

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

Please pray for Sue Woodcock as she continues with chemotherapy and particularly for her as she copes with the side effects of the treatment she is receiving.

Please continue to pray for Peter May (LAMB Bangladesh). The radiotherapy and chemotherapy are working but he is suffering the side effects of extreme tiredness. Praise God for the good medical care he is receiving in Bangkok.

For the wider World

Two years after the Haiti earthquake, give thanks that many people have been rehoused (about 1m in 2011), cholera is under control and a new elected Govt is in place. Pray for the ongoing recovery and the half a million Haitians still living in tents. Haiti is one of the poorest nations in the western world.

Pray for Syria, that the presence of Arab League monitors will do more to reduce the violence. Pray for those who have suffered repression and for a softer approach from the military towards protesters.

Nigeria has been rocked by terrorist attacks and inter-communal violence. Pray for the Christian President of Nigeria and leaders of the large and vibrant Church.

West Africa has been suffering from drought; food prices up 50% on last year. Pray for effective and early action to avoid famine. Keep praying for world leaders to see the connection between these disasters and climate change.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE

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Sunday 15th January 2012

Epiphany 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 15th January 2012

9.00am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
Miss Jane Lewis

10.30am Morning Worship
Preacher

Mr Ian Mullens
Miss Jane Lewis

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

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

Bible readings: Revelations 5: 1-10
John 1: 43-51

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Sunday 22nd January

Pulpit Swap Day

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

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.

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.

Cleaning Rota: Thank you to everyone who took part in cleaning the church in the last few months. The new rota is now available starting on February 25th is on the lounge table, if you feel you can help please sign up.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 16th January

5pm Puppets

Tuesday 17th January

5.15pm-7.30pm R/Brownies

8pm Pilates/PCC

Wednesday 18th January

9.45am Home Group

1.15pm Toddlers

5.00-9pm Brownies/Guides

8pm Home Group

Thursday 19th January

12.00 Noon Sandwich Bar

7.00pm Pilates

8pm Messy Church Meeting

Friday 20th January

7pm Wave

8pm Music Group

Saturday 21st January

9am Waste Paper Collection

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