

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

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

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

After elections in the Congo, incumbent President Joseph Kabila has provisionally been proclaimed the winner; observers declared the process "seriously flawed". Pray for peace & stability in Congo, particularly reduction in violence against women.

Give thanks for a form of agreement at the Durban Climate talks, though implementation is painfully slow; current science suggests we are on track for a dangerous 4deg rise, not the 2deg which campaigners have wanted. Pray for a greater sense of urgency & determination to cut emissions, as well as for the poor who are most seriously affected.

As Christmas approaches, pray for countries where believers form a small minority and often face more intense opposition around major festivals. Pray for Christians in N.Korea, India, Pakistan and the more "hard-line" Islamic states.

Pray for an end to the violence against protesters in Syria.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE

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Sunday 18th December 2011

Advent 4



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 18th December 2011

9.00am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
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10.30am Children's Carols

Mrs Linda Galpin/Children
and young People

6.30pm Carol's By Candlelight

Our Bible memory verse this month is Matthew 1:23

Bible readings: Romans 16: 25-27
Luke 1: 26-38

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve

3.30pm Christingle

5.00pm Christingle

11.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day

9am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Service

Sunday 1st 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 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.

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 which 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

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.

Pre School Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fair. The sum of £318.11 was raised for Pre School.

Mainly Men Tuesday 20th Dec 9.30am Please meet in the church car park for a country walk followed by a pub lunch. Further details from Mick Wise phone 926 8651

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19th December

All Day Electrical Check
5pm Puppets

Tuesday 20th December

9.30am Mainly Men/WOW
7pm Carol Singing

Friday 23rd December

9.30am Christingle Making
8pm Music Practice

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

Tuesday 20th December

7pm Carol singing round the Parish
(Meet at Church)

Friday 23rd December

9.30am Christingle Making