

Prayers for our Church Family

Pray for the on going process of appointing a new Vicar for St James'.

Please pray for Ruth Kennedy, Derek and Jean Hindley

Pray for Eleanor Roxburgh, Abby and Owen Tivey and Chloe Robinson who are took communion for the first time last week. Daniel and Ben Raggett will be taking theirs in January.

Please continue to pray for the Youth work

Mission Links

Please pray for Andy & Susie Hart after the fire in their house which Ben & Katy are supposed to move in to eventually. Please pray for them all particularly as they have lost a lot of information & photos on NEEMA as well as personal stuff

Please pray for Sue Woodcock as it seems the new treatment is not having the desired effect so far. The doctor says it sometimes takes several rounds before results are seen but he will review the treatment when he sees her next on December 5th. Please pray for wisdom for the doctor as he treats and advises Sue.

Please pray for Peter May, director of LAMB, Bangladesh. He has recently been diagnosed with cancer which is well spread and may not be treatable. Please pray for him, his wife Elley and all the staff at LAMB at this difficult time. Peter was planning to leave LAMB in the summer. The process of finding a replacement had started but there will be a gap in leadership

For the wider World

Elections were held last week in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray for peaceful acceptance of results and that new leaders will do more to end violence against women and reduce corruption.

Rains have come to E. Africa, creating new problems in moving aid to famine-hit areas. Pray for agencies operating in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia, especially for protection from hostile militias.

Pray for UN climate talks in Durban, S.Africa, up to Dec.9th. Pray for the agreement of ambitious cuts to greenhouse gases and for fairness and generosity in helping countries hardest hit by climate change. World Bank is unhelpfully offering adaptation loans!

Pray for an easing of tensions between Iran and European Govt's.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE

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Sunday 4th December 2011

Advent 2



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 4th December 2011

9.00am Holy Communion **Rev R Taylor**
Preacher **Rev R Taylor**
10.30am All Age **FSG**
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3pm Contact Christmas Lunch
7pm Fish Youth Group at Emmanuel Church (Age 13-15)
7pm Big Fish Cell Group at 69 Drovers Way (Age 15+)

Bible readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11
Mark 1: 1-8

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

Sunday 11th December Advent 3

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.

Children's Carol Service Rehearsal Saturday 17th December 10.30-11.30am Singers and Musicians needed please speak to Linda.

Carols By Candlelight Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm I am looking for people who enjoy singing to join a scratch choir for this annual service. Ability to read music not necessary. Rehearsals begin on 2 December. Andy

Donations to LAMB, for the Church Christmas Greetings, can be made using the envelopes in the box near the stars board. Please indicate on the envelope if gift aid can be claimed; which is worth while even for small donations. Then place the envelope in the collection. Cheques to LAMB Health Care Foundation (LHCF). Many thanks Judith

Gifts We Have Sent £92.70 for the translation of Bible into Burkiio Faso

The Church Christmas Card This year you can write your Christmas greetings to everyone at church on a star which you can then pin on the notice board. You are invited to make a donation to the work of LAMB.

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

Yeldall Manor warmly invites all friends and supporters to join them for their annual Carol Service on Friday 9th December. This short service of carols and readings will begin at 7.30pm and be followed by time to chat over coffee and mince-pies.

Mainly Men Tuesday 6th December Please meet in the church car park for 9.30am for a walk around Shinfield followed by a pub lunch. Further details from Mick Wise 926 8651. **WOW** are doing a walk as well.

Royal Shakespeare Company are performing "Written on the Heart" a play marking the 400th Anniversary of the making of the King James Bible. Swan Theatre Stratford-Upon-Avon 27th Oct-10 March 2012 phone 0844 800 1110 Or www.rsc.org.uk/WRITTEN

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5th December

5.30pm Puppets

Tuesday 6th December

9.30am Mainly Men/WOW

5.15pm-7.30pm Brownies

7.45pm Pilates

8pm Pastoral Care Meeting

Wednesday 7th December

9.45am Home Group

1.15pm Toddlers-Party

5pm-9pm Brownies/Guides

Thursday 8th December

12 Noon Sandwich Bar

7.00pm Pilates

7.15pm Diocesan Course

Friday 9th December

7pm Wave

8.00pm Music Group

Saturday 10th December

9.30am Christmas Card Delivery

10.30am Choir Rehearsal

4pm-11pm Fish Christmas Ball

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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Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 10th December

9.30am Parish Christmas Card Delivery.

Sunday 18th December

10.30am Children's Carol Service

6.30pm Carol's by Candlelight