



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

19th 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*

10am Holy Communion with children's group & Baptism

3pm to 5pm Messy Church Picnic

The Lord My Redeemer

Psalm 130

Thursday 23rd August 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, 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.

SOUTHAM Community Church invites you to a....

Quiz Night on Tuesday 21st August at 7.30pm

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

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;

MESSY CHURCH PICNIC!

Sunday August 19th

Please just turn up at the Rec with your picnic, a blanket or a chair or two at 3pm. After our picnics we'll have fun in the sun playing games for all ages. If for some reason the sun doesn't want to shine that day, we'll meet up at the church and picnic inside!

Looking forward to seeing you there :)

Vikki

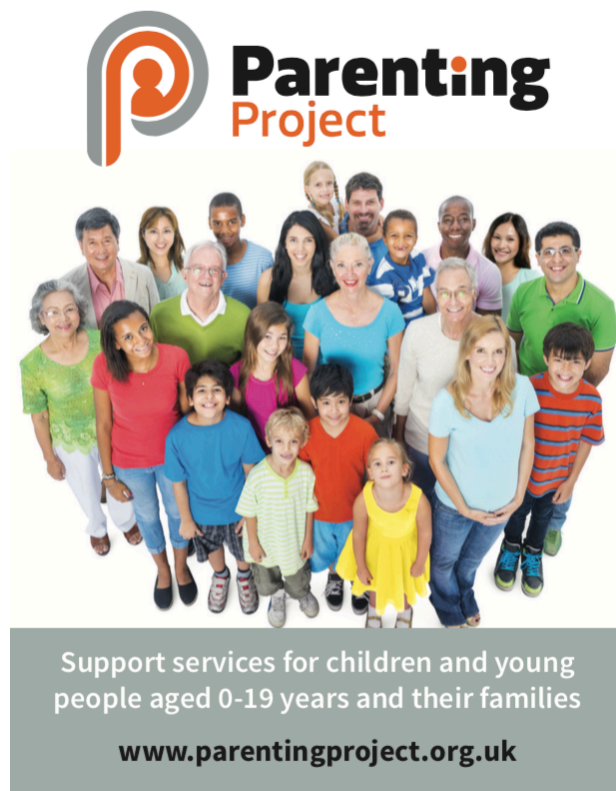
St James Strollers

Our next “stroll” will take place on **Sunday, 2nd September 2018**, when we will attempt a rather longer route than of late – a circuit of a little under six miles starting from the village of Priors Hardwick and taking in the pleasant countryside around Stoneton and Wormleighton.

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 for all to the start. Although the “stroll” is a little longer than usual, as we don’t have to travel too far from Southam, we should be back by 6 pm.

I hope you will be able to come.

“Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468



“The details of the current Parenting Project programme in Southam are posted on the church notice board”

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

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

Radbourne Close, Watergall Close, Priors Meadow, Welsh Road East.

Progress in Kenya. August 2018

At the Laikipia County Agricultural Show recently Bees Abroad were awarded a cup for the best project which was

“Promoting Innovations and Technology in Agriculture and Trade”.

Beekeeping being an agricultural related activity in terms of pollination, food security and incomes fitted very well with the show theme. The show display was organised in a manner that it cut across the entire value chain. One of the cooperatives (Laikipia Central) which is being supported with funding from Bees Abroad displayed their bee keeping equipment and their value addition products.

The use of local materials to make hives and bee suits was interpreted to show innovation; Value addition of the hive products to show technology; while trading in hive products and benefits of bees in relation to pollination was interpreted to show how beekeeping is important in Agriculture and Trade. The judges were informed about our approach of working with community groups through capacity building and provision of starter kits where possible and how the approach had contributed towards offering households with alternative sources of incomes as well as source of nutrients. We also informed the judges how the initiative had contributed towards increasing of pollinators. Although we have no empirical evidence on pollination, it remains a fact that bees are effective pollinators.

Summer News from Carriers of Hope

TIME FOR NEWS ABOUT THE SCHOOL UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION AND THE SUMMER TRIP TO SKEGNESS.

On the uniform front we had three VERY busy Tuesdays, preparing for and then giving out second hand school uniform items to the MANY people who came. And giving out money to support 144 children starting a new school. A HUGE thank you to those of you who helped us with money for this....and to Priors Education Trust who gave a grant towards the £2,500 that we spend on this activity. We are still hoping that another grant that we applied for may be successful. At the moment we've stepped out in faith and paid from our core funds, to ensure that the children are ready for September.

Then **THE TRIP.**

The Skegness trip was a great success! Thanks to all of you who helped by sponsoring a seat. These words, taken from texts received, say it all: "The coach is full of chattering excited children, it's lovely; Hello Sue, thank you very much. We had a lovely day with the kids. God bless you x; Thanks for the opportunity given us to go out, we really enjoyed the beach; Hi Sue, thank you for the trip, all went well and the weather was perfect. Thank you so much; Hello Sue, thank you very much for the holiday trip you provided to my family and I. We have had a wonderful time at Skegness today; Hi, Sue thank you very much it was great we enjoyed it. Good night darling."

Sue Sampson Carriers of Hope, Coventry

2018 Prayer for **S+ 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 26 th August	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 30 th August	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd September	10am	Holy Communion & Baptism
Thursday 6 th September	10am	Holy Communion

Rev. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

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Barry Parker (01926 811254)

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.