

Sunday 30th July 2017

**TODAY IN
CHURCH**

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
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10:30am Morning Worship
Leader
Preacher

Alison Mullens
Andy Galpin

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday 3rd August

11am – 1:30pm St James Café

Sunday 6th August

9am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Worship

Friday 4th August

8pm Music Practice

Pre-School

Pre-School is open from 9:15am-11:45am, and
1pm-3:30pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Fridays, 9:15am-11:45am during term time

Youth Groups

Please note all youth groups have now
stopped for the summer holidays and
will resume in September.

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The M & Ms ladies group

Will take a break over the summer but all ladies (even if you don't usually come to (M & Ms) are very welcome to come along to any of these events during August for a relaxed, informal time together. **Saturday 5th August** Breakfast at Henry Street Garden Centre. Meet there at 9.00am - contact person is Gillian Aston gillian_ashton@hotmail.co.uk
Monday 14th August Meet at Cozze in Woodley Precinct at 10.30am for coffee and cake - contact person is Rachel Pitman rachel_pitman@hotmail.co.uk
Wednesday 23rd August Meet at Bosco Lounge in Woodley Precinct at 7.00pm for a light meal or just a drink - contact person is Margaret Mayer margaretemayer@hotmail.com

Confirmation

On Sunday October 8th Bishop Andrew is coming to St James and has kindly agreed to hold a confirmation service. Confirmation is about declaring your faith, being empowered to be the person God has called you to be and to be equipped to step out with God into service for him. If you feel that you would like to take this next step in your Christian journey please get in touch with Linda Galpin for more information.

Coming soon for Harvest time, Reflecreate.

A quiet day to reflect on a Bible passage and an opportunity to respond creatively. The theme this year is "the Power House of God's Love" and will be held in Church on Saturday 16th September from 9.45 - 4pm. Fee £10 to cover costs. Light lunch included. There are a limited number of places so early booking is advised. For further details please speak to Margaret Mayer.

Moldova Trip Items Needed

"As you know some of the youth are going to Moldova this summer. While we're out there, we are going to be working with some of the local children. As part of our preparation OM have given us a list of suggested items that we could take with us. So we were wondering if anyone would like to donate some of these resources, such as: colouring pens/pencils, colouring books, balloons, stickers, sweets (not chocolate!), face paint, craft materials (for necklaces, bracelets etc), small balls? A bit similar to what we might put in the shoeboxes at Christmas!!!! If anyone can donate these or anything else suitable, we would be extremely grateful. Thanks. Abby...."

Walkers Joint Outing

Men and women on walks will be going on their annual joint outing on Tuesday August 1st, to Whiteleaf near Princes Risborough. Please meet at the church for a prompt 09.15am departure, as we have a little further to travel than usual.

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*

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain at St James is made up of a group of people willing to be contacted by email and to pray when an urgent need for prayer is recognised. Often we are asked to pray for people suffering from illness or other tragic circumstances. We may have a request for prayer to support an individual in a difficult situation and we may also be asked to give thanks for a happy occasion, for example the birth of a child. The requests are not always for members of the church and may be for other family members or friends or work colleagues of the person requesting prayer. So it is important to keep a sense of confidentiality. It is very encouraging to those who pray when we receive feedback of how the Lord has answered prayer. Anyone in the church family can request to be part of the prayer chain by emailing Sue Karsten on karsten222@btinternet.com and then will receive prayer requests as they come in. To request the prayer chain to pray for a situation please get in touch with Sue and she will pass the request round the chain.

Urgent Preschool Notice

With effect from the end of term I am sad to announce that Pre-School will be without a Chairperson. Following Brenda's resignation we thought we had found a suitable replacement. Sadly that has proven not to be the case so we now find ourselves in the very difficult position that without a new Chairperson appointed very quickly, St. James Church Pre-School will have to close.

I urge you all to prayerfully consider if this is a responsibility that you might be prepared to take on. It would be devastating if after our Outstanding Ofsted award that we have to close. We provide an essential service to the local community and Elaine has a very dedicated team supporting her role as Manager. We also have a mixed church and parent committee who also bring various skill sets to support the running of the Pre-School. If anyone is interested or would like more information about what is involved, please talk to myself, Elaine or Mary. Thanks
Nicola



REinspired Prayer points Summer 2017:

Give thanks for all the lessons and encounters with children we have had this year approx 45 lessons and 3500 encounters. Give thanks for all our wonderful volunteers without whom REinspired couldn't happen. Pray for rest and refreshment for each person over the summer.

Staff and pupils of all our Woodley schools - rest and refreshment over the summer holiday

Pray for all the Yr. 6's as they move on to secondary school that the experiences they have had with REinspired will continue with them in the months and years ahead.

Pray for all our schools as they begin planning for the next academic year- pray for opportunities for REinspired to be involved. Pray for all those expecting AS,A level and GCSE results on 17th and 24th Aug. In September REinspired will have been working in Woodley schools for 10 years. We are planning a celebration service on Sunday 24th September at Christ Church more details to follow in Sept.

Prayers for our Church Family

Please pray for all those who are unwell, lonely or bereaved at this time. Please pray especially for Steve Litchfield's sister Petra. Please continue to pray for Linda Henderson and family, and Jan Goddard and family. Please continue to pray for Mick and Joan Wise, Rachel Hogg and family, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Erne Mason and Joy Nye.

Prayers for the world

India and Bangladesh

Heavy monsoon rains have caused rivers to burst their banks across NE India and Bangladesh, destroying crops and displacing many thousands. In Assam alone, 400,000 people from 850 villages are affected. Pray for rescue efforts and for families who've lost the little they own.

Yemen

An estimated 300,000 people have been infected by cholera, with 7,000 new cases every day and 1700 deaths. The 2yr conflict has taken a heavy toll on water supplies, sanitation and health services. Pray for Tearfund partners distributing water containers, chlorine tablets and soap, and promoting better hygiene practices. Pray also for peace.

Climate Change

The Paris Agreement has suffered a setback with the withdrawal of the US. Pray that other countries will become more determined than ever to fulfill their part of the agreement. Pray too for those in poor countries which take the impact of climate change.

Iraq

Mosul is now back in Govt hands, with fighting (almost) over. Pray for the 700,000 who fled the city with few possessions, and for those who stayed - thousands are at last accessible and urgently in need of aid.