



St. James Church Southam



*Within Coventry Diocese we believe our primary purpose as part of the Christian Community is:
Worshipping God, Making new Disciples and Transforming Communities*

CHURCH BULLETIN

3rd June 2018

*A warm welcome to you all. If you are new, or just visiting
and would like to know more about us, please do introduce yourselves*

10am Holy Communion with children's group

The Psalms: 'Adoration'

Psalm 8

Thursday 7th June 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Services at St James Church

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion weekly

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion on 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship on the 2nd 4th and 5th Sundays
with the whole church family coming together for worship and Holy Communion
on 1st and 3rd Sundays

Sunday 6.30pm Evening Worship on 2nd and 4th Sundays

Dates for your Diary

Every Friday Morning 9.30am- 10.30am Prayer Meeting in Church Prayer Room



'CROSS OF NAILS' Friday noon prayers and coffee
Coffee served from 10.30am - 12noon.
Contacts are Chris Cooke or Jan Ford 01926 813373

Jolly J's Monday 10.00am – 11.30am in church (*excl. Bank Holiday*)

Weekday Homegroups in Southam

Monday Evening	Juliet Houghton	
Tuesday Evening	Pat and Stephen Adams	(01926 813753)
Wednesday Evening	Jill Parker	(01926 811254)
Thursday Afternoon	Averil Brown	(01926 817138)

Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer and putting cash in the collection it would be appreciated if you would put the money in a yellow gift aid envelope so that the church can claim back 25p in every pound from the taxman. Many thanks. Ruth Tresidder, Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary.

Old £10 Notes

Please remember we can bank old paper £10 notes although they are no longer legal tender in the shops.

Data Protection - Consent to hold your Personal Data

We are in the process of making contact with everyone within the church family bringing all up to date regarding the new General Data Base Regulations (GDPR) which govern the way personal data is processed. The new regulations apply from 25 May 2018 and our Privacy Notice and Consent Form have been issued. The Privacy Notice provides the background as to how we treat personal data and the Consent form sets out how we can use the personal data provided.

If you have not yet received a copy of these documents and want to remain in contact the documents are available in church or from the church office. Once completed, please place the forms in the gold box in church or return to the church office.

If we do not hear from you, however, we will not be able to hold your personal data and make contact in the future.

Any questions please ask Barry or Vikki.

Thought for the month of June from Stephen Adams – Churchwarden

Who Cares?

Here at St James in our services and homegroups we have recently been following a series of talks about coming alongside others to support, help and care in times of difficulty.

Whilst exploring this subject we have become aware that as a church community of people from many and various backgrounds we have vast resources of life experience with which to come alongside others to help them in a time of need or when life has become extra hard. In doing this we are following Jesus' example and his teachings that we are to love one another and to love our neighbours.

We have also been realising together that sometimes what is going on inside us is not apparent on the outside. We may all at some point in our lives find ourselves sitting next to someone or chatting to someone without being aware that they may be falling apart inside. And we may ourselves not want to admit we have a problem because we may feel embarrassed or afraid that we might suffer rejection if we let someone else know what is really going on or what we are really like on the inside.

And the kind of help and support we are thinking about is not just for our church community. Many have come to our church in times past and continue to do so because something has happened in their life and they feel a need to find help, support and meaning to their experience. As a church community of ordinary people, we want to let you know that we want to be here for you, the wider community of Southam.

For some it may be a need for just someone to talk to, others may welcome prayer to involve the help of God into a situation, some may benefit from practical advice and assistance. And if we can't find someone in our church family who can come to alongside to support, advise or help you we will do our best to point you in the direction of someone who can.

And as they say on DIY SOS "we as individuals maybe can't help everybody but each of us can help someone", and "family on a bigger scale - it's a powerful force". As families we care for one another, and as a church family we want to care, support and help wherever we can and whoever we can in the greater family of the local community.

Collecting Jam Jars

Thank you to everyone who donated small jam jars during our recent appeal, we now have sufficient for our needs!

Looking forward to Advent and Christmas it would be useful to have some more large jars for tealights to line the path outside church for our services and events - the flames tend to blow out in smaller jars. We have found the best to be large instant coffee jars, if you have any to donate please leave in the box at the back of church, no lids required.

God Answers Prayers



The Prayer Tree

Flowers are now available to add to the prayer tree in church to thank God for answered prayers, perhaps a small step or complete answer so you might like to replace a 'leaf' prayer with a 'flower'; or add a flower for a personal prayer that has been answered.

Let us look with anticipation to the prayer tree in church and watch as it blooms as we see God at work!

You will also find some beautiful calligraphy hearts to hold while you pray, or to take away to carry in a pocket as an encouragement and reminder of the power of prayer and of God's love for you.

Prayer is at the heart of St James and I know that it's not always possible to give feedback on how our prayers are being answered, but they are! So please be encouraged and keep praying! With best wishes Vikki

St James Strollers

Firstly my thanks to Derrick and Edward for organising last month's "stroll".

The next "stroll" will be on Sunday, 3rd June 2018, when, as we have done previously during the summer, we will have an "awayday". The intention is to travel to the Cotswolds for a "stroll" of about six miles – the route has yet to be finalised. So, if we can meet at 2pm at Wood Street car park, and, if those who are able to will please come in cars we can then organise transport to the start of the "stroll".

I hope you will be able to come.

Spike" Thorne

Prayer Changes Things!

We, as a Church, feel challenged to pray for our community in a more structured way. Apart from being obedient to God's call to pray, (1Thessalonians 5 v 17) urging us to pray continuously.

What should we pray?

Because God's desire is always to bless people, we can pray for God's blessing on the people of Southam, street by street.

Pray BLESSINGS on your community,
BODY – health, protection, strength
LABOUR– work, reward, security
EMOTIONS – joy, peace, hope
SOCIAL – love, marriage, family, friends
SPIRIT – salvation, faith, grace

Coventry Road, Orchard Way, Cherry Tree Walk,
Sycamore Grove, Merestone Close.

2018 Prayer for St James

Heavenly Father, I do not know what 2018 might bring and I do not know if the road ahead will be easy or hard.

But today I want to offer myself to you again. I give you my time, my body, my gifts, my relationships, my life.

I give you my church and church family. Work in us and through us this year. In Jesus name. Amen.



*In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths
Proverbs 3:6*

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 10 th June	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	3pm-5pm	Deanery Centenary Celebration
	-----	NO Evening Service
Thursday 14 th June	10am	Holy Communion

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PLEASE NOTE -

For safety's sake in our large church building, parents are asked to always keep a watchful eye on their children. St James' "children's corner" may be used with supervision, by pre-school children.