



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

Sunday 25th February 2024

10am Oasis Service with Baptism

This Week

Monday 26th February

6:45pm Alpha Course

Tuesday 27th February

1:45pm Daytime Homegroup

5:15pm Rainbows

6pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides

Wednesday 28th February

10am Midweek Communion

10am Daytime homegroup

1pm Toddlers

5:30pm Puppets

6pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides

Thursday 29th February

11am Hong Kong group

11am –1:30pm Café

4:30pm Rainbows

5:45pm Brownies

7:15pm Guides

Friday 1st March

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 3rd March

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

COMING SOON!

Our "Easter Eggs and Coffee" event is back and will be happening again over the next few weeks. The idea is to enjoy meeting up and getting to know one another over a coffee, and at the same time enjoy the gift of an Easter Egg. There is an element of surprise too in that who receives your invite and whose invite you respond to is determined randomly. Watch out for the details of how it all works over the next few weeks.

Grass Cutting

We need one or two people to join the church grass cutting rota. We do own a self propelled petrol lawn mower, so you don't need to push it, it goes at your own pace. If you're interested in a bit of exercise about four times a year then please contact Frank Box.

World Day of Prayer

This year will be held at Christ Church Woodley on Friday 1st March at 10:30am. The service is prepared by Christian Women of Palestine and will be followed by refreshments.

New Book - FIVE to NINE

I have just completed a book I have been working on for many years, and it will be on sale on Sunday mornings at St James during February. Proof copies will be available in the lounge to dip into, and there are also some copies still of my previous book, 'Living the Celtic Way'. The cost is £4.99 or £8.99 for the two. Please bring CASH - All profits from this print run to WaterAid. Many thanks- David Bagwell

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 or add your name to the sign up sheet in the church lounge. Thank you.

Eco Prayer for this week

Loving God, your grace is never ending. Give fresh hope and vision to us in our tackling of climate change. May our words be backed up by action, at local, national and international level. Amen.

Prayers

Church family & community

Give thanks for our Church and the freedoms we enjoy in UK. Pray for the Oasis service on Sunday, and for participants on the Alpha course, now Week 4. Pray for ourselves as we observe Lent and prepare for Easter. Praise God for gaining Silver Standard on our Eco-Church journey. Pray for the sick - for Sue, Eoin, Fiona, Joyce, Adrian & others we know. Pray for God's comfort and strength for Marion and her family.

National

Pray for our country, for a turning back to God. Give thanks for Christians in Parliament; pray they may be salt and light, influencing policies. Thank God for our NHS and pray for those who serve in hospitals & GP surgeries. Pray for faster and more determined action on Climate Change by Govt and by ourselves in lifestyle choices.

Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family, and the ongoing work in Thailand; for the Ray family, leading the SAFI organisation in Tanzania. Pray for the Kimbilio team in Lubumbashi - for safety & resources to cope with ever increasing demands. Pray for LAMB Hospital (Bangladesh) & locally for JAC and for the staff & residents at Yeldall Manor.

Wider World.

Middle East

Pray for an end to the terrible situation in Gaza, and for a cease-fire. Around 1.1m children are facing hunger and disease, and the saf(er) haven of Raffa city is under threat. Pray for hostage release, for peace and wider delivery of food, water and medical supplies. Pray too for de-escalation of tensions in the Red Sea & Yemen.

S.Sudan. The country has struggled with internal conflict, floods and disease - but now made worse by arrival of over half a million refugees fleeing conflict in N.Sudan. Pray for people in over-crowded camps, for increased flow of aid and for peace in Sudan.

Philippines. One of the world's most disaster-prone countries, a southern province recently suffered a massive landslide which claimed 15 lives and 100 more missing; 31 people were rescued. A 5.6 earthquake followed shortly afterwards. Pray for the survivors and for communities in need of food, water and shelter.

Climate Change. Over the last year, global temperatures have increased beyond the 1.5 deg. thresh-hold, above which the world faces severe & irreversible consequences. Pray for more action from Govts worldwide to cut carbon emissions, embrace renewables and protect forests; pray for poor communities most affected.

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