

Hello
FEBRUARY



And let us consider how we
may spur one another on
toward love and good
deeds

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)



Sunday 15th February 2026

10am – Morning Worship

This week

Monday 16th February
9:15am Morning prayer

Tuesday 17th February
2pm Homegroup

Wednesday 18th February
10am Midweek Communion
Ash Wednesday

Thursday 19th February
11am—1:30pm Café

Friday 20th February
10am Friday Friends
8pm Music Practice

Sunday 22nd February
10am Oasis

*All other usual weekly activities will
resume after half term*

Pre-School

Pre-School is open from 8:45am to
3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays and Wednesdays
from 8:45am –12pm in term time

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Notices

Yeldall Manor

At this Sunday's Morning Service, we are welcoming Chris Woods, a staff member at Yeldall Manor Rehab Centre. Chris has been working in Marketing and Admissions for ten years and brings his own experience of addiction and recovery as a former resident of the Centre. Yeldall is one of the Mission Partners which we regularly support at St James and there will be a table in the lounge afterwards, if anyone would like to sign up to receive Newsletters and/or Prayer Diaries from the Manor. Chris is available to chat also!

St James Lent Course

Our Lent Course this year will be following the material from the Lectio Course, which has been put together by Pete Greig and the 24/7 Prayer team. You can either come along on **Monday evenings, first one on 23rd February from 7:30pm-9pm**, or **Tuesday afternoons, starting on 24th February from 1:30pm until 3pm**. This is a five week course exploring how to hear God by praying the bible together as a community.

Eco Prayer and tip

The World Day of Social Justice falls on February 20th, and The United Nations says:

‘Strengthening a just transition for a sustainable future means making sure our move toward low-carbon economies benefits everyone, especially the most vulnerable. It requires a holistic approach that weaves environmental sustainability with social justice, ensuring that workers, indigenous peoples, and marginalized communities receive the support they need—through retraining, job creation, and strong social protection measures. In other words, decarbonization and economic transformation should go hand in hand with policies that fight poverty, reduce inequality, and open up opportunities for all.’

Heavenly Father, you teach us to seek justice, to defend the oppressed and take up the cause of the fatherless and the plea of the widow. We ask that when the scale of injustice seeks to overwhelm us, your spirit will be the encouragement we need to keep speaking out against it. Today, we ask for a breakthrough for those facing situations of injustice. May they know a sense of hope that only you can bring. Amen (a prayer from Compassion UK)



Prayer for Woodley Schools

Give thanks for the 4 lessons this past half term. For discussions and questions raised by pupils.

Pray for all the prep for the lessons booked in for next half term.

Pray for enough volunteers to deliver all the lessons that have been booked

Pray that the passion for our faith will shine through all we do and say to both staff and pupils

Lessons Spring 2

Mon 23 Feb	Highwood Yr 4	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?
Tues 24 Feb	Highwood Yr 2	How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?
Mon 2 March	Southlake Yr 1	What did Jesus teach his followers (The lost son + Easter)
Tues 3 March	Southlake Yr 4	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?
9&10 March	Woodley CofE KSI	What do Christians believe God is like?
16&17 March	Woodley CofE UKS2	What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?
Mon 23 March	Southlake EYFS	Visit to Christ church linked with the story of Easter.
Mon 23 March	Woodley CofE EYFS	Easter story
Tues 24 March	Southlake Nursery	Easter Story



ECO TEAM SPRING TIDY UP



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10 AM-12 NOON

Join the Eco Team to help tidy the church grounds and get the garden ready for the spring and summer flowers.

Bring your gloves and a few tools and help for an hour or two

Refreshments served.



JOIN US FOR

ECO TEAM SPRING LITTER PICK

Saturday 25th April

Meet in the church car park at **10 am**

Bags, pick and holders are provided.

Please bring your own gloves

Refreshments and biscuits served in the church from

11am -12 Noon.

Our 2026 FOCUS



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Continuing our journey
of discipleship together

Growing in confidence as we
explore new areas of faith

Discovering our own God-given
gifts, and how to use them

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

Wednesday 8pm 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