

Lead me by your truth  
and teach me, for you are the God  
who saves me. All day long  
I put my hope in you.

Psalms 25:5 (NLT)



## Sunday 19th November 2023

10am – Morning Worship

### This Week

#### **Tuesday 21st November**

2pm Daytime Homegroup  
5:15pm Rainbows  
6pm Brownies  
7:30pm Guides

#### **Wednesday 22nd November**

10am Midweek Communion  
10am Daytime homegroup  
1pm Toddlers  
5:30pm Puppets  
6pm Brownies  
7:30pm Guides

#### **Thursday 23rd November**

11am Hong Kong group  
11am –1:30pm Café  
4:30pm Rainbows  
5:45pm Brownies  
7:15pm Guides  
8pm Christmas choir rehearsal

#### **Friday 24th November**

8pm Music Practice

#### **Sunday 26th November**

10am Oasis

#### **Pre-School**

Pre-School is open from 8:45am to  
3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays,

#### **St James' Church Centre**

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Linda Galpin (day off Monday)



## Notices

### **WOW! Women on Walks**

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 21st November followed by lunch out. Please meet at church at 9.30am. Looking forward to seeing you.

### **Men's walking group**

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 21st November followed by a pub lunch. Please meet in the church car park at 9:30am.

### **Christmas Decoration Evening**

Saturday 2nd December Christmas Decoration evening. Enjoy making Christmas decorations followed by a tasty dinner.

### **Founding Assembly for Reading Citizens**

Reading Deanery has been working over the past couple of years as a partner in building Reading Citizens - an alliance of local institutions working together to win positive change for our communities. The forthcoming Founding Assembly, at which Reading Citizens will be formally launched will take place on Wednesday 22nd November from 7-9pm at Reading University Great Hall. The Assembly is an invitation event. If you or any of your contacts want to align yourselves with us as we seek positive change and would like to come, we would be absolutely delighted to have you on board. Please contact The Rev'd Dr Liz Ratcliffe at [rector@stmichaeltilehurst.org.uk](mailto:rector@stmichaeltilehurst.org.uk) and she will be happy to send through an invitation.

### **ALPA 2024**

We will be running an in person alpha course at St James in Feb and march of 2024. If you would like to be involved in supporting the delivery of the course, or you or a friend would like to know more about attending please see Jeremy Galpin or Laurence. Further details will follow and please start to pray

## Notices

### Christmas card supporting LAMB Bangladesh

I will have these cards available after church most Sundays. Suggested donation is £2.50 for 5 cards. Thanks Judith Hansford



## Yeldall Manor

### Christmas Celebration service

Join us to celebrate *Emmanuel — God with us*

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 7.30pm


Norreys Church, Norreys Avenue, Wokingham, RG40 1UU

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Followed by refreshments







*The Lord is my Shepherd. I will have everything I need.  
He lets me rest in fields of green grass beside the quiet  
waters.  
He makes me strong again. Psalm 23:1-2*

**Jesus invites you  
to come and join with Him  
on**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
9.45 for 10am start until 4pm  
here at St James**

**An opportunity to take time to be still  
before the busyness of Christmas.  
Will you join with Jesus in this time of Quiet?**

**Tea and coffee will be provided throughout the  
day. Please bring a packed lunch with you.**

**Please let Jan Penny or Margaret Mayer know if  
you will be attending. Thank you**

# Prayers

## Church family & community

Give thanks for all that God has done in our lives - and praise Him that our future is in His hands also. Pray for the many activities based at St James, especially Pre-School, Mums & Toddlers, and Brownie and Guide units. Pray for needy families in Woodley & our Foodbank. Pray for the sick, especially Mike, Sue, Eoin, Fiona & others we know. Pray for the RE Inspired Team, as they present Jesus in Schools as Christmas approaches.

## National

Pray for communities recovering from mega-storm Ciaran. Pray for new Ministers in our Govt after the re-shuffle, and for wisdom in tackling inflation, immigration & hospital waiting lists. This remembrance season, give thanks for all who have given their lives to bring freedom to others, and pray for those living with painful memories or disabilities.

## Mission Links

Pray for the Ray family, adjusting to Arusha - new project, home, church, school. Pray for the Fletchers, currently in UK. Pray for Kimbilio DRC, for Ian Harvey in UK and for local leaders; pray for funds for the new Day Care Centre. Pray for LAMB Hospital, celebrating 40 years of service; pray locally for JAC and staff & residents at Yeldall.

## Wider World

### Israel and Palestine

The awful situation in Gaza continues, with troops entering hospitals and over 11,000 Palestinians dead. Give thanks for agreement on "humanitarian pauses" to allow some aid movement, but pray for more, and especially for fuel for communications, hospitals and relief distribution. Pray for a peace agreement, and that the conflict will not escalate into other countries.

### Horn of Africa

After prolonged drought, parts of Kenya, Somalia & Ethiopia have suffered a month of torrential rain, linked with the El Nino climate phenomenon. Nearly 800,000 are displaced by floods and at least 100 have died, plus homes destroyed. Pray for them.

### Plastics pollution

Negotiators in Kenya have released a "draft zero" treaty, aimed at reducing global use of plastics. Sub-Saharan African in particular has a growing plastics problem, dumping truck-loads daily. Pray for finalisation of this global treaty, and for the 30 million waste-pickers who make a living from rubbish.

### COP 28

Preparations are well underway for the 28th UN Climate Conference in Dubai, starting 30th Nov. Give thanks that China and the US, the worlds 2 biggest polluters, have reached some agreements ahead of the event. Pray for ambitious but realistic targets to cut carbon emissions and provide assistance for countries most hit by the climate crisis.



## Homegroups

Please see below details of some of the homegroups that meet during the week and contact details for each:

**Monday** 7:45pm at 104 Wheble Drive, contact - Alison Mullens - 07904039363.

**Tuesday** 2pm Daytime homegroup at St James, contact David Bagwell - davidgbagwell@gmail.com

**Wednesday** 9:45am Daytime homegroup at St James, contact Judith Hansford.

**Wednesday** 7:45pm various homes, contact Pete and Chris Clarke - 07742953071  
peteandchris@talktalk.net

**Wednesday** 8.15 pm on Zoom , contact - Jane Fulford - 0776 494 7495  
jane.fulford@btinternet.com

**Wednesday** 8pm weekly at 97 Reading Road. Contact Laurence or Hannah - laurence.smith@stjameswoodley.org

**Thursday** 8pm at 17 Harris Close, Woodley. Kelly Robinson and Jeremy Galpin are joint leaders and would love some new members.