



God is our refuge and
strength, always ready
to help in times of
trouble.

Psalms 46:1 (NLT)

Sunday 21st January 2024

10am Morning Worship

This Week

Tuesday 23rd January

1:45pm Daytime Homegroup
5:15pm Rainbows
6pm Brownies
7:30pm Guides

Wednesday 24th January

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

Thursday 25th January

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

Friday 26th January

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 28th January

10am Oasis

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

Eco church meeting

The Eco team are meeting on Thursday 25th Jan at 7.30pm in the front worship area of church. Anyone with an interest in nature, the climate emergency, learning to care for God's wonderful creation, recycling, etc you are welcome to join us as we look forward to working with the church congregation and wider community to tread lighter on God's wonderful world in 2024. Talk to any of the current Eco team: Nick, Bob, Judith, David B, Anne, Octavia, Virginia, Judith or Jeanette or just come along on Thursday. New faces and ideas welcome!!

Alpha Preparation Session

Monday 22nd January at 7:30pm in the front of church.

You are invited to a prep session for all alpha volunteers in the above slot.

We will be running through the sessions, testing some of the materials, and doing some of the training, as well as talking through the practicalities. Do join us if you would like to share in the process or just to know how to pray.

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.

Ladies Italian Night

On Tuesday 27th February there will be a ladies meal out at Cozze in Woodley. All ladies welcome. Please contact Nicola Tivey to sign up. nictivey@gmail.com. Thank you.

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

Lord, would you inspire and encourage each of us to creatively and faithfully live towards increasingly sustainable lifestyles, as we seek to enjoy, nurture and defend nature in this year ahead.

Prayers

Church family & community

Pray for the many activities at St James, especially Pre-School, settling in to the new term. Pray for Linda and her team, in their work with RE Inspired. Pray for families in need around Woodley. Pray for the sick, especially Mike, Sue, Eoin, Fiona, Joyce, Adrian & others we know. Pray for preparations for St James' Alpha course in February.

National

Pray for communities affected by recent floods and snow storms. Pray for homeless people, living on the streets or in tents in sub-zero temperatures. Pray for wisdom for our Govt in all its decisions. Pray for Post Office staff traumatised by faulty software, untrue accusations & imprisonments. Pray for NHS staff, facing a busy winter.

Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family, and the ongoing work in Thailand. The Rays enter a New Year in Arusha, setting new plans with SAFI. Pray for the Kimbilio team in Lubumbashi - for safety & resources to cope with increasing numbers of street children. Pray for LAMB Hospital in Bangladesh. Pray for JAC, and for staff & residents at Yeldall Manor.

Wider World.

Gaza

One hundred days into the conflict, nearly 25,000 Palestinians have been killed, many more injured. Few medical facilities are still running; only one of 3 water pipelines from Israel is still open. Pray for peace, for more crossing points for relief supplies and for safety of aid workers; pray for the Christian Church in the Middle East.

Climate Change

Last year, 2023 was the warmest year globally since records began in 1850, and we come ever closer to exceeding 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 climate change.

Yemen

Pray for diffusing of tensions in the Red Sea, as Houthi militias target cargo ships. Pray for civilian population of Yemen after nearly 10 years of civil war; around 22 million people are displaced and/or short of food, with very few basic services.

Southern Africa

The countries of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Zambia are badly hit by a resurgence of Covid-19, coupled with a cholera outbreak & poor sanitation. Pray for health services & agencies struggling to control the diseases.

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.

Sunday 12:30pm Cantonese group meeting fortnightly.
Contact Eric or Phylis - activelife7christ@gmail.com or phylau918@gmail.com.