

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:9-10*

## WELCOME to St Richard's News update 16 March 2025

**Sunday 16 March**

**Lord's supper 10.45am**

(with Creche & Sunday Club! Lasers in main service)

**Healthy church: Grieving 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

(Pete Winstone preaching & Lord's supper, & Mark Rapley leading)

Evening service at All Saints – 6.30pm – Practising the Way: Solitude & Prayer - Matt 6:1-18

## Notices...

### The Electoral Roll count 2025

This year every parish in the Church of England is required to create a new Electoral Roll which means everyone who would like to be on it needs to apply to join. This is in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Being on the Roll enables you to vote at the APCM, but more importantly is a way of saying you belong to our Church Family. You are eligible if you are baptised, and live in the parish or, if not in the parish, have been worshipping regularly with us for 6 months (unless unable to do so by illness).



Please help reduce the admin by applying **electronically**

<https://allsaintscrowborough.churchsuite.com/-/forms/dbpfrypu>

**Paper copies** of the forms will be in the pigeonholes of those currently on the roll without email.

### Anyone for (Table) Tennis? – A new outreach initiative.

Andrew Gibson is encouraged that a few people have offered to help set up and run the Table Tennis Club on a rota basis. **A further one or two volunteers**, men and women, would give confidence that a rota could be filled for the club to be run once a week (Friday evening seems a possible time) - more volunteers would mean each could do it once or twice a month. Please contact the church office 01892 611318

### Calling all the ladies of St Richard's

Please join us for some relaxed fellowship on **Saturday 15th March from 7.30-9pm** – in the church lounge. Please bring your favourite snack to share. Soft drinks and tea/coffee will be provided. All welcome!

- **Next Christianity Explored Course 25th March** (new date)  
With our latest Hope Explored Course underway, do think ahead to who you might invite to our Next Christianity Explored Course, this is an 8 session course that seeks to answer three key questions about Christianity:  
Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond?



This is an interactive course, where there is plenty of opportunity to bring your questions.

- **Prom Praise Wonder at the Royal Albert Hall** with the All Souls Orchestra on Saturday 3rd May. More details via link <https://bit.ly/40sfzEK>

## What's on this week...

### MONDAYS

- **A Walk in the Park – 9.30-10.30am**  
meeting in Adam's Close cul de sac! Start the week with a fresh air walk around Walshes Park and meet members of our community. For more info call Andrew Gibson on 07732 174 774. Bringing our community of Southern Crowborough together!
- **Men's Sausage Roll Club – most Monday mornings**  
If you're free on Monday mornings and would benefit from good company and conversation, then why not join this group. They meet in various places so for more information and the latest rendezvous have a chat with John Wayte.
- **Southern Crowborough Craft Group - 2-4pm every Monday.**  
A craft group for anyone who likes to chat over coffee and crafting - meets in the lounge at St Richard's. For more info chat to Rosemary Longley.

### TUESDAYS

- **Little Seeds Toddler Group 10am till 12pm**  
Meeting during term time, this provides a welcome meeting place for local parents and carers to socialise and bring their little one to enjoy playing and organised activities. First timers are welcome to come for a taster session just give Sarah a buzz to let us know you're coming.
- **Heroes (R-Y2) and Adventurers (Y3-Y6) at All Saints**  
During term time we partner with All Saints in their youth groups. Meeting from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Hero's meets in the Parish Halls Adventurers in the downstairs hall accessed from the back of All Saints church. For more info email Sarah Thrift [sarah@allsaintscrowborough.org](mailto:sarah@allsaintscrowborough.org)

### WEDNESDAYS

- **Midday prayer at St Richard's – every week 12noon till 1pm**  
Join with us as we think through what we heard on Sunday and to pray for our church, the community of southern Crowborough, the churches in Crowborough, the CofE and the world.

- **The Barnabas Support Group - 10.30am – 12noon (usually every third Wednesday)**  
Meeting in the Downstairs Rooms at All Saints Church to bring together those with dementia or memory loss problems and their carers for encouragement, sharing together, and information. All are welcome to come and join in these Coffee Mornings. For more information, please speak to Frances Sadd.

## FRIDAYS

- **Ladies bible study – during term time at St Richard's 10:15 -11.30am.**  
An hour together to enrich our bible knowledge and grow in faith. ***This term we are studying Hebrews!*** Speak to Trish if you think you'd like to join us!

## Opportunities to learn and grow in your faith!

### CIRT Holiday Club – (Foundation to Yr 6)

8 – 11 April – 9am – 12.30pm, at All Saints.

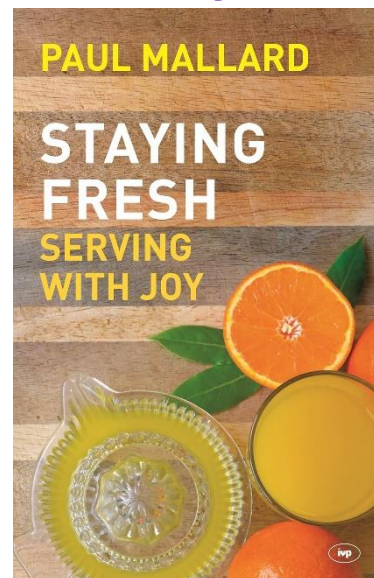
Big thank you to everyone who has offered to help, and the club is now full with 165 young people signed up. Please pray for those who lead and those who attend that they will be kept safe and the good news of Jesus is heard by all.

## Book Recommendation from St Richard's library

### Staying Fresh: Serving with Joy

By Paul Mallard

Paul Mallard has written Staying Fresh for everyone involved in ministry, at whatever level that may be. While he acknowledges the importance of conviction and competence, his primary emphasis here is on character. He is passionate about the importance of integrity, of persevering in prayer and discipleship, of never giving up in our battle with sin and our service for Christ.



# Opportunities to serve and help others

## Crowborough Foodbank

St Richard's is a Foodbank collection point, for a list of acceptable items check out their [website](#)

## Crowborough Pantry

This open to anyone, regardless of circumstances, and aims to help both the planet and the community, by sharing donated food which would otherwise likely be wasted. You'll find them around the corner in

Beechview Parade, Open:

Mondays: 10am until 11am

Thursdays: 6pm until 7pm

Tuesdays: 2.30pm until 4pm

Saturdays: 10am until 11am

Sundays: 6pm – 6.30pm



## Next Sunday

**Sunday 23 March – Morning service 10.45am**

(with Sunday Club & Lasers! Self-service Creche in the lounge)

1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 Healthy church: Waiting

(Mark Rapley preaching & Andrew Gibson leading)

