



Put on the full  
armour of God, so  
you can take your  
stand against the  
devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:11

## Sunday 14th April 2024

10am Morning Worship  
4pm Messy Church

### This Week

#### Monday 15th April

9:15am Morning Prayer

#### Tuesday 16th April

9:30am Addington School

1:45pm Daytime Homegroup

5:15pm Rainbows

6pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides

#### Wednesday 17th April

10am Daytime homegroup

1pm Toddlers

5:30pm Puppets

#### Thursday 18th April

11am Hong Kong group

11am –1:30pm Café

4:30pm Rainbows

5:45pm Brownies

7:15pm Guides

#### Friday 19th April

8pm Music Practice

#### Sunday 21st April

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

### Bags to the Future

These bags are due at Church on Sunday 21st April for collection on Monday morning. Many thanks for your continued support to help fundraising for St. James.

### St James Toddlers

We currently have 53 families on our books who have been regularly attending. In the past year we have had 2 families request baptisms for their children - and recommending us, as a church for baptisms, to their friends. It is such a privilege to walk alongside these wonderful families for a short time - encouraging and supporting them as they help their children navigate sharing, friendships, playing imaginatively, constructing, exploring, experimenting and joining in. We are also there to listen and some of our parents have felt able to share with us - difficulties and challenges as well as joys and celebrations. We would love you to join us on this journey - if you want to know more, feel God's prompting to be part of this amazing ministry please come and talk to me or any of the current team. We'd love you to join us. Linda

It's not 'just'  
a parent  
& toddler  
group

Join us and  
make a  
difference!

**St James  
Toddlers  
needs YOU!!**



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WOODLEY

## Notices

### **Next Prayer Meeting for Woodley**

The next date of Prayer for Woodley will be Saturday 20th April from 9-10am at 2 Nightingale Rd, RG5 3LP. Please let others who have a heart for Woodley know.

### **Transforming Fire**

Join with people from other Churches in Reading on Pentecost Sunday for worship, teaching and an opportunity for prayer. Join us at 6pm for prayer and 7pm for worship. The Globe, 12 Portman Road, Reading, RG30 1AH  
Speakers - Billy Fenning and Neville Hollands. Meeting Hosts - Joel Thomas and Anita Prince. Worship Leaders - Tom and Melissa Pollard. [www.transformreading.org.uk](http://www.transformreading.org.uk)

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

Today I will go and really look at a flower and thank God for its beauty.

# Prayers

## Church family & community

Give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy to worship and witness for Christ. Pray for the sick - for Sue, Eoin, Fiona, Joyce, Adrian, Diane & others and for God's comfort & strength for Marion and her family.

## National

Pray for our Govt, for wise and just handling of inflation, migration, racism and the threat of Climate Change. Give thanks for Christians in politics; pray for their influence on Govt policies. Pray for King Charles and the Princess of Wales, both under-going cancer treatment. Pray for more action to protect environment - especially for cuts in plastic & fossil fuel use.

## Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family, preparing to return to Thailand in July, and for the Ray family, leading SAFI's work in Arusha, Tanzania. Pray for Kimbilio's team in Lubumbashi - for safety & resources to cope with increasing demands. Pray for LAMB Hospital (Bangladesh) & locally for JAC and for 2 Yeldall Manor residents undertaking a 4 day sponsored walk next week.

## Wider World.

### Mongolia

Rarely in the news, Mongolia is suffering its worst winter in 50yrs with heavy snow-falls, following a summer drought. Herders have lost approx. 5.2m livestock. Pray for these remote communities - one third are nomadic herders - bearing an impact of climate change.

### Myanmar.

The military junta has recently stepped up attacks on civilians, particularly against the Rohingyas. Compulsory army service has been introduced, causing many young people to go into hiding or flee the country. Pray for a return to democracy & for the Church in Myanmar

## Middle East

Pray for an end to the terrible suffering in Gaza. A quarter of the population face starvation. Give thanks for a first deliveries of food via a make-shift sea port; pray for more aid to follow, for hostage release and a cease-fire. Only 12 of Gaza's 36 hospitals are still partly functioning; only 2 offer ante-natal care. Pray especially for Palestinian Christians.

## World Peace

Conflicts continue in Ukraine, Sudan & elsewhere. Tensions are high in the Red Sea & S. China Sea. Pray that God will change the hearts of Putin & other leaders bent on war. and for those suffering its consequences. Pray this Easter for Christians persecuted, often imprisoned for their faith.



## 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