



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)



Sunday 2nd August 2026

10am – Holy Communion

This week

Monday 3rd August

9:15am Morning Prayer

Thursday 6th August

11am—1:30pm Café

Friday 7th August

10am Friday Friends

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 9th 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.

StJames' Church Centre

Kingfisher Drive, Woodley,
RG5 3LH

Tel: 0118 966 2568

www.stjameswoodley.org

Vicar Rev Laurence Smith

(day off Friday)

laurence.smith@stjameswoodley.org

07421 233951

Office opening hours:

Mon - Fri 9:30—1:00pm

Administrator - Becki Whitlock

office@stjameswoodley.org

0118 966 2568

Children and

Families worker -Linda Galpin

linda.galpin@stjameswoodley.org

07552193742

(day off Thursday)

Find us on Facebook and



Notices

Carpet Cleaning

Can you help? We need a small group of volunteers to help with cleaning the church carpets on **Saturday 8th August from 10am**. If you can help, please have a word with Chris or Denise. Thank you

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.

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.

Tearfund Tri-Athlon

This annual fund-raiser took place last Frid.17th, in the hot July sunshine! Five team members completed all 3 stages - running, kayaking and cycling a total of 50miles, on and around the Thames in W. London. Bob was involved, as an ex-Tearfund-er, but just in the kayaking stage! (Too old, I'm afraid, for all 3!!) Anyone interested in sponsoring the event, please go to the Just Giving page below or have a word with Bob. Thankyou!

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/tftriathlon26>

Notices

Eco Prayer and tip

Dear Lord,

As we feel the effects of climate change with hot dry weather, we recognise that we are more adaptable than some of your creatures such as birds, fish, and mammals. We hear reports of streams drying up putting fish at risk, rivers warming changing the spawning grounds for some fish, seas warming causing an influx of jellyfish and dolphins around the UK. Help us to help your creatures and help us play a part in acknowledging the damage caused and how we can help reverse the damage. Amen

ECO TIP

Don't miss your opportunity to hear about the impacts of climate change.

Monday 7pm 10th August come and hear the People's Emergency Briefing.

There will be facts and information on topics including:

Weather extremes, Tipping Points, Food security, Health, National Security, Nature, Economy, Energy Transition. Don't forget to get out and about taking photos for "Phew, It's a scorcher"

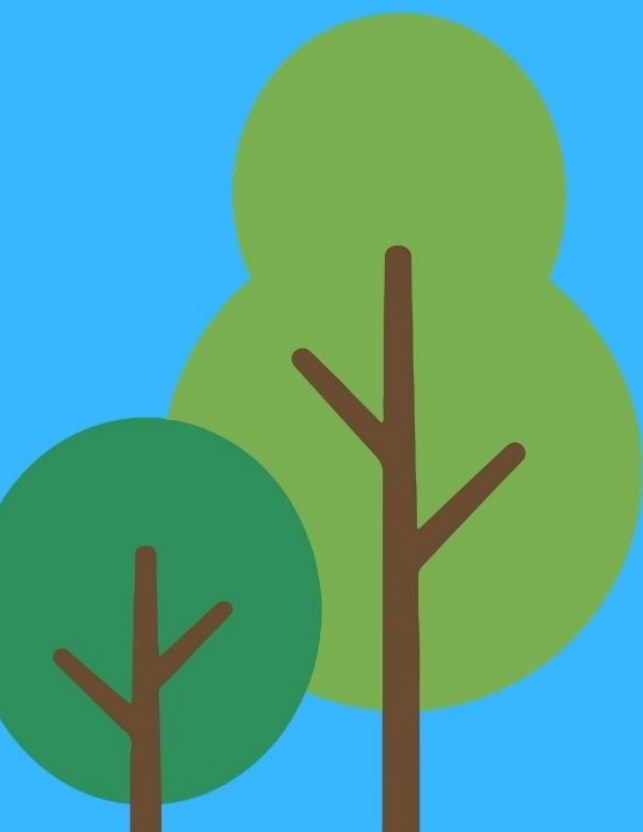


SUMMER LITTER PICK

Join us to beautify our area

Thursday 13th August
9:30am - 11am

Tidy our local area
Summer holiday activity for all
Litter pickers and bags provided
Please bring your own gloves



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 prcj1@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