

Sunday 21st July 2019

TODAY IN CHURCH

9am Holy Communion
Preacher
10:30am Morning Worship
Leader
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
Pete Clarke

David Fulford
Pete Clarke

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 23rd July

8pm Pilates
8pm LiFT

Wednesday 24th July

10:30am Rendezvous

Thursday 25th July

11am - 1:30pm St James Café
7:15pm Pilates

Friday 26th July

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 28th July

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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LiFT

Is on Tuesday 23rd July at 8pm in the front of church. All welcome.

Walking Groups Joint Day Out

The men's and women's walking groups are once again combining on a day out, to which all the church are invited. On Tuesday July 30th we are heading off to the National Trust Gardens at Stowe in Buckinghamshire, where you can do a complete circuit of the grounds in just over 3 miles or simply enjoy strolling as far as you wish along numerous paths to explore the landscaped lakes, gardens and classical follies. There is a large modern cafe where we can have a light lunch. Standard adult entry is £12.60 for non NT members and dogs are welcome. Please let Alison Mullens or Colin Mayer know if you intend to come, by Sunday 28th July at the latest, so that we can organise car sharing.

REInspired

REInspired-Woodley have finished another amazing year delivering RE lessons to schools in Woodley. Give thanks for all the opportunities we have had this year and the wonderful volunteers who have helped make that happen. Pray for all the Yr6's as they leave primary school and prepare for the move to secondary school. Pray for rest and refreshment over the summer for all school staff and REInspired volunteers.

Jamaican Society Summer Ball

All welcome to attend the Jamaican Society Summer Ball on Saturday 10th August at 7pm. Tickets £55 includes a three course meal, entertainment, dance and raffle prizes. At the Best Western Calcot Hotel, 98 Bath Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG31 7QN.

Email : thejamaicasociety@hotmail.co.uk for further details or call Freda Fishley on 0118 9442925.

Church BBQ

Will be held at the Vicarage from 12pm on Saturday 27 July. Tickets are now on sale from Andy Mullens at £5 for adults and £3 for 5-16s. All welcome

50th Anniversary Evening

If you intend to come to the 50th Anniversary Evening on Saturday November 30th but did not sign up previously, there is now a further opportunity. It's still a few months away but we have invited some past members of St James and are fast approaching the maximum capacity for the evening. Book now to avoid disappointment!! The sign up sheet will be in the lounge or office. We are also collecting photos (returnable) and memories/ anecdotes for a presentation at the event. Use this summer to look them out!

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. Continue to pray for Liz Hansford and the staff team at Neema Craft in Tanzania, in the absence of the Ray family.

Prayers for the world

NE India, Bangladesh, Nepal.

Early monsoon rains have brought extensive flooding to all 3 countries. Dozens of people have died and many thousands displaced. In Bangladesh, 17 of its 64 Districts are affected, including the SE, making life more miserable for the Rohingyas in camps. 4,000 villages are flooded in Assam and major relief routes are blocked. Pray for affected people and that Tearfund-supported flood preparedness projects in Bihar prove effective.

Iran

Pray for an easing of tensions between Iran, UK and the USA, and safety of shipping the Persian Gulf. Pray for Christians in Iran where the Church is growing, despite an oppressive regime.

DRC

Over 1600 people have died in the year-old Ebola outbreak; the WHO has declared it an Emergency Issue of International Concern. Worryingly, one case has been confirmed in Goma, on the border with Rwanda, a city of 2 m people. Pray for containment of the outbreak, for affected families and for health workers – who make up 5% of cases.

UK

Britains' new Prime Minister takes office this week. Pray for him settling in to the job and for wisdom in dealing with many pressing issues, not least Brexit

