



*February*

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 PETER 4:8 NIV

## **Sunday 3rd February**

Preaching

9:00 Holy Communion

Dan Penny

10:30 Holy Communion

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## **St James Pre-School Open Meeting**

St James Church Pre-School Open Meeting on Tuesday 12th February 8pm

Do you value having an Outstanding Pre-School in Woodley?

Are you interested in the education of young children?

Could you be part of the on-going success of our Pre-School?

Do come along to the meeting to learn more. Everyone is very welcome.

## **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. Refreshments will be served afterwards. 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](mailto: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.

## **The Great JAC Bake Off**

21st Feb 6pm-7:30pm is JAC's 2nd event of our birthday celebrations we're holding a Bake Off competition. Bring your baked entries to JAC before 4pm on Thursday 21st Feb.

Competition categories: Best Cupcakes (U12's) £1. Best Showstopper Cake £5, Best Taste (free). 6pm doors and votes open, 7:15 voting closes, 7:30 winners announced.

We'll be holding a cake sale once the judges have voted for Best Cupcake and Best Showstopper with the Best Taste being voted by you, the public, so come and eat some cake, meet other JAC supporters and share JAC stories. If you would like to enter into any of the categories please contact [office@jacoutreach.org](mailto:office@jacoutreach.org) for a competition form (entries can be submitted on the day but at an extra charge of +£1)

## **Electoral Roll**

In line with the Church Representation Rules a new Church of England Electoral Roll is being prepared. Whether or not you are currently included in the present St. James Electoral Roll, and if you wish to be entered into the new Electoral Roll, you will need to fill out an Application form. These forms will be available from Sunday 3rd February and must be returned by Sunday 17th March.

**You are entitled to have your name on the Electoral Roll if you are: Baptised, Aged 16 or over, And have been worshipping regularly in St. James Parish Church for 6 months prior to application.**

Any young person who will be 16 between April 2019 and April 2020 can fill out a form and will be included on the Electoral Roll on their birthday. Please note that with the new Church boundary there have been changes of roads included. Please check whether you live within the Parish Boundary or Out of Parish and tick the appropriate box. A list of roads will also be available in Church. Completed forms can be returned to me directly or to Becki in the Office during Office hours. Thank you, Margaret Mayer (Electoral Roll Officer)

## **Prayers for REinspired - Woodley**

Lessons start this week:

Mon 4th Feb Yr3: 2 classes @ Southlake are exploring 'Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?'

Thurs 7th Feb Yr 1: 2 classes @ Southlake are exploring 'Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?' Thank you for your continued prayer support. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer please get in touch with Linda Galpin.

## **Prayers for the world**

**Syria** Freezing temperatures, snowfall and heavy rain (resulting in flooding) are adding to the misery of Syria's people, destroying shelters and forcing many more people to move. Millions are living under tents or tarpaulins or in damaged buildings with no power or heating. There are severe shortages of all the basics. Pray that supplies of stoves, fuel, blankets & warm clothes will reach those in greatest need.

**Indonesia** Tearfund partners continue their response to the 2 tsunamis last year. Pray for them, as they provide temporary shelter and toilet facilities for those displaced, plus psychological support for traumatised children and restoration of livelihoods.

**Democratic Republic of Congo** The deadly Ebola virus is spreading fast in eastern DRC, with 713 confirmed and probable cases and 439 deaths. Pray for health authorities struggling to contain the disease, and for peace & stability after recent Presidential elections.

**Yemen** Some 67 percent of the country's population of 29.9 million will soon need urgent assistance to save lives and livelihoods. The ongoing conflict has hit food production and caused the collapse of essential services. Malnutrition is affecting 3 million people. Pray for an end to this forgotten war and for freedom of movement for relief goods.

## **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 for Liz Hansford's visa in Tanzania; her special permit to live/work in iringa expires in February.

## **Services in February 2019**

### **Sunday 3rd**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Holy Communion

Generous Church V  
"Generous Community Pt 1 Friendship and Fellowship"

### **Sunday 10th**

9am Holy Communion  
10:30am Morning Worship  
4pm Messy Church

Generous Church VI  
"Generous Community Pt 2 - Receiving Help"

### **Wednesday 13th**

10am Midweek Communion

### **Sunday 17th**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Morning Worship

Generous Church VII  
"Pressing on Towards the Goal"

### **Sunday 24th**

9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am All Age Worship

### **St James' Church Centre**

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