

Sunday 28th July 2019

TODAY IN CHURCH

9am Holy Communion
Preacher
10:30am All Age Worship
Leader
Preacher

Rev Laurence Smith
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Hannah Smith

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday 1st August

11am - 1:30pm St James Café

Friday 2nd August

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 4th August

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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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.

Community Fridge Project

Churches Together in Woodley are looking to set up a "Community Fridge Project": Community Fridges are sites for sharing perishable food that would otherwise be discarded and end up as landfill. This would be available to receive food from local sources i.e shops and businesses. All the food has to be shop suitable and cannot include meat, fish or eggs. It would need a number of folk from St James and the other churches to be involved in networking and the setting up and running of this.

Information about other Fridges can be found at the Hubbub Foundation
(<https://www.hubbub.org.uk/the-community-fridge>)

If you are interested please speak to Jane Fulford or Jeremy Parker.

REInspired

REInspired-Woodley: Thank God for the many opportunities to be involved with schools in supporting them with the RE curriculum over the past year. Give thanks for the conversations, questions and learning that has been happening in the classrooms. Pray for the volunteers over the summer as they have time with families and time to rest and be refreshed.

Pray for all those involved in schools - teachers, support assistants, office staff, governors ... pray for space to slow down, to rest and be refreshed over the coming weeks.

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.

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

Pray for our new Prime Minister as he settles in to the job and for wisdom in dealing with many pressing issues, not least Brexit

