



**In the
beginning
God created
the heavens
and the
earth**

Genesis 1:1

Sunday 7th January 2024

10am Holy Communion

This Week

Tuesday 9th January

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

Wednesday 10th January

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

Thursday 11th January

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

Friday 12th January

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 14th January

10am Morning Worship
4pm Messy Church

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

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).

Prayers

Church family & community

Give thanks for God's greatest gift, His Son Jesus. Pray for all who attended Christmas services, that our joy will continue this New Year. Pray that we may all put aside any "baggage" from 2023, and recommit to love and service in 2024. Pray for families in poverty, dependent on Foodbank. 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 flooding after recent storms. Pray for homeless people, returning to the streets after Christmas in shelters. Pray for Archbishop Justin Welby, diocesan Bishops and parish clergy - for clear leadership of the Church and boldness in upholding the Gospel. Pray for international students in the UK, far from home.

Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family, spending Christmas in the UK. The Rays enter a New Year in Arusha, with their new & young NGO. Pray for the Kimbilio team in Lubumbashi and Ian Harvey in UK. 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

Jesus came as Prince of Peace, but the land He knew is gripped by war & hatred. Pray for the people of Gaza, facing severe hunger and with no hospitals fully functioning. Pray for restraint on both sides, for a new truce and for more medical aid, food and water to enter Gaza. Pray for peace also in Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Myanmar and the African Sahel, and easing of tensions over Taiwan.

Japan

Pray for communities affected by last week's severe earthquake which killed over 50 people, destroyed many buildings and cut off lines of communication. Persecuted Christians. Pray for believers who have celebrated Christmas in fear of authorities or local extremists - in N.Africa, Iran, Pakistan, N.Korea, Central Asia. Pray for their protection, and for reduced persecution & greater freedom in 2024.

COP 28 Climate Conference

Give thanks for some progress - but fossil fuels (oil, coal, gas) are not yet phasing out and earth will get hotter. Pray for implementation of the steps agreed, for promises to be kept & communities suffering under the impact of extreme weather, rising sea levels & loss of livelihoods to climate change.

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.