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ASK

...THE POWER OF AN INVITATION

Season of invitation

I do hope the Lord has blessed you over the summer period; if not with fine weather; with rest, some pause for reflection and new insight as we enter a new stage of our church life.

On Sunday 3rd September, I will be introducing a 'season of invitation' - opportunities at St James to invite friends, neighbours to meet Jesus.

This is not just a 'season of invitation' it's a 'lifestyle' of invitation—like shifting our mind set from Lawnmower to Harley Davidson!

I am reading an excellent book 'Mission-Shaped Grace' by John McGinley of which you will be hearing a lot more. John states 'the church in the West has lost its missional consciousness and yet the bible is clear that the identity of the church is fundamentally missional'. What do you think?

If this message is already making you feel uncomfortable and anxious you are not alone! But there is nothing more exciting and faith building than sharing Jesus with other people and seeing them respond positively. Imagine that person you invited standing at the front of church and sharing their story of faith as the Sumner's did back in July!

The first opportunity to invite a friend, neighbour or colleague is coming up this month. Please pray about who you could invite. They may be waiting for YOU to ask them... so they can say YES!!

Jeremy Galpin
Evangelism lead

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4th September

9am Pre-school starts back for the Autumn term. Please note new times for sessions.

Tuesday 5th September

5:15pm Rainbows

8pm Pilates

Thursday 7th September

11am – 1:30pm St James Café

2-4pm Meeting (Pre-school)

4:30pm – 6pm Rainbows

7pm - Pilate

Friday 8th September

8pm Music Practice

Saturday 8th September

8 – 11am Men's Breakfast

9.30 – 1.15pm The Turning training and outreach in Woodley.

Preschool

Preschool is open from 9:00am-12.00, and 12.45pm-3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays, 9:00am-12.00pm during term time

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 before Sunday 10th September

Harvest Supper:

Saturday 30th September @ 7pm. Come and find out about our current mission partners and sample food from Bangladesh, D.R.Congo, Argentina, Tanzania, Thailand and UK!!!

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 children (max per family £20) available from Andy & Alison Mullens, Pete & Chris Clarke or the church office.

REinspired Celebration service:

REinspired has been working in the Woodley Primary schools for 10 years!! On Sunday 24th September at Christ Church @4pm there will be a short service to thank God for this work, find out more about what REinspired is doing, some hands on activities and pray for the work for the coming years. Refreshments will be available after the service.

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.

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*

REinspired-Woodley

As a new school year starts please pray for staff and pupils returning to school this week. Pray that pupils will settle quickly into their new classes with new teachers.

For the past 10 years REinspired has been working in Woodley Schools helping pupils engage creatively with faith...That's quite an achievement and we would like to mark the occasion with a special service of thanksgiving to be held on Sunday 24th September at Christ Church. There will be an opportunity to hear about the work of REinspired, experience some hands on lessons, give thanks for the work and the volunteers and pray for the year ahead. There will be refreshments served afterwards. Please do come along and share in the celebration.

Prayers for our Church Family

Please pray for all those who are unwell, lonely or bereaved at this time.

Please pray especially for Jeanette, Merrick, Jane and Chloe.

Please continue to pray for Mick and Joan Wise, Rachel Hogg and family, Erne Mason and Joy Nye.

Pray for our Preschool staff and children as they start back on Monday. Pray for a smooth settling in of the children.

Pray for children and young people returning to school this week—for those changing schools, going to college, moving to university, taking a year out..... Pray that they may know the reality of a God who goes before them and will be with them: Deut 31:8

Prayers for the world

Bangladesh, N.India, Nepal. Unusually heavy monsoon rains have brought floods & displacement to millions of people, including areas served by LAMB Hospital. Pray for affected people & for relief efforts, bringing food, shelter & medical care.

United States: Hurricane Harvey has caused extensive floods around Houston, Texas, claiming 40 lives. Pray especially for the 32,000 displaced from their homes.

Yemen. The country remains in the grip of civil war, with rival sides supported by Iran & Saudi Arabia. Pray for its people, many without food or medical care. Pray that Western govts will stop fuelling the conflict with weapons.

A prayer for those coping with floods

God of compassion,

you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;

accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by storms and flooding:

strengthen them in their hour of need,

grant them perseverance and courage to face the future

and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives;

this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services in September 2017

Sunday 3rd

9:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

Introducing a season of invitation

Sunday 10th

9:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

4pm Messy Church

An overview of Philippians

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Mid week Communion

Sunday 17th

9:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

Philippians: The importance of giving

Sunday 24th

9:00am Holy Communion

10:30am All Age Worship

Harvest

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th September: The Turning training and outreach 9.30—1.15pm

Saturday 16th September: Harvest Reflecreate 9.45—4pm

Sunday 24th September: 4pm Celebration Service for REinspired @ Christ Church

Saturday 30th September: 7pm Harvest Supper

Sunday 8th October: 10.30am Confirmation service with Bishop Andrew

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