

Sunday 18th November 2018

**TODAY IN
CHURCH**

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Laurence Smith
David Fulford

10:30am Morning Worship
Leader
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19th November

5:30pm Puppets
8pm Flower Club

Tuesday 20th November

5:15pm - 7:30pm Rainbows
8pm Pilates

Wednesday 21st November

9:45am Homegroup
1pm Toddlers
5:15pm Rainbows
6pm-9pm Brownies and Guides
8pm Homegroup

Thursday 22nd November

11am - 1:30pm St James Café
4:30pm - 7pm Rainbows and Brownies
7:15pm - Pilates
7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday 23rd November

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 25th November

9am Holy Communion
10:30am All Age Worship

Pre-School

Pre-School is open from 9:00am-12:00 noon,
and 12:45pm-3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, and Fridays, during term time

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Mens Walking group

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 20th November, followed by a pub lunch. Please meet at the church for a 9.30am departure.

WOW (women on walks)

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PreSchool Christmas Fair

The Pre-school Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 24th November, 10.00- 12.00 in the Church Centre. Do come along to support the Pre-school children and their families. Refreshments will include tea, coffee and bacon rolls. There will be lots of fun stalls and activities suitable for young children as well as great prizes to be won on adult and children's tombola, Pick-a-Ticket, Adopt a Teddy and lots more. Do join us!

BAGS FOR THE FUTURE

Please return your bags by **Sunday 25th November**.

NEEMA Craft Stall

On Sunday November 25th there will be a NEEMA Craft stall after church. There will be Christmas cards, gifts and crafts to buy. A great opportunity for some Christmas shopping. Also to support the work that Ben and Katy Ray and Liz Hansford are doing."

Prayers for REinspired - Woodley

Lessons for week beginning Mon 19th Nov:

Thurs 22nd Nov Yr 5 @ Southlake are exploring the question Is the Christmas story true?
(2 classes) Pray for Linda as she is on retreat 19th - 21st Nov.

STIR UP SATURDAY

Back by popular request! We will be holding an evening of making Christmas Puddings and other seasonal treats on Saturday 1 December at 7pm. Reserve this date in your diary. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are £6 per head plus £5 per pudding taken home.

Choir for Carol Services

We have formed a choir again this year to prepare items for the Carols by Candlelight service, which is on 16th December at 6.30pm, and also the Grazeley School Carol Service on the afternoon of 18th December. Everyone welcome - ability to read music not necessary. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 7.45pm, next one on 22nd November. More details from Tim Raggett

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

Woodley Christmas Extravaganza

This year's event is on Sunday 2nd December, between 10 am and 3pm, and we would love to invite you to be part of this exciting ministry. Volunteers needed for an hour or two to help with children's crafts and games or to help at the prayer wall. Also volunteers needed to set up and pack away. To volunteer or to find out more please call or email Andy Baker, the current chair of CTW, on 0118969 9956 or andy.baker@woodleybc.org or chairman@woodleychristians.org.uk. For further information, please see the email sent to all@stjames.

First Days children's charity

The list for NOVEMBER wants are on the notice board. Please see Frank Box for enquires.

Berkshire Exploring Vocations Group

Berkshire Vocations Team invite you along for the opportunity to meet others on the same journey, to reflect on aspects of ministering in the Church of England and to explore a topic in group discussion. Tuesday 27th November, 2018; 7.30 - 9.30 pm (starting at 7.45 pm)
At: St. Mary's Church Centre, Station Road, Twyford, Reading, Berkshire, RG10 9NT
Everything you wanted to know about ministry.....but were afraid to ask? Bookings via Eventbrite: https://bevg_2.eventbrite.co.uk



Prayers for our Church Family

Please pray for all those who are unwell, lonely or bereaved at this time. Please continue to pray for Michael Patterson, Joan Wise and Mick too and Steve Litchfield's sister. Pray for Liz Hansford, settling into life and work at Iringa, Tanzania, assisting Ben and Katy Ray at Neema Handicrafts. Liz has moved into a Guest House, a 10min bike ride from Neema. Life is hectic with Christmas orders and a big sale this weekend.

Prayers for the world

Bangladesh & Myanmar

Last year, Bangladesh accepted around 700,000 persecuted Rohingya people, who have been living in refugee camps. Pressure is growing upon them to return to Myanmar, but there is much fear of renewed violence if they do. Pray for compassion, for long term solutions and for agencies working in the camps.

Brexit

Pray for the UK Govt and the EU as both sides consider the latest proposal on terms of departure for Britain. Pray for wisdom and for those who have most to lose from a bad or no-deal outcome.

Nigeria

There has been a recent upsurge in communal violence in Kaduna state, on top of the 7yr conflict with Boko Haram militants. Approx. 1.7m people now live in displacement camps and over 7m need aid. Pray for restoration of peace and for national elections scheduled for Feb. 2019. Pray for the Church in Nigeria.

Gaza

Pray for an end to the recent out break of violence in Gaza, the worst for 4 years. Schools have been closed because of rocket fire and airstrikes; 14 people have died in the violence.

California Wild Fires

Pray for the victims and devastated people particularly in the town of Paradise which has been mostly destroyed by the fires.