

**Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
We will remember them.**



# Sunday 10th November 2024

## 10am Remembrance Sunday

### This Week

#### Monday 11th November

9:15am Morning Prayer

#### Tuesday 12th November

9:30am Addington Cafe

1:45pm Daytime Homegroup

5:15pm Rainbows

6pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides

#### Wednesday 13th November

10am Holy Communion

10am Daytime homegroup

1pm Toddlers

5:30pm Puppets

6pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides and Rangers

#### Thursday 14th November

11am—1:30pm Cafe

11am Hong Kong Support Group

4:30pm Rainbows

5:45pm Brownies

7:15pm Guides

#### Friday 15th November

8pm Music Practice

#### Sunday 17th November

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

### **Research Project by Andy Barlow**

Are you over 75? Andy Barlow is looking for participants over 75 years old to join a one-off research discussion group to share their experiences and views on the internet and how it impacts everyday occupations. For more information and to register to take part then come and find Andy at church or contact him by phone or email (07901707998, [barlowa3@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:barlowa3@coventry.ac.uk)) Thanks Andy

### **Bags to the Future**

A collection date for Bags to the Future has been organised for Sunday 17th November 2024. Bags are now available to fill with the items on the sheet attached to them. As you will see there is very little that they will collect this time so please find heavy items such as shoes and hand bags to add to the weight. We will only be paid 20p per kilo on this occasion!

### **Choir for Carol Service**

Each year we form a choir from members of the congregation and others from the local community, to prepare items for our traditional Carols by Candlelight service, which this year will be on the evening of Sunday 22nd December. New and returning singers of all ages and experience will be very welcome - we aim to make it as accessible as possible. Rehearsals will be in the front of church on Thursdays from 8pm. The next rehearsal will be on Thursday 14th November.

### **Eco Prayer**

As the leaves fall and the nights grow longer, we thank you, Father, for all your wonderful gifts of harvest which we enjoy. Make us conscious of how much we waste and mindful of how many are still in need. Help us this winter to use less electricity so that our carbon footprint may be smaller and our beautiful world may survive for future generations. Amen.

### **Lamb Hospital Christmas cards**

Please support the work of LAMB Bangladesh by buying and sending LAMB Christmas cards this year. Judith will have them at church over the next few weeks (Packs of 5 cost £2.50). Thank you

## Notices

### Eco Church Litter Pick

Join the Eco team on our Autumn Litter pick. Saturday 16th November 2024  
Leaving in pairs from the church car park at 10am into our local neighbourhood.  
We will provide the litter pickers, holders and bags. Bring your own gloves.  
Refreshments in the church from 11.15am - 12 Noon.

# Autumn Litter Pick

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CHURCH CENTRE  
Eco Church

Saturday  
16th November 2024  
from 10am meeting in  
the Church car park

Litter pickers, holders  
and bags provided  
Bring your own gloves



Refreshments  
at St James Church  
from 11.15am -12.00



## Notices

### **REInspired**

Thank you for all your prayer support for all the REIW lessons last half term. The children have been asking some amazing questions: In our creation session with Yr 1 we were asked 'Is God alive?' 'Where does God live?' 'What does God look like?' Such deep questions from 5 year olds!!

At this time of year I am able to summarise the impact of REIW lessons for the academic year Sept 23 - July 24.

### **Here are the highlights:**

Total number of lessons Sept 2023– July 2024: 31 lessons delivered to 63 classes– approx. 1890 'encounters' with children.

### **November is going to be a very busy month:**

Mon 11th Nov: Highwood Yr 4 exploring the question: 'What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians (2 classes)

Tues 112th Nov: Highwood Yr 3 exploring the question: 'Has Christmas lost its meaning?' (2 classes)

Mon 18th Nov: Highwood Yr 5 exploring the question: 'Is the Christmas story true?' (2 classes)

Tues 19th Nov: Woodley CofE Yr 3/4 exploring the Trinity (2 classes)

Mon 25th Nov: Southlake Yr 6 exploring the question: 'Do christmas celebrations and traditions help christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?' (2 classes)

Tues 26th Nov: Highwood Yr 6 exploring the question: 'Do christmas celebrations and traditions help christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?'(2 classes)





# Christmas

## PUDDING MAKING EVENING

*Let's spend a fun evening together making Christmas puddings and other Christmas activities with a fish and chip supper*

**November 23rd**

*6pm*

**Tickets-Single £9  
Family- £25/£20 without pudding  
puddings £5**

## Christmas Nativity Funday

St James and Emmanuel are running a Christmas Nativity Funday together again this year. Last year was incredibly successful engaging with our communities and we wish to build on that again this year. I am looking for volunteers who can help man an activity for either the morning session, afternoon session or both. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. If you can help please get in touch with Linda Galpin.



**crafts, puppets, story, messy  
play, minecraft, selfie station,  
bouncy castle, treasure hunt,**

**free refreshments**



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WOOLLEY

Emmanuel and St James Churches invite you to join us for a Christmas Nativity Funday for all the family.

Scan QR code  
for tickets



# Prayers

## Church family & community

Thank God for the beautiful world He has given us and pray that we may be good stewards. Pray for Messy Church, this Sunday and for the Peace Conference at St James this Sat. 9th. Pray for the sick - especially Sue, Adrian, Tony & others we know and for the family & friends of Frank, Julie & Barbara, and for the Raggett family in their recent loss.

## National

Thank God for the peace and stability we enjoy, and freedom to worship and witness for Christ. Pray for wisdom and fairness from our Govt, and for the influence of Christians in politics. After the recent budget, pray for families & small business owners counting the cost. Pray for the nations food-banks and people reliant upon them.

## Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family in Bangkok, whilst Eliot remains in the UK for schooling. Pray for right priorities, further language study & recent floods. Pray for the Rays, now leading SAFI, training disabled people in Arusha, Tanzania; funding is still short.

Pray for the Kimbilio team in DRC - for resources to cope with needs & for safety. Pray for the LAMB Project in N.W. Bangladesh, amidst political change. Locally, pray for the JAC team and the young people they serve, and for the staff & residents at Yeldall Manor.

## Wider World

### Spain

219 people died in the recent catastrophic floods around Valencia, and another 100 are missing. Pray for the survivors, repairing damage and rebuilding lives.

### Philippines

Several islands have been badly hit by Super-Typhoon Kong-Rey, following on the heels of Storm Trami; 8.8m people are affected and over 700,000 still displaced from their homes. Pray for these communities, victims again of extreme weather & climate change.

**The United States.** Pray for the US, and for Donald Trump as he forms a Govt and soon starts a 2nd term as President. US policies can have world-wide impact, for good or for bad.

## Climate Change

The 29th UN Climate Conference starts next week in Baku, Azerbaijan. The UN Sec General has warned of a world "plunging headlong into climate disaster". Pray that Govts, and we ourselves, will do more to cut Carbon emissions.

Middle East and Ukraine. Pray for an end to these conflicts and for the suffering civilian communities. Pray for access & safety of relief workers in high-risk areas.



## 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** 7:30 pm various homes, contact Pete and Chris Clarke - 07742953071  
peteandchris@talktalk.net

**Wednesday** 8.15 pm on Zoom , contact - Jane Fulford - 0776 494 7495  
jfulford49@gmail.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