



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

26th August & 2nd September 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*

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship with children's group

6.30pm Evening Worship

Praise The Lord

1 Chronicles 16:7-36; Colossians 3:15-17; Psalm 150

Thursday 30th August 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in
strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days;
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

2nd September 2018

10am Holy Communion with children's group & Baptism

The Lord My Protector

Psalm 121

Thursday 6th September 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the
righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Dates for your Diary

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

Next meeting 7th September

Church Office closed Monday August 27th – Reopens Tuesday 28th



'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	(01926 812104)
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.

Evening Worship 9th September

We welcome back The Rev'd Canon Fiona Newton to lead our evening service at 6.30pm on 9th September. We do hope as many as possible will come along to join us. It is around 15 years since Fiona was our curate and there will be a chance after the service to catch up with her.

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: The Early Years

Positive Parenting Time Out For Parents courses from Care for the Family provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children & boost your relationship.

If you have children under 5, then Time Out for Parents - The Early Years is for you! Over six sessions you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent & discover practical tools to make your relationship with your child even better.

The Sessions:

Session 1 What Being A Parent's Really Like!

Session 2 Children's Needs

Session 3 Play & Listening

Session 4 Parenting Styles & Boundaries

Session 5 Discipline & Safety

Session 6 The Wider Family

Details:

Dates: Every Thursday from 13th September to 18th October 7:15 - 9:15pm

Venue: Southam Community Church (Next to Gateway Coffee Shop)

Donation: £5 includes handbook & refreshments

To book or for more info: Jeff or Esther 07743

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Thought for the month of September

from Mrs Phyllis King - Retired Executive Head St James School

Friday 20 July marked the end of an era for me as I retired from working full-time in education after 24 years. For the past 3 years, I have had the honour of leading both Southam St. James and Long Itchington Church of England Primary Schools as Executive Headteacher over both schools. It has been a privilege and a pleasure getting to know so many children and their families over the years and I am proud that I have played a part in the history of these schools.

The work of a headteacher is multifaceted and often challenging, especially in these days of high accountability and public scrutiny, but there is no job in the world that brings such satisfaction and joy. Even on the most difficult of days, a visit to the Reception classroom never failed to bring a smile to my face as I watched the children playing and learning together. What other job gives you the opportunity to go to the moon, make a 'Bog Baby' out of clay, construct a castle for a giant and observe chicks hatching all in one day?

I became a school leader because I wanted to make a difference to children's lives and learning and I have been blessed to work with others who share the same values. At St. James, the school motto, 'Let Your Light Shine', reflects the Church of England's Vision for Education to "deliver excellence in education with the very best outcomes for children, with an equal focus on academic rigour and the wellbeing of children, promoting "life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)." I have been privileged to work with many amazing people, all committed to providing the highest quality of education and care for each child, giving of their time generously, providing invaluable support for children and their families and, most importantly, helping children to recognise and develop their talents. This, to me, is the Church of England's vision becoming a reality.

Of course, it is not just the children and staff who make a school. There is an African proverb which says, "It takes a village to raise a child." The children at St. James are very lucky to receive strong support from their families and the local community which makes such a difference to their education and wellbeing. The children always enjoy visitors coming into school and the close links with St. James Church, Southam and All Saints, Ladbroke are very much valued.

This year was particularly special as we were honoured to receive a visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury – a very exciting and memorable day for us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with St. James CE Primary School as a governor, as a member of the PTFA or as a volunteer. The impact that you have made over the years is immeasurable - the children have benefited so much from your hard work and we have been able to achieve so much together.

These last few weeks have been an emotional time for me as I say goodbye to a school that I love but I know that it is in safe hands going forward, with the appointment of Mrs. Alison Hine as the Executive Headteacher of Southam St. James and Long Itchington CE Primary Schools. I know Mrs. Hine will be very ably supported by Mrs. Palmizi and the staff and governors at St. James as it starts a new chapter in its history. From 1 September 2018, the school will become Southam St. James Church of England Academy as part of the Coventry Diocesan Multi Academy Trust. I wish everyone at St. James the very best for the future.

2St 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.



Support services for children and young
people aged 0-19 years and their families

www.parentingproject.org.uk

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

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

26th August

Holt Leys, Roman Way, Drovers Way, Millholme Close, Daventry Road.

2nd September

Daventry Road, Calcutt Meadows, Tarsus Restaurant, Shepherds Hill, Herdwycke Close, Napton Rise, Rainsbrook Close.

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

2Summer 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

2Progress 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.

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 9 th Sept.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 13 th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
	3-5pm	Messy Church
Thursday 20 th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion

Revd. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

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For all enquiries please contact the Church Office or Churchwardens

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Churchwardens: Stephen Adams (01926 813753)

Barry Parker (01926 8112)

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.