

Sunday 30th June 2019

TODAY IN CHURCH

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Laurence Smith
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11am Praise in the Precinct

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 1st July

5:30pm Puppets

Tuesday 2nd July

5:15pm– 7:30pm Rainbows

7:30pm Guides

8pm Pilates

Wednesday 3rd July

9:45am Homegroup

1pm Toddlers

5:15pm Rainbows

6pm-9pm Brownies and Guides

Thursday 4th July

11am - 1:30pm St James Café

4:30pm - 7pm Rainbows and Brownies

7:15pm Pilates

Friday 5th July

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 7th July

9am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

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 2nd July, followed by a pub lunch. Please meet at the church for a 9.30am departure.

WOW (women on walks)

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Kimbilio 10 year celebration

Please pray for the delegation, including Ian Mullens, who are going out to Lubumbashi, DRC, this week to celebrate 10 years of the Kimbilio Project.

REInspired

Tues 2nd July pm @ Southlake Yr 5 2classes exploring 'What's the best way to show commitment to God?'

Thurs 4th July pm @ Southlake Yr 6 2 classes exploring 'How do Christians respond to global issues?'

I have just been asked to organise a lesson for 4 classes at a school please pray that we can sort a date soon so I have time to prepare it and get enough volunteers to cover.

Tearfund Thames Triathlon (51 miles!)

This event, raising money for Water and Sanitation Projects, took place last Friday. Six participants completed the whole event – Bob joined them for the canoeing section 10.5m, around Walton Bridge, Shepperton and Sunbury. So far, over £3,000 raised, target £4,000. If you are interested, go to the Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tearfund-thames-triathlon>

BARBEQUE

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

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.

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 is travelling to Nairobi this weekend, then back on Tuesday by bus to Arusha - all this to get a new visa when re-entering Tanzania. Pray for success & safety!

Prayers for the world

Climate Change

Last Wednesday, 12,000 people lobbied MPs in London, calling for faster action to slow down Climate Change. The Govt is pledging zero carbon by 2050, yet doing little now to make that happen. Pray for more determined action.

Syria

The rebel-held Province of Idlib is a worsening nightmare for its 3 million civilians, including 1 million children. Govt forces have stepped up attacks, hitting hospitals, schools and markets. Pray for political action to end the war and for Syria's desperate people.

Drought/floods in Africa

Several countries - Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia - are gripped by drought, whilst others have experienced torrential rain & floods. Pray for more stable weather patterns and for farmers dependent on timely rain.

UK

Pray for the process of choosing a new Conservative leader and PM, and for progress on Brexit issues.

