

Sunday 20th January 2019

TODAY IN CHURCH

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
Sam Milligan

10:30am Morning Worship
Leader
Preacher

Sue Karsten
Sam Milligan

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 21st January

5:30pm Puppets

Tuesday 22nd January

5:15pm- 7:30pm Rainbows

7:30pm Guides

8pm Pilates

8pm LiFT

Wednesday 23rd January

9:45am Homegroup

10:30am Rendezvous

1pm Toddlers

5:15pm Rainbows

6pm-9pm Brownies and Guides

8pm Homegroup

Thursday 24th January

11am - 1:30pm St James Café

4:30pm - 7pm Rainbows and Brownies

7:15pm Pilates

Friday 25th January

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 27th January

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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Christingle Service collection

In the Christingle services on Christmas Eve, the collection was £217.40 of which £47.70 was gift aided. All in aid of The Children's Society.

EVENING PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

St John Bosco Church, Western Avenue, Sunday 20th January at 4pm.

To mark Christian Unity Week, SJB parish invites you to a special service of songs, psalms and readings. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer

This will be held at Christ Church at 10:30am on Friday 1st March. All welcome

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 7:30pm.

There will be five vacancies on PCC for a 3 year term. Two church wardens need to be elected every year. For more information, please speak to Laurence, the church wardens or Diana Tollman.

Wanted: Voluntary Leaders for Boys' Brigade.

1st Woodley Boys' Brigade seeks helpers/leaders for its younger age groups (5-7yrs & 8-11yrs), meeting on Wednesday evenings, at Christ Church, Woodley. BB has a Christian basis, and offers a varied programme of games, competitions, stories, arts & crafts, community interest, etc to boys with little or no church background. Talk to Bob Hansford if interested, or email: hansford_robert@hotmail.com

MEDITERRANEAN EVENING

We will be having a Mediterranean Evening at St James on Saturday 23 March. Food, music, quizzes, games. Book this in your diary NOW!! Tickets will be on sale in early March.

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*

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.

Continue to pray that a Work Visa will be granted for Liz Hansford soon in Tanzania, as her temporary permit expires in Feb. Pray too for Swahili learning - in spoken form and in sign language

Prayers for the world

Brexit

Pray for our divided country and for Govt/Parliament struggling to find a way forward with Brexit. Pray that the good of the country will be put above party politics, and especially for Christians in Parliament.

Climate Change

Pray that all Governments around the world will take climate change more seriously, especially the US, Australia and new leaders in Brazil. Pray for rapid cuts in greenhouse gas emissions before we run out of time and changes become irreversible. Pray for those already suffering the impact of climate change.

Yemen & Nigeria

Praise God for a recently agreed cease fire around the port city of Hodeidah. UN monitors will shortly be sent. Pray that relief goods will start moving again. Pray too for 8,000 people displaced in Nigeria after an attack on Rann by militants; most have fled across the border into Cameroon.

Lebanon

Recent storms and snowfall has worsened the plight of Syrian refugees in tents and unfinished buildings. Pray for agencies, including Tearfund partners, distributing blankets and winter clothes. An estimated 40,000 children and their families are affected.

