



St. James Church Southham

*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

29th July and 5th August 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*

29th July 2018

10am Breakfast Church

Leaders to chose appropriate theme & reflection time

Thursday 2nd August 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy,
strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5th August 2018

10am Holy Communion with children's group

**The Lord My Shield
Psalm 3**

Thursday 9th August 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in
prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring
our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Friday Morning 9.30am – 10.30am Prayer Meeting in Church –

Next meeting 7th September



‘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 August from Barry Parker – Churchwarden

A time to Reflect

Last month Vikki wrote about how communities across the Coventry Diocese were celebrating the centenary of the Coventry Diocese and mentioned the pilgrimage of the Cross of Nails.

Formed using three medieval nails found amongst the rubble from the ruins of Coventry Cathedral, the Cross of Nails is now recognised around the world as a sign of reconciliation, becoming a symbol of hope and friendship in the aftermath of conflict. St James Church is part of the wider community of the Cross of Nails, a Christian network drawn together by the story of Coventry Cathedral which has the following guiding principles; healing the wounds of history, learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity and building a culture of peace. At 12noon each Friday we have a short, no more than ten-minute, service when, along with the whole community of the Cross of Nails, the Coventry Litany for Reconciliation is prayed. You are very welcome to join us.

2018 also marks the centenary of the end of World War 1, a war during which some 65 million men were mobilised across Europe with over 8 million being killed and around 21 million injured. There were also getting on for 8 million prisoners of war. All had family and friends whose lives were changed forever.

During the war, on 4 August 1918 King George V led the nation in a National Day of Prayer for peace. One hundred days later the war ended. One hundred years on, in 2018, from the 4 August through to 11 November churches across the United Kingdom will be praying for peace, hope and reconciliation – a healing of that which has been broken.

With so much conflict and division around the world and increasing tensions between the super powers there is much to pray and ask forgiveness for. Violence has seemed to have become the order of the day in this country with reports of both knife and gun crime becoming ever more commonplace. There are also lots of broken or damaged relationships where folk are not prepared to let go of past hurts.

We are all called to be peacemakers, to be kind to one another, tender hearted, and forgiving, as God in Christ forgives each one of us. So, in this centenary year I invite you to reflect on both what has happened in the past and is happening right now and to pray the St Francis prayer for peace and reconciliation:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

St James Stroller

As you will know, because we were expecting to be very short on numbers on the first Sunday of this month, our monthly “stroll” was postponed until the first Sunday of August.

This will now take place instead on **Sunday, 5th August 2018**, when we intend to cover the route originally selected and will travel into Northamptonshire for a circuit of a little over three miles to include the picturesque villages of Little and Great Brington.

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 – Southam 814468.

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

SOUTHAM Community Church invites you to a....

Quiz Night on Tuesday 7th, 14th, and 21st August at 7.30pm

Come and enjoy a fun time together with us. Refreshments provided

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

29th July Service

The Rest of Mayfield Road (Flats), Linley Road, Springfield Grove.

5th August Service

Watton's Lodge, Watton's Lane, Manders Croft

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 12 th August	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 16 th August	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th August	10am	Holy Communion

Thursday 23 rd August	3-5pm	Messy Church Picnic
	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.*