



And we are confident  
that he hears us  
whenever we ask for  
anything that pleases  
him.

1John 5:14 (NLT)



## Sunday 28th January 2024

10am Oasis

### This Week

#### **Tuesday 30th January**

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

#### **Wednesday 31st January**

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

#### **Thursday 1st February**

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

#### **Friday 2nd February**

8pm Music Practice

#### **Sunday 4th February**

10am Holy Communion

#### **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 30th 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 30th 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.

### **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](mailto:nictivey@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Eco Prayer for this week**

As the colder days and darker nights continue, we pray for anyone finding the winter months tough. We pray for St James to continue to be a beacon of light in this area providing warmth, and community for all who need it.

We pray for those grappling with eco-anxiety and climate grief. We pray that creation will continue to remind us of God's goodness and provision, and that we can find solace, refreshment, and hope once more through spending time in nature.

### **Woodley Boys Brigade**

Meeting at Christ Church on Wednesday evenings, is still open for new members after this week's Open Evening. Three age groups, from 5 to 15 years. Contact Bob Hansford for details.

# Prayers

## Church family & community

Pray for the many activities at St James, especially Pre-School, Mum's and Toddlers and Cafe. Pray for families in need around Woodley and the work of Foodbank. Pray for the sick, especially Sue, Eoin, Fiona, Joyce, Adrian & others we know. Pray for Marion and her family after the sad loss of Mike. Pray for preparations for our Alpha course in Feb.

## National

Pray for communities affected by recent floods, high winds and snow. Pray for homeless people, living on the streets or in tents in bad weather. Pray for wisdom for our Govt in all its decisions, and particularly for faster action on climate change. Pray for Post Office workers traumatised by faulty software, untrue accusations & imprisonments.

## Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family, and the ongoing work in Thailand. The Rays continue 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 & locally for JAC, and for staff & residents at Yeldall Manor.

## Wider World.

### Gaza

As the Israel-Hamas conflict continues, over 25,000 Palestinians have been killed, many more injured. Few medical facilities are running; water and food are scarce. Pray for the suffering population, especially children. Pray for peace, for more crossing points for aid and for safety of aid workers; pray for the Church in the Middle East.

### Bangladesh

A serious fire recently ripped through a Rohingya refugee camp in SE Bangladesh, rendering 900 families (about 5,000 people) homeless. Pray for Tearfund partners responding to their needs and for long-term hope for the Rohingya people.

### Yemen

Pray for an easing 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.

### Crises in Africa

Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Zambia are badly hit by a resurgence of Covid-19, coupled with cholera outbreak; in Zambia alone, 500 have died. The civil war in Sudan continues, displacing 6m. people. After a month of heavy rain in DRC, the Congo River is at a 60yr high, destroying thousands of homes; 300 lives lost.

## 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** 1:45pm 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 - 07394 139548