



And what does the
Lord require of you?
To act justly, to love
mercy and to walk
humbly with your God

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Sunday 21st April 2024

10am Morning Worship

This Week

Monday 22nd April

9:15am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 23rd April

9:30am Addington School

1:45pm Daytime Homegroup

5:15pm Rainbows

6pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides

Wednesday 24th April

10am Daytime homegroup

10am Midweek Communion

1pm Toddlers

5:30pm Puppets

6pm Brownies

Thursday 25th April

11am Hong Kong group

11am –1:30pm Café

4:30pm Rainbows

5:45pm Brownies

7:15pm Guides

Friday 26th April

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 28th 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

Shirley Johnson's funeral

"Shirley Johnson will have a green burial at Henley-on-Thames Natural Burial Ground, Greys Road, Henley-on-Thames RG9 4PN on Tuesday 30th April at 11.30. This will be followed by a memorial service at the Friends' Meeting House, 45 Northfield End, Henley-on-Thames RG9 2JJ at 12.15 with refreshments afterwards. If anyone would like to come, please let Collette know, so we have an idea of numbers. Also, be aware that the burial ground site may be muddy and involves some walking over uneven ground. The Meeting House is wheelchair accessible. Collette's mobile number is 0775 9177690 e-mail collette.shine16@gmail.com"

Bags to the Future Reminder

Are due to be returned to Church this Sunday 21st April ready for collection on Monday morning. Many thanks

Yeldall Sponsored Walk

Two residents, Dave and John, recently completed a sponsored walk from Hurst Castle on the S,Coast back to Yeldall, raising funds for the Good Samaritan Fund. This fund sponsors recovering addicts through rehab if they have no other source of finance. So far, an amazing £11,000 has been raised. If you would like to add to this, the web-link is:- <https://www.justgiving.com/page/yeldallwalk/>

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

Eco Prayer for this week

Today I will go and smell the cut grass and thank God for our sense of smell; and for the wonderful scents of our world.

Notices

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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Notices

St James BBQ

You are invited to a Barbecue at St James on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in church to give us an idea of how many to cater for. Please bring your own chairs if you are able and any spares would also be helpful. In addition please let us know if you can supply any of the following:

- A Barbecue with someone willing and able to use it
- A gazebo
- A cake or cold dessert (serving about 8)

Help on the day setting up and clearing up would also be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you, Alison & Andy



Prayers

Church family & community

Give thanks for our homes & families, our friends and many freedoms. Pray for opportunities to share the Good News of Easter. Pray for Laurence & Hannah, for rest & refreshment during their break. Pray for the right people to fill vacancies on PCC. Pray for the sick - for Sue, Eoin, Fiona, Joyce, Adrian & others known to us, and those grieving the recent loss of a loved one.

National

Pray for our Govt, for wise & just handling of many complex issues, especially 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 reduce fossil fuels and cut plastic use; UK households throw away 1.7 billion pieces per week!

Mission Links

Pray for LAMB Project in N.W. Bangladesh, running a 100-bed hospital, a variety of Community Programmes and a Nurse Training School. Over 5,000 of their poorest patients received subsidised treatment last year via their Poor Fund. Chaplains seek to share the Gospel. Pray for the Fletcher family, returning to Thailand in July, and for the Ray family in Arusha, Tanzania. Pray for the Kimbilio team, assisting street kids in Lubumbashi - and locally for the work of JAC, and for the staff and residents at Yeldall Manor.

Wider World.

Middle East

Israeli troops have withdrawn from much of Gaza - but a quarter of the population still face starvation. Pray for increased deliveries of food and medicines, for hostage release and a long-term, peaceful solution. Much of Gaza lies in ruins. Pray especially for Palestinian Christians. Pray that the conflict between Israel & Iran will not further escalate.

Madagascar. Parts of this island, off the E. coast of Africa, have been hit by Cyclone Gamane, impacting over 0.5 million people and causing widespread destruction. Pray for affected communities. In the south of mainland Africa - Zambia, Mozambique and Malawi - farmers are struggling with the worst drought for years; Climate Change is disrupting weather patterns.

Ukraine and Sudan

Pray for an end to these 2 devastating conflicts. Last month saw 57 children killed or injured by Russian attacks. In Sudan, civil war has raged for 1 year, with 6 million internally displaced people and 18m acutely short of food. Pray for peace.

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