

"From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love as each part does it's work." Eph 4:16

## WELCOME to St Richard's Crowborough News update 19 Feb 2023

**Sunday 19 Feb 2023 – All Age Service 10.45am**

(with self-service Creche.)

**"Standing strong: Know the enemy!"**- Jude v 8 -19

(Andrew Gibson preaching & Trish Scobell leading)

**Evening service at All Saints, 6.30pm**

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

*John 16:16-30 Sorrow and Joy*

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



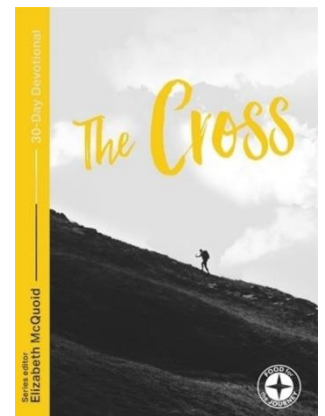
LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH

In light of the discussions in the Church of England regarding the House of Bishops proposals the **PCC** last week **passed the following resolution:**

*"This PCC joyfully affirms the Church of England doctrine that marriage is between one man and one woman and is intended to be for life, since we believe this to be the pattern given to us in scripture. We also affirm the beauty of celibacy—recognising the goodness of both biblical positions. We seek to provide good pastoral support for those who may struggle to live by this teaching and welcome all people to All Saints and St Richards, regardless of their sexual status or orientation. We seek to be a church which is a loving Christian community, an extended family, and a place where we hold to a traditional Christian view of marriage and celibacy and to do so with grace and love. This PCC will not be offering the services and prayers outlined in 'Prayers of Love and Faith', being proposed by the House of Bishops, because we believe they are departing from scripture, and we call them to rescind these current proposals."*

- **Lent Course 2023 – 'The Cross' Devotional book £4**

This year instead of running a centralised Lent Course we are going to be reading the same devotional book together so that our hearts are stirred up with the wonderful news of the Cross. **The Cross** is a collection of 30 devotionals selected from teaching delivered at the Keswick conference in the past. It features contributions from amazing bible teachers such as Don Carson, Vaughan Roberts and Alec Motyer. We are confident it will be a blessing to us in the lead up to Easter. Let Mark know if you would like one, they are £4 through All Saints, or pick one up yourself, they will be available for purchase at each service at All Saints this week and next. **Home Groups continue to meet weekly as normal.**



## CHURCH NEWS...

- **PRAYER: Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's Wednesday 22 Feb 11.00 - 12.00noon**

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 the Church of England, our church, our community, the churches in Crowborough and the world.

- **Quiz Night – Save the date – 1<sup>st</sup> April (no joke) 7.30pm**

Back by popular demand from both our community around us and within is the St Richards Quiz Night which will be held at St Richards 1<sup>st</sup> April from 7.30pm. Look out for the sign-up sheets in a couple of weeks for setting up, setting down, and dessert production. And how about putting together a team for the night.

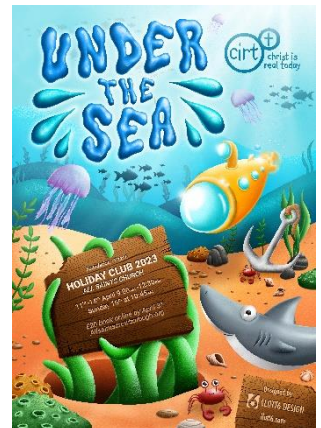


- **Crowborough Women's Breakfast.** Sat 11th Mar, 8.30am at

Crowborough Community Centre. Jennie Cuthbert, who is an Anna Chaplain, will be speaking on her work engaging with people who have Dementia. Tickets £10 and need to be purchased by 4<sup>th</sup> March from Jane Speedie by contacting the church office 01892 611318. The breakfast is continental - please notify any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

- **CIRT – Leaders (10th-16th April).** There are so many ways for you to help reach

children and families with the Gospel through our annual Bible holiday club (prop making, craft team, AV, filming and drama, kids leaders, music - and many more!) but we can't do it without you! Follow the link to see how you can help and sign up: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/jzbqzs0b>



- **Warm Wednesdays** - Every Wednesday 12-4pm (up until 1 March 2023)

Alderbrook Community Association, Crowborough Community Fridge and St Richard's in partnership are offering a warm space with food to the surrounding community. **If you would like to be involved** in helping to serve food, play a game or offer warm conversation then please contact Trish at the church office 01892 611318.

- **A note from Tony Holcolme** - My mother died on the 6th Feb aged 103.5!! A grand age, but for the last 5

weeks had been in a nursing home. St Richard's and it's congregation had a special place in her heart having been involved with Dad at the beginning of the church, during the planning process and for the first 30 odd years before they moved to Goring by Sea. The funeral will be at Worthing Crem (with just family) followed by a thanksgiving service in St Matthews church West Worthing. Both services will be recorded. If any of the parishioners who still remember her would like to watch, let Trish at the church office know (01892 611318) and she will forward the 2 links.

# Opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

- **Southern Women's Convention 2023** - This year's SGP Southern Women's Convention is on **Saturday 10th June 2023 at All Saints Crowborough**, with guest speaker Charlotte Cornes. A day of teaching, fellowship, worship and seminars, through which we will be taken through the unique Old Testament book of Esther as we reflect upon "For such a time as this". **Bookings open on** Monday 27th February via this link: <https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/spp5yekg> or contact All Saints office on 01892 652081
- **Partnership Training Day - Tuesday 28 March 2023**- 10am to 4.15pm at Cuckfield Baptist Church - £10 per person. Nick Tucker (vicar of Bishop Hannington Church in Hove) will be speaking on the theme of his latest book **12 things God can't do...and how they can help you sleep at night**. *Come and discover how God is even greater than you imagined because of the things he cannot do! A day to help you to grow in faith, live with confidence and rest easy at night, trusting in the God who never sleeps.* If anyone needs a lift then please contact Trish at the church office 01892 611318



If you would like to bring items along the current Foodbank wish list is below, and for their full list of acceptable items check out: <https://crowborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

## This week's Top items

Longlife Whole Milk	Jellies
Longlife Fruit Juice	Tinned Meat (Cold)
Fruit Squash	Washing Up Liquid
Tinned Vegetables	Toilet Rolls
Chocolate Spread	Shampoo & Conditioner
Rice – 500g/1kg Packs	Washing Pods
Honey	Pasta Sauce

## Next Sunday 26 Feb 2023

**Morning Service at 10.45am** (with Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

**Jude v 20-25 Standing strong: Going the Distance.**

(Mark Rapley preaching & Dorothy Hards leading)

# Going for Growth

## Update and things to pray for:

Dear Friends, firstly, thank you for your patience as the 'Steering Group' have been making more progress with the St.R's Going for Growth Project. Please pray those these key developments.

- 1) That the project is complicated by the fact that there are two parts to the site - the Hawes, owned by the 'Trust' and the St. Richard's site owned by the Diocese, which needs to be resolved before we can move on.
- 2) That a firm of architects, Innerdale-Hudson, had been asked to produce some images of what MIGHT be possible on the site. Mark showed these remarkably comprehensive images on screen.
- 3) Mark emphasised that the images by Innerdale-Hudson are NOT the scheme but simply a 'concept idea' of what may be possible.
- 4) Mark confirmed that Andrew Jack has been formally appointed as Project Manager. Andrew is married to Jan and live in Maresfield. Both are committed Christians and have lately moved from Bromsgrove. They are the parents of Dan Jack, one of the Trustees of the Trust which owns the Hawes. Andrew is an experienced businessman and was project manager for a re-building scheme at St, Ebb's Church Oxford a few years ago.
- 5) Mark also reminded us that there is a huge potential for disagreement amongst us, about many things, even the sort of chairs we'll need, and we must ALL take care to avoid that.
- 6) The steering group will need to be re-configured to meet the needs of the project and later this month, probably on 24th February, there will be a meeting to plan the changeover of structure and hierarchy of operation, to seek permissions for both parts of the sites and establish some outline planning advice from the local authorities.
- 7) Two weeks ago the Steering Group met another firm, Quinlan Terry Architects, who with their principal, Quinlan, agreed to provide another view of what might be possible at no cost to us. Typically they would charge circa £6,000.
- 8) Mark pointed out that the 'local plan' includes development of land near to St. Richard's for the potential development of three hundred dwellings or more in the next few years. We are already surrounded by a large community that our Lord God wants us to serve and bring the Gospel to. We need 'Christ in our Hearts, at the Heart of the Community'.
- 9) The Steering Group are also recommending that the 'possibility' of a Plan B is considered, but that is some way off.

Please be encouraged by the progress so far. It is a huge project, which needs lots of ongoing prayers. It will be necessary to engage with the local community and to that end there will be a survey amongst our neighbours which will be conducted shortly.

Please pray earnestly for all these matters, including the members of the Steering Group, Our Ministers, Steve and Mark, the members and congregations of All Saint's and St. Richard's Churches, those in the Diocese who will make decisions about the project and, not least, for all our neighbours in the community.

**'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'**

**1 Thessalonians 5 vs 16-18**

**To join the 'WhatsApp' group please ask for Jeff's number at St Richard's office. – Tel: 01892 611318**