

St Richard's News & Prayers 26 April – 2 May 2026

Sunday 26 April – All Age Service– 10.45am

Phil 1v12-26

Team Jesus: The future mindset

Pete Winstone preaching and leading

Notices

Going for Growth Stage 2 project: Praise God for the pledges received so far! This remains open to the end of April. Pray that in his goodness what is still needed will indeed be provided. Paper forms to box in foyer. Online form tinyurl.com/g4gstage2. Questions to Pete or thecwgtrust@btinternet.com

FEST, our annual Church Family camping weekend, is 26-28th June. Book now for Adults and Kids and Youth

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop, open until May 26th. All responses welcome. Find out more about the process at www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/

What's on this week...

Monday 27th

Men's Sausage Roll Club, 10.30am at Waitrose Café.

Good company and conversation. For more information talk to John Wayte.

Southern Crowborough Craft Group, 2-4pm in the Lounge

Chat over coffee and crafting. For more information chat to Rosemary Longley.

Tuesday 28th

Little Seeds Toddler Group, 10am - 12pm

Come for a taster session, just give Sarah a call

Wednesday 29th

Midday Prayer, 12pm in the Lounge

An informal time to reflect on the Sunday sermon and pray together.

Friday 1st

Ladies bible study, 10:15 -11.30am in the Lounge

An hour together to grow in faith. For more information contact the church office.

Coming Up....

3 rd May	Phil 1v27-30	Team Jesus (Wk4): Striving together
10 th May	Phil 2v1-10	Team Jesus (Wk5): The humble mindset
17 th May	Phil 2v12-18	Team Jesus (Wk6): Humble living

7th May, 7:30pm @ All Saints – JOINT St Richard's and All Saints APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is a time to look back with thanks and look forward with hope. Prayer, praise, reflection and some formal business, accounts etc. too.

If you would like to ask a **question** at the meeting, please submit it in writing by Thursday 30th April to Suzanne. A copy of the Annual Report together with the revised Electoral Roll (those who are able to vote at the meeting) is displayed on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Connect restarts Monday 18th May – kids and families group to the local area, in partnership with Forest Fold. Talk to John Fuller for more information or to get involved.

St Richard's Church Family Prayers

Sun 26 Apr. Pray that we would find overwhelming joy in putting Jesus first in our lives. Pray that today's service would help us all to do that.

Mon 27 Apr. Give thanks for the two Administrator candidates. Pray for the interviews today, for God's will to be done and for contentment in the outcome for both candidates.

Tue 28 Apr. Give thanks for the work of our Mission Partner – Open Doors. They ask us to pray for persecuted Christians in Morocco. Give thanks that their trials have brought them closer to God. Pray for the families of Younes and Qadir to embrace Jesus.

Wed 29 Apr. Give thanks for the Sussex Gospel Partnership. Pray that it would help believers across Sussex to 'stand firm, striving side by side for the sake of the gospel' (Phil 1v27).

Thurs 30 Apr. Pray for the upcoming APCM, that it would be a joyful time remembering God's faithfulness to our churches. Pray for the right people to be appointed to the PCC.

Fri 1 May. Give thanks for the other churches proclaiming the gospel in our area. Pray for Holy Trinity High-Hurstwood to grow in faith despite being without a vicar for some time.

Sat 2 May. Pray for those in our church family who are sick and suffering, to find joy in Jesus despite their circumstances and find comfort in knowing nothing can separate us from his love (Romans 8v38).

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