

## Sunday 25th November 2018

**TODAY IN  
CHURCH**

9am Holy Communion  
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson  
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10:30am Morning Worship  
Leader  
Preacher

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 26th November

5:30pm Puppets  
8pm Flower Club

#### Tuesday 27th November

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

#### Wednesday 28th November

9:45am Homegroup  
10:30am Rendezvous  
1pm Toddlers  
5:15pm Rainbows  
6pm-9pm Brownies and Guides  
8pm Homegroup

#### Thursday 29th November

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

#### Friday 30th November

8pm Music Practice

#### Sunday 2nd December

9am Holy Communion  
10:30am Holy Communion

#### 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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### **Messy Christmas Celebration**

You are all invited to join our Messy Church families for our Messy Christmas Celebration on Sunday 9th Dec. Its a fantastic opportunity for both congregations to join together to celebrate Jesus' birth. There will be **NO 10.30am service** instead messy church will run from 11am and at 12 we will be having a special extended celebration with a live band and the puppets helping us to celebrate the good news of Jesus' birth followed by a buffet lunch. We would love you to come and join us from 12 for our celebration and stay for lunch.

### **Messy Sheep trail**

Can any primary aged children help?... some sheep have got lost in Woodley again... you've got from Sat 24th Nov - Sun 9th Dec to find them all so they can join the shepherds to journey to see baby Jesus. Leaflets are available in church and at the Library and also at the Extravaganza on Sunday 3rd Dec. Prizes of two £20 Entertainer vouchers 1 for Under 7's and 1 for KS2.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Well done everyone... the final total for our shoeboxes was 74!!! Boxes this year came from Messy Church and our sunday morning congregation. Fantastic result. You are changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift#ipackshoeboxes We'll find out in the new year where our boxes have been sent.

### **NEEMA Craft Stall**

Following the service on Sunday there will be a NEEMA Craft stall. 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**

Thank you for all your prayers for REinspired each week ... we certainly feel held in prayer as we go into schools for lessons... Monday 26th Nov Yr 6 (2 classes) @ Southlake are exploring: Christmas - How significant is it that Mary is Jesus' mother. Tuesday 27th Nov Yr 1 (2 classes) @ Southlake are exploring: Christmas - What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born there instead of Bethlehem?

Thursday 29th Nov Foundation (2 classes) @ Southlake are exploring the Christmas story.

### **STIR UP SATURDAY**

Saturday 1 December at 7pm. Tickets still available- £6 per head plus £5 per pudding .

### **Siwok Crafts for sale!**

Your last chance to find a beautiful handcrafted wooden item from South America! Siwok Crafts are going out of business, so all I still have will be on sale at the Stir-up Saturday evening on Dec 1st and after the service on Sunday Dec 2nd. There are still lots of small items and some larger ones, so take your pick! Thanks, Virginia.

### **Jane Winsor sponsored silence**

On Tuesday 27th November, I will be doing a sponsored silence, this is to raise both awareness and money for Sebastian's Action Trust - as part of my guides campaigning badge. They are a local charity that help families who have children with life limiting / threatening conditions. As I am away at the weekend, I will not be at church however, if you would like to sponsor me, my form will be on the noticeboard. If you have any questions please email back.

## 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*

### LiFT

LiFT this month will be meeting on Tuesday 27th November from 8-9pm at the front of Church. Please come and join us as we pray and listen to God.

### M&Ms

The M & Ms ladies group will be meeting on Saturday 1st December in the church lounge. Breakfast is from 8.30 - 9.00 followed by time for Bible focus, prayer, sharing and discussion from 9.00 -10.00. Our theme will be 'Emmanuel - God with us'. This will also be your opportunity to take part in this year's Secret Santa - if you would like more information about this, please contact Rachel Pitman or Jacqui Barnes. All ladies of any age and stage of life are very welcome.

### 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 29th November. More details from Tim Raggett

### 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](mailto:andy.baker@woodleybc.org) or [chairman@woodleychristians.org.uk](mailto:chairman@woodleychristians.org.uk) . For further information, please see the email sent to [all@stjames](mailto:all@stjames).

### 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](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. Give thanks for answers to prayer in Tanzania. Liz Hansford reports that last weekends craft market in Dar Es Salaam brought record sales for Neema handicrafts. She has a "special pass" to remain in the country, pending a full work visa.

### **Prayers for the world**

#### **United States**

Wildfires in the US state of California have claimed 86 lives, with around 500 still unaccounted for. Expected rain will help fire-fighters, but could also bring mud-slides. Air-pollution in nearby towns and cities remains high. Pray for all affected by these fires.

#### **Yemen**

Save the Children estimate that at least 84,000 children have died of malnutrition in Yemen, particularly because of a blockade of port city Hodeidah. Heavy fighting and air strikes continue in the city. Pray for its inhabitants, for a cease-fire and for more access for aid.

#### **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. Pray for long term solutions and for Tearfund partners working in the camps.

#### **Brexit**

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