

### **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 Paul Mullens, Ruth Kennedy, Derek and Jean Hindley

### **Mission Links**

Give thanks that the new treatment Sue Woodcock is receiving is having a positive effect but pray for her as the side effects are worse than before.

Please continue to support Peter and Elley in prayer. Peter is now stable and is staying with friend in Thailand for 10 days while Elley visits her father, who is seriously ill with cancer, in Japan. They will then return to England on about 20th Feb. please pray that Peter does not relapse while she is away.

### **For the wider World**

Pray for the suffering people of Syria and an end to the violence; hundreds have been killed or injured in the assault on the city of Homs. Pray that the UN and Arab League will take more effective action.

Poor harvests & conflict have pushed over half of S. Sudan's population (total 8.2m) into food shortage; 3.3m may soon need food aid. Pray for an appropriate international response. Also for West Africa, where another food crisis is expected soon.

Pray for displaced Christians in northern Nigeria after renewed violence this year; in the city of Damatura, only 12 of the 94 churches are still standing.

Malawi is going through difficult economic times and civil unrest; pray for the Church and people of Malawi, normally a peaceful & stable nation.



## **ST. JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE**

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**Sunday 19th February 2012**

Sunday before Lent



**We warmly welcome you to our Services today, especially the family and friends of Isabella and Connor Else here for Baptism of anyone here for the first time. Please stay after the Service for a cup of coffee and the opportunity to meet others in the**

### **Sunday 19th February 2012**

9.00am Holy Communion	Rev Maureen Devine
Preacher	Mr Jeremy Galpin
10.30am Morning Worship	Mrs Susan Karsten
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TODAY IN CHURCH

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

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

**Bible readings:** 2 Cor 5:11-21      Matt 28: 16-20

### **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Wednesday 22nd February**

**Ash Wednesday**

**8.00pm Holy Communion**

**Sunday 26th February**

**Gift Day**

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Free2b 7pm at St John Bosco

## 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.

**Confirmation 18th March at 10.30am** Preparation for confirmation for those in year 7 to Big Fish will take place at Emmanuel Church on the following Sunday afternoons: 19th and 26th February, 4th and 11th March from 4-5pm. Please contact Ian Mullens on 07894 388 471 about these classes.

**Refreshments for Confirmation Service** We would like to serve cakes with tea and coffee after the service. If you feel you can donate a cake please sign up on the list in the lounge.

**Shrove Tuesday February 21st** Pancakes at Christchurch 5.30-7.30pm the proceeds going to their church project .

**Lent Groups** There will be an introduction to the Lent Groups at 8pm following the pancakes and the speaker will be Peter Munday. If you would like to join a Lent group please see the list on the notice board.

**Church Roof Fund Raising: Pagoda Sale in Precinct.** The Pagoda has been booked for Friday 9th March 9.30-1.30. We are looking for at least 16 people to help run this sale on a rota basis (1 hour per person). Please let Andy or Irene know if you are able to help this fund raising event in support of the Church roof. Many thanks, the Fund Raising Committee.

**Bag2The Future:** This is a further fundraising project for the roof . The church has enrolled with a company who collect bags of textiles for use in many countries and we will receive money for good quality unwanted clothing and other items. The bags are available in the lounge together with details of the type of goods that can be placed in the bags. The bags can be returned to Church on Sunday 25th March (not before). If this is successful we hope to do another collection at the end of September.

**Wedding of Catherine Hansford and Peter Berrill on the 31st March at 2pm.** Catherine and Peter are planning on having drinks and cake after the service at St James'. They are looking for volunteers to help serve the cake and drinks. If you would like to help please speak to Judith, Janice or Sue.

**Tea and games afternoon for Pathfinders.** Saturday 25th February 4.30 - 7.00 in the Church lounge. More information from Rachel Pitman 3769676 [r.pitman@ntlworld.com](mailto:r.pitman@ntlworld.com)

**Mainly Men Tuesday 21st February.** Please meet in the church car park for 9.30am for a country walk followed by a pub lunch. Details from Mick Wise

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

### **Monday 20th February**

5.30pm Puppets

### **Tuesday 21st February**

9.30am Mainly Men/WOW

8pm Pilates

### **Wednesday 22nd February**

9.45am Home Group

10.30am Rendezvous

1.00pm Toddlers

4.30pm-9pm Lounge-Guides

8.00pm Holy Communion

### **Thursday 23rd February**

12Noon Sandwich Bar

7.00pm Pilates

### **Friday 24th February**

7.00pm 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.

**A Big Thank You** to everyone who came and supported Family Funday on Monday. Particular thanks to those who came and helped run craft, do Puppets, bouncy castle, tattoos, refreshments. Thank you to Emily, Rebekah, Nathan, Belinda, Margaret G, Mary, George and Suzanne.

## **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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