

# July

## **Goodbye, and thanks for the Motorbike!**

I didn't expect to be writing the item for the front of the News Sheet this month but the staff suggested it was a good idea, so here it is! My first official day of retirement started with an early alarm and addressing the Reading Christian Network at 8am! I am breaking myself in gently.

Pam and I found the service last Sunday amazing and moving, for many different reasons. It was fitting that Sue and Jeremy should lead it, as they were the Church Wardens at my interview back in May 2012. As a church we have travelled forward since then: the roof is fixed (for 25 years at least), we have monthly women's and men's groups, LiFT and several new house groups. Linda is the only remaining member of the staff I inherited (thank you for staying!); Becki and Sam are new, and Jane became our curate.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and your kind words, both spoken and written in our cards. I look forward to my 'driving experience' (Aston Martin or Ferrari – hmm... a hard choice!) and to establishing our apple trees in our new garden in due course. Not forgetting my shed or 'man-cave' once we have planned how to arrange the garden. Thank you so much.

But I wanted to thank you too for the motorbike. For those who weren't in church on Sunday, Frank Box brought in a lawn mower and Peter Lord rode in his Harley Davidson! That may well be a first at St James. But I was excited that both my words about whether we wanted to be a 'maintenance or missional' church had been heard, and the challenge of the motorbike had been grasped. Mission to our community and beyond is risky, but it is what we are built for. Go for it!

With our love and thanks  
Nick and Pam Jackson

## **Sunday 2nd July**

Preaching

9:00 Holy Communion

David Fulford

10:30 Holy Communion

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### **Mainly Men**

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 4th July, followed by a pub lunch. Please meet at the church for a 9.30am departure.

### **WOW (Women on walks)**

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 4th July, followed by a pub lunch. Please meet at the church for a 9.30am departure.

### **New Church Directory**

I'll be putting together a new church directory over the next few weeks. Please check the current one which is on the table in the church lounge and amend or add your details as necessary. The deadline for making amendments is Sunday 9th July. Thanks, Becki.

### **Rise Theatre Company**

Rise, a new Christian Theatre company, is holding a theatre school for 13 to 18 year olds during August. For more information please see the Church Notice Board.

### **REinspired-Woodley prayer requests:**

Last week of lessons this week. Thank you for all your prayer support each week.

Tues 4th July Yr 4 (2 classes) with be exploring prayer at St James through a variety of prayer stations.

### **Prayer**

Coming soon, a new informal monthly Focus Prayer Group. Starting Monday 10th July from 8pm - 9pm this group will meet every second Monday of the month at the front of Church, to pray together, every step of the way, throughout the Vacancy and beyond. Please do come and join us, everyone is welcome. Margaret Mayer

### **Prayer**

In the wake of the recent tragedies in both London and Manchester, there is an opportunity to join together in prayer for those affected. In the Prayer Corner there are some post - it notes and paper flowers. Please write or say a prayer and place a paper flower on the wall as indicated by the poster. Also if you haven't picked up a Monthly Prayer Diary yet, they will be available on Sunday. Thank you. Margaret Mayer

### **Chloe Winsor Fundraising**

I am planning on cutting my locks to donate hair to "Little Princess Trust" and to raise funds for Moldova if you wish to donate please go to my just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chloe-winsor-1>

If anyone has any odd jobs: supervised gardening, fence painting, baby sitting, car valet or washing, etc I could complete to raise funds for my mission trip to Moldova. I am available for various dates from Monday 26th June until 29th June.

Email: [chloeewinsor@gmail.com](mailto:chloeewinsor@gmail.com) ring 01189676476 (answerphone) or message me on Facebook.

## St James' Vision

**St James 2020 Vision is to be a growing people of all ages that:**

1. Are rooted in prayer and growing in our faith in Jesus Christ
2. Are growing as confident disciples, and are willing and able to make disciples of others
3. Are committed to nurturing and investing in children and young people
4. Are growing in our understanding of and open to being empowered by the Holy Spirit to build up the church of God
5. Reach out into our community to be and to share the good news of Jesus Christ both inside and beyond the church walls, and across Woodley in partnership with others
6. Are listening, generous, and committed to quality in all that we do

### Walkers Joint Outing

Men and women on walks will be going on their annual joint outing on Tuesday August 1st. We are going to Whiteleaf near Princes Risborough to walk along the attractive Chiltern escarpment and through the beech woods. The full walk will be about 3 miles with a shorter alternative available. Paths will be quite rough and include some hills (the steepest should be downhill!). We will lunch at the Red Lion, Whiteleaf who request us to choose our food in advance; menus are available from Colin Mayer. To make our booking we need to have numbers by July 16th and orders by July 25th. Please contact Colin or Alison Mullens for further details or to put your name on the list.

### Prayers for our Church Family

Please pray for all those who are unwell, lonely or bereaved at this time. Please continue to pray especially for Linda Henderson and family, Jan Goddard and family. Please continue to pray Simon Litchfield - Steve's Dad, Mick and Joan Wise, Rachel Hogg and family, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, and Joy Nye. Please pray for Erne Mason who's been in a care home for the last 10 weeks, pray for him and his wife Ruth. Pray for those taking exams at the moment particularly, Abby, Chloe, Amber, Nathan, Matthew, Ben, Daniel, Amy and Eleanor

### Prayers for the world

#### UK and Brexit

Pray for the new UK Govt following the Queen's speech and the start of Brexit discussions. Pray especially for Christians in Parliament, balancing personal faith with party dictates. Pray too for European nationals who have settled here and for Brits in Europe.

#### S.Sudan

One year on from the start of the cholera outbreak, new cases still appear. Officially, nearly 200 people have died. Six million are suffering severe hunger and thousands remain displaced by conflict and unable to farm. Pray for this struggling and divided country.

#### G20 Summit

Leaders of the world's 20 wealthiest countries meet on 7-8th July in Hamburg, Germany. Pray against Donald Trump's efforts to further undermine the Paris Climate Agreement - that the other 19 will unite in stepping up efforts to slow down climate change,

#### Yemen, Somalia, Iraq

Yemen and Somalia continue to battle against cholera, exacerbated by conflict in Yemen. In Mosul, Iraq, the civilian population still suffers terribly in areas still under Isis control.

## Services in July 2017

### **Sunday 2nd**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Holy Communion

Being God's people in the world

### **Sunday 9th**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Morning Worship  
4pm Messy Church

Being God's people at home

### **Wednesday 12th**

10am Midweek Communion

### **Sunday 16th**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Morning Worship

Jesus died for us

### **Sunday 23rd**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Morning Worship

Living in the Suffering Church

### **Sunday 30th**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Morning Worship

Women of the Bible: Ruth

### **St James' Church Centre**

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