

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 Frank and Shirley Box, Frank's brother and sister and the rest of the family following the death of Frank's mother .

Pray for Bob Hansford doing a training workshop this week for Tearfund partners in Bangladesh."

Please pray for Ruth Kennedy, Derek and Jean Hindley

Mission Links

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

Pray for Peter May (LAMB Bangladesh) and Elley and praise God for his goodness to them during this time of chemotherapy. They are hoping to travel back to England in February. Continue to pray for Swapan as Acting Director at LAMB until Dec.

For the wider World

There is a new awareness of the speed of global warming. Pray for people in countries like Bangladesh affected by these changes. Pray for families owning small plots of land who see that land disappear to the rising river.

Continue to pray that we will all recognize our responsibility to care for our world and that leaders will show courage and clear direction and that the gas guzzling west will bear the brunt of the cost of changes needed.

Pray for emergent leaders in the Arab countries which have seen dramatic changes recently, that there will be stability and democracy. Pray especially for Christians in these countries who are fearful of being more badly treated by the new authorities. Pray especially for Christians in Egypt.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH CENTRE

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Sunday 29th January 2012

Epiphany 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 29th January 2012

9.00am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
Mrs Carol Morgan

10.30am Morning Worship
Preacher

Mrs Alison Mullens
Mrs Carol Morgan

Roof presentation after the service

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

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

Bible readings: Psalm 95
Luke 1: 46-55

Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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 5th February

9am Holy Communion

10.30am Pre School All Age Service

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.

Preparation for people in any other age groups will be here at St James' on 5th, 19th and 26th February and 4th March from 4-5pm. Please contact Sue Karsten about these classes.

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.

CCA are celebrating their 20th Anniversary starting with a fundraising barn dance, Saturday 3rd March (See Poster for more details)

Shrove Tuesday February 21st Pancakes at Christchurch 5.30-7.30pm the proceeds going to their church project. Afterwards there will be an introduction to the Lent Groups at 8pm. Full details are on the notice board.

Reading Churches Men's Breakfast The next event will be held .at Reading Blue Coat School on Saturday 11th February. The topic is "In the Business World with Christ" and the speaker is Tony Lighternes former Dep. Finance Director of Rio Tinto plc. Please see poster for further details.

Emmanuel church becoming a Conventional District. A statement regarding the changes taking place on 1st April 2012 is available in the lounge for you all to read.

St James' Web Site Did you realise that that St. James has it's own web site where you can find details of all the different activities associated with our Church – even this new sheet gets uploaded a few days before the Church service, normally on a Thursday. Recently added is a page relating to past Vicars / Curates and what they are up to now. Later this month will be another new page, entitle "The week ahead" If you want to add anything new to these pages then you need to let me know – Tony at tonycharvil@sky.com and just in case you don't know the address – it's www.stjameswoodley.org

Children's Society Boxes Please hand to Janet Rothery ASAP Thank you

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30th January

5pm Puppets

Tuesday 31st January

5.15pm-7.30pm R/Brownies

8pm Pilates

8pm All Age Planning Meeting

Wednesday 1st February

9.45am Home Group

1.00pm Toddlers

5.00-9pm R/ Brownies/Guides

8pm Home Group

Thursday 2nd February

12.00 Noon Sandwich Bar

7.00pm Pilates

Friday 3rd February

7pm Wave

8pm Music Group

Saturday 4th February

4-10pm Party in Back room

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.

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

Woodley Family Fun Days

Monday 13th February at WBC

1.30-4.00pm

Church Gift Day

Sunday 26th February