



I have hidden your
word in my heart,
that I might not sin
against you.

Psalms 119:11 (NLT)

Sunday 14th January 2024

10am Morning Worship
4pm Messy Church

This Week

Tuesday 16th January

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

Wednesday 17th January

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

Thursday 18th January

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

Friday 19th January

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 21st January

10am Morning Worship

Pre-School

Pre-School is open from 8:45am to 3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Wednesdays from 8:45am –12pm

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Notices

WOW (women on walks)

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 16th January followed by lunch out. Please meet at church at 9.30am.

Men's walking group

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 16th January followed by a pub lunch. Please meet in the church car park at 9:30am.

ALPHA 2024

We will be running an in person alpha course at St James in Feb and March. 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.

Woodley Boy's Brigade

Woodley Boys' Brigade, based at Christ Church, will be holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 24th January, providing taster activities for boys aged 5 to 13yrs. There are 3 main age groups, meeting at 6.00pm (Anchors), 6.30pm (Juniors) & 7.15pm (Company & Seniors). Contact Bob Hansford for details (hansford_robert@hotmail.com).

Eco Prayer for 2024

At the start of the 2024, Lord, give us the grace to grow deeper in our respect for and care for your creation. We pray this week for the A Rocha UK who help us with Eco Church. We pray specifically for the Board of Trustees and CEO Andy Atkins grant them wisdom as they lead and guide the charity, encouraging and supporting many more people to see opportunities to speak out, care for and act to protect and restore your beautiful earth.

Prayers

Church family & community

Pray for the many activities at St James, and leaders of them, restarting after the Christmas break. Pray for Linda and her team, & attenders of Messy Church this Sunday. Pray for families in need around Woodley. Pray for the sick, especially Mike, Sue, Eoin, Fiona, Adrian & others we know. Pray for preparations for St James' Alpha course.

National

Pray for communities affected by recent floods and snow storms. Pray for homeless people, returning to the streets after Christmas in shelters. Pray for wisdom for our Govt and for resolution of ongoing pay disputes. Pray for Post Office staff traumatised by faulty software, untrue accusations & imprisonments.

Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family, and the ongoing work in Thailand. The Rays enter a New Year in Arusha, making new plans with SAFI. Pray for the Kimbilio team in Lubumbashi with street children. Pray for LAMB Hospital, a Christian light in a mainly Moslem & Hindu area of Bangladesh. Pray for JAC, and for staff & residents at Yeldall Manor.

Wider World.

Israel and Palestine

Pray for the people of Gaza. Israeli strikes have killed over 20,000 Palestinians. Of these, 10,000 were children and around 1m of the survivors are going hungry, with shortages of food, water & medicines. Pray for restraint on both sides, for a new truce and for more access for relief supplies.

Japan

Pray for communities hit by the recent earthquake which killed over 200. Relief efforts have been hampered by bad weather & damaged roads; many are still without power and water. Pakistan and Afghanistan also suffered a quake in recent days.

Climate Change

Data show that 2023 was the warmest year globally since records began in 1850, and we come ever closer to crossing the dangerous 1.5deg increase thresh-hold. Pray for faster and more determined action by Govt and ourselves to reduce carbon emissions. Pray for communities bearing the impact of c/change.

Conflict zones

Apart from Gaza, war has continued in Ukraine, with 1,000 towns & villages cut off from water & power. Conflict has erupted in the Red Sea after Yemeni attacks on shipping; China's threat to Taiwan increases. Pray for peace in our troubled world.

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.