

Sunday 16th June 2019

TODAY IN CHURCH

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

David Fulford
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10:30am All Age Worship
Leader
Preacher

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17th June

5:30pm Puppets

Tuesday 18th June

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

Wednesday 19th June

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

Thursday 20th June

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

Friday 21st June

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 23rd June

9am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning 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 18th June, followed by a pub lunch. Please meet at the church for a 9.30am departure.

WOW (women on walks)

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Confirmations 2019

There are two dates for Confirmation this year:

Thursday 26th September (at Earley St Peter's w. +Steven)

Sunday 6th October (at Reading Minster w. +Colin)

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Confirmation or would like to go forward for Confirmation at one of these dates, please speak with Laurence by the end of June.

BARBEQUE

We will be holding a summer barbeque on Saturday 27 July. Please add this to your social diary!

Tearfund Triathlon

St James won't have a team in the event this year, on June 21st, though Bob will be involved in the canoeing stage on the Thames. If anyone is interested in supporting this event, and boosting the total raised for Tearfund projects, go to:- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tearfund-thames-triathlon>

REInspired

Thank you so much for all your prayers. We did a prayer session in school with Yr 4 where 1 pupil was heard to say 'you come in lots to do RE but this lesson is the best ever!!!'

We had 60 Yr 4 praying for 50 mins and they loved it.

Mon 17th June @ Woodley CofE am Yr 1/2: 1 class exploring 'What's so special about the bible?'

Tues 18th June @ Woodley CofE am Yr 3/4: 1 class exploring 'Bible Role models'

Thurs 20th June @ Woodley CofE am Yr 3/4: 2 classes exploring 'Bible Role models'

Date for your diary

Praise in the Precinct: Sunday 30th June @ 11.00am. Please note the new date and venue. Please bring a chair.

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 Janet and Dan Penny, Tony, Steve and Rebecca Coulson and all the family, Margaret Smith's daughters and families, Richard Ashton and family, and for Chris and Fiona Roxburgh and family.

And please continue to pray for Michael Patterson, Joan Wise and Mick too and Steve Litchfield's sister. Pray for Liz Hansford carrying extra responsibility at Neema Craft and for the Ray family, home for the birth of Katy's baby. Liz's current visa runs only to early July; pray for its renewal.

Prayers for the world

DRC and Ebola

More than 1,300 people have now died in the outbreak, with 15-20 new cases every day. Pray for efforts to contain the virus, involving medics, NGO's and church leaders, and for communities affected.

E.Africa

Agricultural production has dropped by 50% in Kenya because of prolonged drought, and 2.5 million people will go hungry by July. Nearby Somalia also faces famine. In Uganda, rain has arrived 2 months late, with torrential storms triggering flash-floods and land-slides.

Yemen

Heavy rain and flash flood have added to the woes of Yemeni people, already the world's biggest humanitarian disaster. Pray for relief efforts, for civilians badly affected by conflict and cholera, and an end to the civil war.

UK

Pray for the Conservative leadership elections which will bring us a new Prime Minister. Pray too for the Brexit process and for the healing of deep divisions in the country.

