

Prayers for our Church Family

Pray for families spending Christmas together where relationships might be difficult, and pray for everyone travelling over the Christmas period.

Pray for the appointment of a new Vicar for St James' and that the right person applies for the vacancy.

Please pray for Ruth Kennedy, Derek and Jean Hindley

Mission Links

Praise God for the speedy repair work on Ben and Katy's new home and that Andy and Susie Hart have at least recouped the financial value of the items they lost. Pray also that they will find the time and energy to move into their new home amidst their new management roles.

Play for safety in travel for Mark, Liz, Josh and Miri revisiting their old home and friends in nepalgunj in the new year.

Please pray for Sue Woodcock that she will know the peace of God that passes understanding through her disappointment that the new treatment does not seem to have worked and her anxiety that another change in treatment will be effective.

Thank you for praying for Peter May, director of LAMB, Bangladesh. He is receiving treatment in Bangkok for his lung cancer. Pray for his wife Elley and Swanpan acting director.

For the wider World

Jesus was born to poor parents in humble circumstances, and became a refugee soon after his birth. Pray for the world's poor this Christmas, and especially those displaced from their homes because of conflict or famine - eg in Somalia, Congo and S.Sudan.

Pray for victims of Typhoon Washi on the Philippines island of Mindanao; over 1,000 people died, & hundreds of thousands made homeless, after 7 inches of rain fell in 24hr. Pray for grieving families in their recovery and for Churches bringing some comfort at Christmas time.

Pray for Christian minorities and persecuted believers this Christmas season - that opposition will not increase (as often happens) and that believers will know God's peace and joy in whatever their circumstances.

Joseph Kabila was sworn in for another term as President of DRC last week, despite disputed elections. Pray for peace, not deterioration into another war. Pray too for an end to the violence in Syria.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE

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Sunday 1st January 2012

New Year's Day



We warmly welcome you to our Services today, especially anyone here for the first time. Please stay after the Service for a cup of coffee and the opportunity to meet others in the lounge after the service.

TODAY IN CHURCH

Sunday 1st January 2012

9.00am Holy Communion
Preacher

The Rev. Tony Coulson
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10.00am Morning Worship
Preacher

Mrs Sue Karsten
The Rev Tony Coulson

Bible readings: Revelation 4
Matthew 7: 24-29

A Very Happy New Year to you

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13: 8

Sunday 8th January

9am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
4pm Messy Church

St James' Vision

Our Vision is:

For **worship** that is accessible to all—where each member of the congregation, whatever their age and stage of spiritual journey, is encouraged to be open to the Holy Spirit and new experiences of God.

For **outreach** to be a church 'without walls', reaching out into our community with a clear plan for sharing what we believe, and offering a welcome for all ages.

For the **Church family** to develop a deepening of relationships with each other as we share a journey of discipleship.

Burns Night Supper Saturday 28th January 2012 at St. James' Church Centre commencing at 7.15. Tickets now on sale at a cost of £10 each, and will be available from Andy Mullens or the Church Office. All proceeds in aid of the Church Roof.

Woodley Food store: St James' would like to support the Food Store on a regular basis. There is a box in church into which donations of goods can be put in. A list of suitable items is available on the lounge table.

The Royal Shakespeare Company is performing "Written on the Heart" a play marking the 400th Anniversary of the making of the King James Bible. at the Swan Theatre Stratford-Upon-Avon 27th Oct-10 March 2012. Phone 0844 800 1110 or go to www.rsc.org.uk/WRITTEN for tickets.

Lamb Project Rosemary Croft has e mailed the church as follows "What a wonderful surprise to receive the cheque for £700 from St James Church for the LAMB project. Thank you very much – and thank you too for your prayers both for Peter and for the project.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 3rd

Pre-School term begins

8pm Pilates

8pm Standing Committee

Wednesday 4th

Church Office re-opens

Thursday 5th

12–2pm Sandwich Bar

7pm Pilates

Caring For Each Other . We are keen to make sure that as a church we show the right care and concern for those in the church family, community and parish when people experience difficult and upsetting times such as loneliness, sickness and unemployment. A group of people is willing to contact such individuals on behalf of the Church. If you are aware of someone who would value a phone call, visit or prayer please in the first instance contact Jane Lewis, Michael Patterson or Margaret Budd who will co-ordinate the visitors.

Need Prayer: - The church intercessions book is to be found on the table next to the bell tower. Just write your request, (whatever troubles you, no need to put your name) and people will pray for you.

Confirmation 2012. We are delighted that the Bishop of Reading is coming to conduct a Confirmation service here on March 18th at 10.30am. Some people have already indicated their desire for Confirmation. If you would like to consider this please speak to Sue Karsten as soon as possible.

HOMEGROUPS AT St JAMES

There are 5 small groups that meet during the week for Bible Study, prayer and mutual support.

Tuesday evenings in a home at 8pm **Wednesday** mornings in church at 9.45am

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Tel:9694155

Dates For Your Diary

Burns Night Supper
Saturday 28th January 2012