

Hello  
FEBRUARY



The name of the Lord is a  
strong tower; the  
righteous run to it and  
are safe.

Proverbs 18:10



## Sunday 8th February 2026

10am –Morning Worship  
4pm Messy Church

### This week

#### **Monday 9th February**

9:15am Morning prayer

#### **Tuesday 10th February**

11am Addington School Cafe  
2pm Homegroup  
5pm Rainbows  
6pm Brownies  
7:30pm Guides

#### **Wednesday 11th February**

10am Daytime Homegroup  
10am Midweek Communion  
1pm Toddlers  
5:30pm Puppets  
5:45pm Brownies  
7:30pm Guides and Rangers

#### **Thursday 12th February**

11am—1:30pm Café  
11am Hong Kong Support Group  
4:30pm Rainbows  
5:45pm Brownies  
7pm Guides

#### **Friday 13th February**

10am Friday Friends  
8pm Music Practice

#### **Sunday 15th February**

10am Morning Worship

#### **Pre-School**

Pre-School is open from 8:45am to  
3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays,

#### **StJames' Church Centre**

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## Notices

### **WOW (women on walks)**

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 10th February followed by a pub lunch. Please meet in the church car park at 9:30am

### **Men's walking group**

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 10th February followed by a pub lunch. Please meet in the church car park at 9:30am

### **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**

Later this month we enter Lent (18th February). This year make plans for something that you can 'give up' and something that you can 'take up'. e.g. What do you regularly buy that comes in plastic packaging? Is there an equivalent that comes in more environmentally friendly packaging? Make the switch! Do you engage in too much screen time? Head out for some quiet time and enjoy the great outdoors!

Lord Jesus, As you fasted in the wilderness, help us to cultivate a simpler life, relearning the joy of living within the limits of your creation. Strengthen us to turn away from wasteful habits, to reduce our dependence on plastic, and to act with justice for the sake of those who are most vulnerable to climate change.



**REWOODLEY**  
**REINSPIRED**



## Prayer for Woodley Schools

- Pupils returning to school, some who will welcome it and some who will dread it, may they know your presence by their side
- For all staff as they begin another busy term.
- For inspiration writing new lessons for the new RE syllabus which is being rolled out in Wokingham schools.
- For enough REIW volunteers to meet the needs of the lessons schools are requesting.



# ECO TEAM SPRING TIDY UP



**FEBRUARY**

**28**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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