

Sunday 23rd June 2019

TODAY IN CHURCH

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
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10:30am Morning Worship
Leader
Preacher

Sue Karsten
Rev Tony Coulson

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 24th June

5:30pm Puppets

Tuesday 25th June

5:15pm– 7:30pm Rainbows

7:30pm Guides

8pm Pilates

Wednesday 26th June

9:45am Homegroup

1pm Toddlers

5:15pm Rainbows

6pm-9pm Brownies and Guides

Thursday 27th June

11am - 1:30pm St James Café

4:30pm - 7pm Rainbows and Brownies

7:15pm Pilates

Friday 28th June

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 30th June

9am Holy Communion

11am Praise in the Precinct

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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GREAT NEWS!

We've just been paid £258.27 by easyfundraising for the first quarter of 2019. This makes the total amount raised £2582.91. A HUGE THANK YOU to all our amazing supporters and those who have recently joined us who shop through easyfundraising. Please keep using it whenever you shop online – over 3,600 retailers send us FREE money for us! If you haven't signed up yet visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjameswoodley> . Thank you, Irene

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

Took place on Friday 21st, covering 51 miles of Thames, Thames path and London Parks. Bob was taking part in the canoeing stage! Anyone wishing to contribute to the funds raised – please go to: - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tearfund-thames-triathlon>

REInspired

Mon 24th pm Yr 2 @ Southlake will be exploring ' Does going to church give Christians a sense of belonging?' 2 classes

Tues 25th am Yr 5/6 @ Woodley CofE will be exploring ' How do Christians respond to global issues?' 1 class

Thurs 27th am Yr 5/6 @ Woodley CofE will be exploring ' How do Christians respond to global issues?' 2 classes

Fri 28th pm Yr 1 @ Southlake will be exploring 'Jonah and Esther' 2 classes (rearranged from last week)

We really valued your prayer for us as we go into schools and are aware of it sustaining us in the very busy weeks.

Praise in the Precinct

All welcome on 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. Liz Hansford will be travelling to Nairobi and back in early July to renew her Tanzanian visa; pray that all goes smoothly. Also for recovery from a recent fall.

Prayers for the world

Climate Change

Praise God that the UK government has pledged to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050. This is an important step. Pray that they will follow through on this commitment, and that other governments around the world will follow suit.

Displaced people

Last year, 70.8 people worldwide were forced to leave their homes due to war, persecution or conflict. This is the highest figure in 70yrs and double the number of 20yrs ago. Adding to this, 500,000 have been displaced in north-east DRC – in June alone. Pray for all displaced people, and for host communities, agencies and churches who care for them.

E.Africa

Agricultural production is down by 50% in Kenya because of prolonged drought, and nearby Somalia also faces famine. Ethiopia too needs rain. In Uganda, rain has arrived 2 months late, with torrential storms triggering flash-floods and land-slides. Pray for farmers struggling to feed families and for more regular rainfall.

UK

Pray for people displaced by flooding in Lincolnshire – 580 homes affected after the R. Steeping burst its banks. Pray too for the Conservative leadership contest which will yield a new Prime Minister.

