

Sunday 4th November 2018

**TODAY IN
CHURCH**

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Laurence Smith
Pete Clarke

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5th November

5:30pm Puppets
8pm Flower Club

Tuesday 6th November

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

Wednesday 7th November

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

Thursday 8th November

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

Friday 9th November

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 11th November

9am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Worship - Remembrance
Sunday

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 6th November, followed by a pub lunch. Please meet at the church for a 9.30am departure.

WOW (women on walks)

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BAGS FOR THE FUTURE

Will be available **today** for return to Church on **Sunday 25th November**. Now is time to sort out your cupboards and drawers so that we can raise some funds for the General Funds.

Traidcraft Stall

Traidcraft Stall today. A great variety of Traidcraft products are available for purchase today. Please support this organisation as they support poor communities across many countries

Operation Christmas Child

Please can you bring your filled shoe boxes with donation slip inside by **no later than Sunday 19th November** as they will be going to the depot that day.

Just a reminder that there are some items we can't include in our shoeboxes this year. This is because of the destination of our boxes this year and the custom restrictions of that country. **PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE SWEETS OR TOOTHPASTE.** Reading will be exporting to more restrictive countries this year, so the boxes should not contain sweets or toothpaste, which are customs requirements of those particular countries

Prayers for REinspired - Woodley

Monday 5th Nov Yr 4 @ Southlake are exploring: What's the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians?

Tuesday 6th Nov Yr 4 @ Highwood are exploring: The importance of Mary in the Christmas story. (This is a new one for the team)

Thurs 8th Nov Yr 1 @ Highwood are exploring: Importance of Christmas to Christians (This is a new one for the team). Thank you for your continued prayer in our busy season

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 will be available nearer the event.

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*

Choir for Carol Services

We will be forming 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 is on 8th November. Why not invite a friend along too? More details from Tim Raggett

Woodley Christmas Extravaganza

For the last few years Churches Together in Woodley (CTW) have sought to bring a spiritual presence into the massive town Christmas extravaganza. Yes there are reindeers and Santa and carols and Christmas songs all over town, but only on our stalls are we really able to point people to Jesus, when the season would be nothing without Him.

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.

We are planning to have an area for children to take part in free crafts and games, where we can give away Christmas messages and chat to parents and children. Could you give an hour or two to help with this please?

We also plan to have a prayer wall, as we did at this year's Carnival. This is easy to facilitate; we just offer passers-by a little prayer card and invite them to write a prayer and pin it to the wall. Our experience at the Carnival was that the vast majority did so, and it opens up the possibility for conversations and/or prayer. Would you be willing to give an hour or two to help with this please?

We also need some help setting up and taking down our stalls – this is from 0930 for an hour or so, and then from 3pm for an hour or so. Could you help with this please?

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



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. Pray for resolution for pressing visa issues.

Prayers for the world

Brazil

The election of Jair Bolsonaro as Brazil's new President last weekend is bad news for the country's many indigenous people and the Amazon rainforest; both are under threat from illegal logging and mining. Pray for those now fearful of their future and that he will not carry through his extreme policies.

Yemen

Pray for the success of efforts to end the civil war, now in its 4th year. There have been 18,000 air strikes, one third of them against civilian targets. 22 million people need aid; without it, many face starvation. Pray for safe access to enable supplies to reach the worst affected areas.

Indonesia

More than 2,000 people died and at least 2,500 were seriously injured, following the severe earthquake and tsunami on 28th Sept. About 65,000 houses were damaged or destroyed, and 330,000 people made homeless. After-shocks continue in Indonesia and Philippines. Pray for the survivors and those helping to provide shelter, food, medical care and other essentials.

Indonesia Plane Crash

Pray for relatives of 189 people killed in the crash of a nearly new plane into the sea last week.