



My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth

Psalms 121:2 (NIV)

Sunday 13th September 2026

10am – Holy Communion

This week

Monday 14th September

9:15am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 15th September

2pm Homegroup

5pm Rainbows

6pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides

Wednesday 16th September

10am Daytime Homegroup

10am Midweek Communion

1pm Toddlers

5:45pm Brownies

7:30pm Guides and Rangers

Thursday 17th September

11am—1:30pm Café

11am—Hong Kong Support Group

4:30pm Rainbows

5:45pm Brownies

7pm Guides

Friday 18th September

10am Friday Friends

8pm Music Practice

Sunday 20th September

10am Morning Worship

Pre-School

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

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Notices

Photography Competition

Schools are back! The evenings are drawing in! The autumn rain has started falling. Time to look through your summer holiday snaps and time to see if one or two of your photos could be submitted for the Eco Photo Competition.

Closing date 28th September at 9am. Further details and booking form can be found in the email I sent via ChurchSuite this week.

Prayer for Woodley

This month's meeting to pray for Woodley will be on Saturday 19th September at Christ Church in the main church from 9 to 10am. All welcome.

Eco Prayer

Lord, Help us to tread more lightly on your fragile earth. Shape our minds to consume less, reuse and recycle more and waste less. Let our prayers become action, action for our precious planet, working together to make a real change. We can all make a difference, no matter how big or small. Amen.

Lamb Bangladesh

Our church supports: LAMB Bangladesh

Enjoy finding out more on: Saturday 3rd October 10.45 - 3.00 at St John and St Stephen's church, Reading

It's FREE! Hot drinks and cakes provided but please bring your own lunch.

Please contact Judith Hansford if you would like to come for all or some of the day (and if you need a lift).



September 2026

- Pray for schools as they plan RE lessons this term and where REinspired-Woodley can support them.
- As school adopt the new Wokingham RE Syllabus pray for all the new lessons that will need to be created to respond to the need.
- Use the guide to pray for pupils and teachers

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/pray-for-students-and-teachers/>

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



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.