

Prayers for our Church Family

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.

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

Nigeria's President has declared an Emergency in several States after a spate of terrorist attacks, including a car-bombing of an RC church on Christmas Day which killed 37 people. Pray for those who have suffered in these incidents and for an end to violence between faith-groups.

Violence has continued in border areas of North and South Sudan, with over 400,000 people displaced and widespread malnutrition. Pray for an end to ethnic and political conflict, and for the emerging new Govt in S.Sudan. Pray too for post-revolution Libya and an end to the heavy Govt suppression of opposition in Syria.

Persecution of Christians continues in India, with violence recently in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, and fears of attacks in Orissa. Pray that freedom of religion - to practice and to change faith - will be upheld.

Pray for all who suffered from natural disasters in 2011 - especially in the Philippines, Central America and Pakistan. Pray that they will be able to rebuild homes and lives in 2012.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE

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Sunday 8th January 2012

Epiphany 1



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 8th January 2012

9.00am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Maureen Devine
Dr Michael Patterson

10.30am Morning Worship
Preacher

Dr Mark Morgan
Dr Michael Patterson

4pm Messy Church

7pm Fish Youth Group at Emmanuel Church (Age 13-15)

7pm Big Fish Cell Group at 69 Drovers Way (Age 15+)

Bible readings: Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday 15th January

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

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 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.

Wednesday Day time home group restarts this week. We meet between 9.45-11.30 am in the playgroup room. Newcomers are always welcome – but why not join us at the beginning of the year? See Judith Hansford if you are interested.

The Children's Society collection at the Christingle services amounted to an amazing £254.24. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Biblefresh Memory Verses: All 12 memory verses from our Biblefresh year are now available on a A4 sheet in the lounge for you to have your own copy. Please take on and stick it on your fridge or somewhere you can see it and remind you of some of God's amazing promises.

Mainly Men Tuesday 10th January Please meet in the church car park for 9.30am for a country Walk followed by a pub lunch. Details from Mick Wise 926 8651.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 10th January

9.30am Mainly Men/WOW

5.15pm-7.30pm Brownies

8pm Pilates

Wednesday 11th January

10am Rendezvous Communion

9.45am Home Group

1.15pm Toddlers

5.00-9pm Brownies/Guides

Thursday 12th January

12.00 Noon Sandwich Bar

7.00pm Pilates

Friday 13th January

7pm Wave

8pm Music Group

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.

HOME GROUPS 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

Burns Night Supper

Saturday 28th January

Church Gift Day

Sunday 26th February