



*Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one
another in love.*

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)



Sunday 23rd August 2026

10am – Oasis with Baptism

This week

Monday 24th August

9:15am Morning Prayer
1:30pm Thanksgiving service for
Michael Patterson

Wednesday 26th August

10am Morning Prayer
12:30pm Funeral of Joyce Tivey

Thursday 27th August

11am—1:30pm Café

Friday 28th August

10am Friday Friends
8pm Music Practice

Sunday 30th August

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 in term time

*All other usual activities will resume after
the summer holidays.*

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Notices

Holy Communion

Our regular pattern of weekly Holy Communion on a Wednesday morning is pausing for the duration of the summer holidays. In its place will be a fortnightly Morning Prayer. These will be taking place at 10am on 29th July, 12th August and 26th August.

Michael Patterson's Service of Thanksgiving

The service of Thanksgiving for the life of Michael Patterson will take place at St James on **Monday 24th August at 1:30pm**. All are welcome.

Dress is 'smart/casual and colourful'. If anyone has a photo of Michael that they would be happy to include in a presentation, could you please give it to **Fiona Litchfield** with your name on the reverse or send them digitally via email to **fiona.litchfield@gmail.com**.

Building Project Update

Following the consultation evening at the end of June, the Building Committee sought approximate costings for the plans that had been drawn up for a new building on our site. The figure quoted by our architect was very high, and the PCC have concluded that these plans are simply too expensive for what we might reasonably be able to raise. We will now be taking a period for prayer and reassessment, and draw up some new plans after the summer. Some essential surveys of our site will be conducted in the meantime. We trust that God is steering us through this process - please continue to pray that His will is done, and that the work of St James' will thrive whatever comes.

Date/s for your diary

This year the 24/7 Global prayer week runs from 6th - 13th September to encourage Churches to join in with world-wide prayer.

This year, here at St James, we have decided to run a single day of non-stop prayer for 24 hours, which will start at 9 am on Saturday 12th September through to 9 am on Sunday 13th September. We will put out a sign-up sheet nearer the time. Meanwhile we ask you to prayerfully consider and possibly plan for the hour/s you would like to join us. More details will be available later. Thank you, Pete and Margaret

Notices

Eco Prayer and tip

“Answer me, God, at a time you choose.....

Save me from sinking in the mud;

Keep me safe from my enemies,

Safe from the deep water.

Don't let me drown in the depths

Or sink into the grave”

Psalms 69 vv 13-15

The writer of the Psalm is talking about psychological despair but his comparison is drawn from real life events. Today, as in biblical times, floods can be devastating. This year there were devastating floods in Greater Chittagong, Bangladesh and areas of Britain have been affected by flooding. We can encourage politicians to prepare for flooding. On a local level, if you have a driveway, ensure it is of gravel so the water can run off. Also store water in rainy periods for times of drought. If you are able, consider getting a water butt.

CHAIR MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS YOU!



Before a single note is sung, a single prayer is gathered, or a single sermon is preached on a Sunday morning, a small team is quietly at work setting the stage for what God wants to do.

We believe that every row we align and every chair we place opens a door for someone in our community to experience hope, healing, reconciliation, and community. When you join the Chair Ministry Team, you aren't just moving furniture—you are preparing a sacred space for a life to be changed.

Whether you love working with your hands, prefer serving behind the scenes, or just want to get a little movement in, there is a place on our Chair Ministry team for you.

The Commitment: an hour over the weekend -once every 6 weeks

Ready to make an impact behind the scenes?
Come and have a chat with Linda Galpin to find out more.

Make a Difference

Join our Committee!



Chairperson to the Committee



Starting from **AGM**
in **October 2026**



A **handover process**
will take place from
the current Chairperson.



Lead. Support. Inspire.

Play a key role in shaping the future of our pre-school
and making a lasting impact in our community.



If you would like to find out more, please contact
Jamie Chandler on chairstjamespreschool@outlook.com

Join our committee!



Make a difference
to the experience and
opportunities available
to the children who attend
St James Church Preschool.



There are many
different roles
with different levels
of involvement
and commitment.



If this interests you,
please contact the
Chairperson via email on
chairstjamespreschool@outlook.com



Prayer points

- Give thanks for the lessons delivered this term for the good discussions and conversations in all classes and enough volunteers for each lesson.
- Give thanks for the positive responses to our presence in schools and the delight from the children when they realised REIW was in their class.
- Give thanks for the 349 Yr 6's who received a copy of 'It's your move' on behalf of all the churches in Woodley.
- Pray for a good end to the term. There are lots of events and activities - end of year plays, performances, sports days, results of SATS, finding out teachers for next year, meeting new teachers, reports etc Pray for resilience and strength for staff for the last few weeks of term.

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 prcjc1@outlook.com

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