

"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 26th Feb 2023

Sunday 26 Feb 2023 – Morning service 10.45am

(self-service Creche, Sunday Club & Lasers!)

"Standing Strong in a straying world" - Jude 1-7

(Mark Rapley preaching & Dorothy Hards 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:

HOLY COMMUNION Behold your God Isaiah 40:1-11

He speaks tenderly allsaintscrowborough.org/live



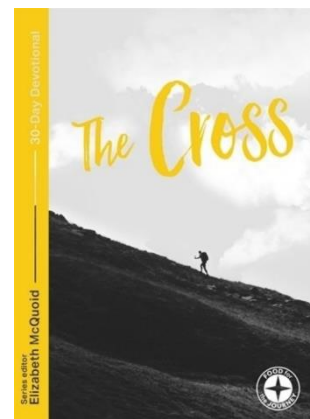
LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

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."

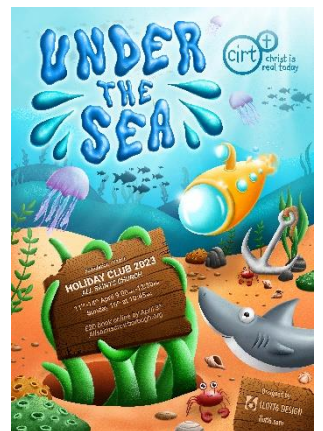
• Lent Course 2023 – 'The Cross' Devotional book £4

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 **Philip** 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...

- St Richard's monthly prayer meeting** is this week – Thursday 2 March, 7.45pm at St Richard's. Mark will share the latest from Steve Rees and CEEC in terms of what action we as a Parish will take, and as individuals can take in light of the Bishops' recent recommendation. 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!
- PRAYER: Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's Wednesday 1 Mar 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 – 1st 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 1st April from 7.30pm. Look out for the sign-up sheets in the vestibule for setting up, setting down, and dessert production. And how about putting together a team for the night.
- Crowborough Women's Breakfast.** Sat 11th March 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 4th via All Saints Church office. The breakfast is continental - please notify any dietary requirements at the time of booking.
- CIRT – Booking for the kids open!** 11th-14th April (9.00am-12.30pm), Sunday 16th April (10.45-12.00), £20 Booking essential.
<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/iso9cwmd>
 Bookings close Tuesday 4th April.
- World Day of Prayers** – 3 March at All Saints Church – 12pm.
 Everyone welcome, light refreshments afterwards.
- Coronation Prom, Royal Albert Hall** - All Saints are taking a coach up to the Royal Albert Hall for the Coronation Prom with All Souls Orchestra on 6th May. For more information or to sign up, please see link below or alternatively contact Cathy Allen via All saints church office 01892 652081:
<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/1eemrxxz>
- Joyce Holcombe** – below is the link for anyone wishing to watch Joyce's funeral online (Crem only – Thanksgiving link will be available soon.) this will take place 3rd March.
<https://watch.obitus.com/w8sQXy> Username fafe4553 - Password 011091



St Richards Management Team – voting on of delegates.

We are delighted to confirm that as a church we have nominated/seconded Stuart Smith and Mark has co-opted David Lattimer for re-election on to our management team. This Sunday we affirm these nominations by vote.

So, after our service this coming Sunday, those of us on the electoral roll wishing to vote, can collect a voting slip (anonymous) from Trish. Put a mark in either [Yes] or [No] box for each candidate and place your completed slip into the box in the foyer. When it comes to the voting of members on to our management team, it is simply a matter of there being more Yes votes than No votes.

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 10 items

Long life milk (semi-skimmed)	Instant mash
Biscuits	Tinned meat
Tinned ravioli	Tinned soup
Tinned tuna	Toilet rolls
Tinned potatoes	Fruit squash and long-life fruit juice

Next Sunday 5 March 2023

Morning Service at 10.45am (self-service Creche with Sunday Club & Lasers in the service)

World In Need – Mission Sunday

Take 2 service with lunch afterwards

(David Goodchild from WIN preaching & our 'World Mission Team' leading)

WIN is one of our mission partners and is based in Crowborough

Going for Growth

Update and things to pray for:

- The team of architects, those in the Diocese, who are likely to have power to make decisions about the property, the Wealden Council Planning Officers, as well as our neighbours and the South Crowborough Community.
- Wisdom, clear thinking, vision, patience, tolerance and for God, by His Holy Spirit, through the Grace of Jesus Christ to anoint all the team as they pursue the next steps of this major project.

Thank you for your persistent and faithful prayers.

**‘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