

"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 12 March 2023

Sunday 12 March 2023 – Lord's supper 10.45am

Ephesians 4:7-16 Fruitful followers

(with Creche & Sunday Club - Lasers in the service.)

(Nick Ashton preaching & leading Lord's supper & 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:

Behold your God - Isaiah 40:27-31- He strengthens the weary allsaintscrowborough.org/live

CHURCH NEWS...

- **PRAYER: Weekly lunchtime prayers at St Richard's – Back to the normal time!**

Wednesday 15 Mar 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 the Church of England, our church, our community, the churches in Crowborough and the world.

- **HELP IS NEEDED on Saturday 18 March** to put together some small **posies for Mother's Day.**

If you would like to help, then please contact the church office 01892 611318.

- **Jarvis Brook Easter Fundraiser - 10th April Easter Monday - 11 till 2pm**

We have another **opportunity to support the Jarvis Brook community** by raising funds for a new skate park and Arty time premises by selling tea/coffees and cakes as we did in the summer last year. If anyone feels they would like to **take a lead on this, serve on the day or make a cake** then please contact Trish at the church office – 01892 611318.

- **Quiz Night - TICKETS NOW ON SALE see Trish**

1st April 7.30pm

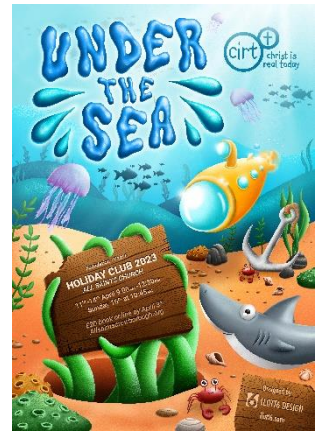
Back by popular demand from both our community around us and within is the St Richards Quiz Night which will be held at St Richards 1st April from 7.30pm. Look out for the sign-up sheets in the vestibule for setting up, setting down, and dessert production. And how about putting together a team for the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



- **CIRT – Booking for the kids open!**

11th-14th April (9.00am-12.30pm), Sunday 16th April (10.45-12.00),
£20 Booking essential. Bookings close Tuesday 4th April.

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/events/iso9cwmd>



- **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>

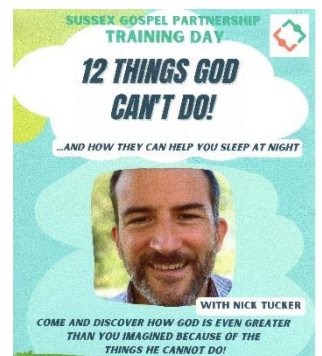
- **Expanding our selection of songs at St Richards – what are your top ten?**

We would love to expand the current 'bank' of songs we select from at St Richards, and a great place to start is finding out what songs we already know. During this week you'll receive an email within which will be a link to a form where if you would like to participate you can list your ten favourite songs to sing in church. Please refer to your song using their first line rather than title. If you'd like a paper version of the form, they will be available next Sunday

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

- **Sussex Gospel Partnership (SGP) Training Day - Tuesday 28 March 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



- **Foodbank** 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

Dessert whips	VEGAN products
Sponge pudding/Tinned custard	Tinned carrots
Savoury biscuits	Tinned soup
Small jars of Decaf coffee	Toilet rolls
Tinned meat /cold	EASTER products/Treats

Next Sunday 19 March 2023

All age service at 10.45am (with self-service Creche)

Mother's Day

Isaiah 66:13 A mother's comfort

(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

Going for Growth

A key milestone in finding the will of our Lord for our project is knowing what the Diocese will permit on our current site. Ideally, we would like to buy the site outright, a workable option two is ownership is retained with permission to do as we see fit. If neither of these are agreeable, we look to plan B an alternative site. To this end Steve Rees has written to the Diocese outlining our plans, so please pray:

That the letter gets to and is read by those who are key to making the decision.

That there would then be an opportunity to meet in person to discuss the proposals

That our plans will find favour in their eyes.

That through this the Lord clearly shows us our next steps.

Church Of England

On Wednesday the PCC of All Saints and St Richards completed a questionnaire/survey sent by our Bishops asking how the PCC intend to respond to the proposals due to be voted upon at the next General Synod in July. The collated responses from PCC's across our Diocese will then be used to indicate the impact a positive vote in July will have.

Please Pray:

That as the House of Bishops meet, they will engage with the significant proportion of the church that have concerns. For those for whom this is a deeply personal, difficult & complex topic

That the CEEC plan for "structural rearrangement" is realistic, heard and taken seriously.

For unity and solidarity of Orthodox churches

For the Bishops as they meet for discussions – Repent & back down

That the proposals will be defeated at the next General Synod in July.

For effective provision for orthodox and evangelicals for the future we need "visible differentiation" Titus 3:10

For wisdom in post-July "next steps" financial arrangements locally and across SGP

For wisdom in looking into post-july Episcopal oversight should the proposals be carried

That God would make the 'seemingly impossible, possible'

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

1 Thessalonians 5 vs 16-181

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