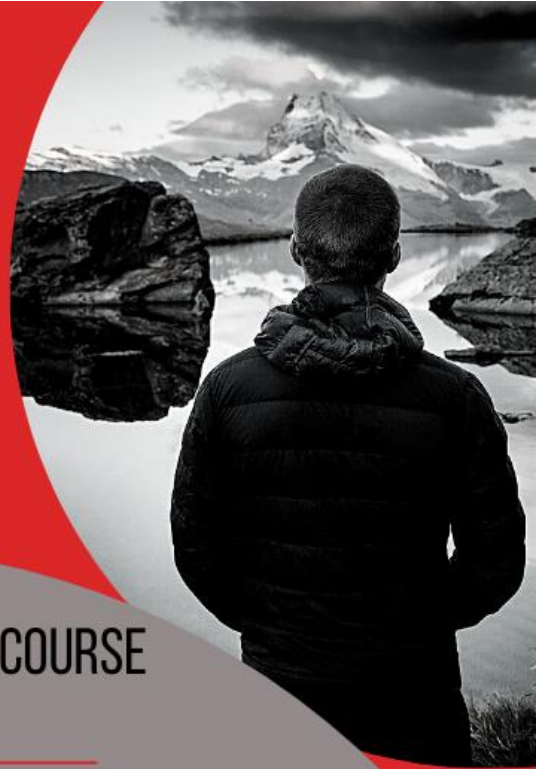
**"For a world wrestling with
identity, sexuality and gender"**

**Sat 5 November 2022
10am - 3.30pm All Saints
Church**

As many of us wrestle with issues of identity, sexuality and gender and are bewildered by the many competing stories we hear, we will be coming together for our 2022 Annual Conference to listen to God's Better Story. First, we will hear a better story concerning our identity: We all want to know who we are. 'Who am I?' is one of the most natural and universally asked questions. But we often forget to ask the more fundamental question, 'How do I find who I am?'. Exploring that question allows us to find a better – indeed, the best – story about identity. Then, we will hear a better story concerning our sexuality and gender. Finally, our seminar options and question and answer session will help us explore the practical implications for both telling and living God's Better Story.

hope after heartbreak

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?



FREE 7 WEEK SELF-HELP COURSE

From Monday 3 October 7.45pm

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE ...

07543 859932

Open to anyone (18+) who's experienced or is currently going through relationship breakdown. Groups are confidential. You're encouraged to share as much or as little you feel is appropriate.

www.hope-after-heartbreak.co.uk

Dates for your diary!

15 th	October	Barn Dance event
16 th	October	Harvest celebration AA service
13 th	November	Remembrance service
18 th	November	Christmas Curry night – All welcome! (Outreach event)
20 th	November	AGM Sunday AA service with lunch
26 th	November	Ladies Christmas Pudding making (Outreach event)
15 th	December	Carol singing Nightingales
16 th	December	Carol singing Herne
18 th	December	Scratch Nativity AA service – Come dressed up 😊
19 th	December	Carol Singing Alderbrook
22 nd	December	(Thursday) Carols by Candlelight service
24 th	December	16:00 Christingle
25 th	December	10:00 Christmas Day AA

Next Sunday – 9 Oct 2022

Morning service at 10.45am (with Sunday Club, Lasers & crèche)

Genesis 29: 31-30:14- Kids

(Nick Ashton preaching & Andrew Nicholls leading)

FIRE SAFETY

As part of our Health & safety awareness we must ask you to read and familiarise yourself with the Fire safety procedure at St Richard's.

General procedure:

- If the fire alarm sounds we will all make our way out of the building quickly and calmly as directed by leaders and sidesmen.
- The meeting point is out of the front of church and take a left walking down to the parade of shops - keeping to the pavement. This means you are well away from the building and road as there are usually parked cars out the front.
- Parents are to leave the worship area when asked to - and are not to go and look for their child. Sunday school leaders will bring the children out safely and unite them with parents at the meeting point.
- Abled bodied people are to leave first and less able people to be assisted by carer appointed helpers. Please do not try and exit before quicker folk as this can cause a bottleneck and put more people in danger.
- Please take a moment to look at the fire Evacuation procedure and emergency plan found on walls around the building. (and attached to this email)
- In any case... All bags and personal belongings should be placed under your chair during the service to avoid trips during an evacuation.

Fire & Evacuation Procedures

St Richard's Fire Safety -Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 2021

Any person discovering a fire should:

- **SOUND THE FIRE ALARM**
- **DIAL 999 TO CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE**
- **ADVISE LOCATION – ST RICHARD'S CHURCH, FERMOR ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN63AP**
- **ATTACK THE FIRE (IF POSSIBLE) USING THE APPROPRIATE FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES PROVIDED BUT DO NOT PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER!**

On hearing the fire alarm:

- **LEAVE THE BUILDING BY THE NEAREST EXIT ROUTE**
- **DO NOT DELAY TO COLLECT PERSONAL ITEMS**
- **CLOSE ALL DOORS BEHIND YOU**
- **REPORT TO APPROPRIATE ASSEMBLY POINT**
- **DO NOT RE ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL ADVISED BY THE FIRE AUTHORITIES THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

Fire Assembly Point: PARADE OF SHOPS OPPOSITE NIGHTINGALES ESTATE

- **The church building has three exits:**
- **Main entrance**
- **Via the rear store room through the hall area**
- **Side door to the back of the main worship area**
- **Once at assembly point Fire Safety Officer or other responsible person should carry out a head count**

All exits, stairways and corridors used as part of an escape route must be kept clear of all obstructions.

Self-closing/fire doors must operate properly and MUST NOT be wedged open.