



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

30th 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*

10am Breakfast Church + Baptism

Thursday 4th October 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

God our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust
in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation
which is given 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

Every Friday Morning	9.30am – 10.30am	Prayer Meeting in Church
Monday 8 th October	2.00pm	MU Deanery Meeting in church
Thursday 11 th October	2.00pm	MU Meeting in church
	7.30pm	Southam Deanery Meeting St Nicholas Church Radford Semele

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‘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

URGENT.

Help needed for Jolly J’s on Mondays mornings,
could you please give an hour to help with refreshments
on a rota basis 10am – 11.30am
Contact Chris Cooke or Rose Evans



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

www.parentingproject.org.uk

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

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

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.

Electoral Roll Officer

As most of you are aware, the Roll is the legal record of the people who regard themselves as members of St. James' church, and are entitled to vote on any matters that arise.

Every year, before the APCM, the Roll is revised in order to keep the record up to date. In addition, in every sixth year, the Electoral Roll Officer is required to renew the Roll completely. That will happen in January and February 2019. That will be my final task as Officer, and I shall retire at the APCM next April.

The PCC is seeking someone to shadow me next January, with a view to taking on the role at the APCM in April. It is not an onerous task - there are detailed procedures to follow, so nothing to be afraid of! The work is almost entirely done between the new year and the date of the APCM. Beyond that, a formal notice is sent each year to the diocese, and I keep abreast of any new applications, and the names of any who may be removed from the Roll.

Please contact me if you are interested, when I shall be happy to answer any questions you might have.....

Margo Grant (margocg23@gmail.com, tel. 815201)

St James Strollers

Our next "stroll" will be on **Sunday, 7th October 2018**, when we will go for a circuit of a little over three miles starting from the village of Marton and go through undulating countryside to the neighbouring village of Frankton.

So, can we please meet at 2pm at Wood Street car park, and, as we have before, if those who are able to will please come in cars, we can then organise transport for all to the start.

I hope you will be able to come. "Spike" Thorne – Southam 814468.

Harvest Services on Sunday October 14th

Once again we are supporting the wonderful work of the Fosse Food Bank and Leamington Night Shelter by sending them the gifts brought to all of our harvest services.

Having consulted with one of the coordinators at both organisations, I have found that the following items will be especially useful to them at this time.

Small cartons of long-life milk
Small bottles of plain water
Tinned fruit, rice puddings and custard
Sweets and chocolate

Of course, any non-perishable food items and general household items will also be extremely useful and greatly welcomed. Please check that tinned and packet foods are within their use by dates.

Thank you for your generosity. Jenny Thorne

Dear Deanery friends

You are invited to the next of our Deanery evenings based on the three elements of the Diocesan Vision.

This evening will be focusing on **Transforming Communities**, which can go in a number of different directions.

However, for this particular evening, we thought that the issue of mental health in its various shades was a significant feature of most of our churches and communities, and we need to be increasingly aware of how to support each other.

Rev Ali Hogger-Gadsby is coming to lead what I know will be an inspiring and helpful evening - and if you want to find out a little more about her, do visit her website www.keepinghealthinmind.org.uk

KEEPING HEALTH IN MIND

SOUTHAM DEANERY EVENING

Transforming Communities

Exploring mental health
with Rev Ali Hogger-Gadsby

Silence is one of the most stigmatising ways that we can respond to mental health issues. We want to get conversations started.

BREAK THE SILENCE →

OCTOBER 11th 2018 – 7.30 PM
ST NICHOLAS, RADFORD SEMELE

This will be particularly appropriate for any in our churches in leadership, pastoral and prayer teams, small groups, foodbank teams ... in fact anyone who has a heart for people ... so do please advertise this widely in your churches

Transforming Communities **October 11th, 7.30 pm @ St Nicholas Radford Semele**

Thank you once again for all your support. Rev Martin Green (Area Dean)



An Invitation to join us

This Autumn from Wednesday 3rd October for 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings (7.15 for 7.30pm) our Home Group will be exploring 6 themes of prayer found in the bible as we journey through the Lord's Prayer together. Each session comprises a short video and discussion designed to fuel and deepen our prayer lives:-

- ADORATION
- PETITION
- INTERCESSION
- LISTENING
- PERSEVERANCE
- WARFARE

The Prayer Course is a resource produced by 24/7 Prayer in collaboration with Alpha International.

If you would like to join us for all 6 or even one or two sessions, then please speak to Jill or Barry Parker or Bill King or email holjac51@gmail.com for further details and to book your place

The Prayer Tree

*God
Answers
Prayers*



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

Leamington Road, Hartley Gardens, Newstead Lodge, Newstead Drive,
Warwick Road, Masters Orchard.

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*



Good News from Carriers of Hope

Carriers of Hope is proud to announce that we have been awarded £320,000 of National Lottery funding for three new members of staff for five years to manage the warehouse and transport operation. This is our largest grant by far.

After years of applying for one small grant after another, we can now plan for our future. Our members can be confident that we will be there for them in their time of greatest need. This is great news, and we are really thankful to the National Lottery. We'll be able to continue to provide emergency support for people arriving in the city with nothing, and who may not be eligible for benefits.

James Harcourt, England Grant-Making Director at the Big Lottery Fund, said: "We're delighted to be supporting Carriers of Hope, which is a fantastic example of people coming together to create something wonderful for their local community. Thanks to National Lottery players, people who have recently arrived in Coventry will receive a helping hand, meet new people and have the opportunity to learn new skills through volunteering."

The hidden costs of running a charity

Dear Friends and Supporters. Two weeks ago I brought you the fantastic news about the BIG Lottery Reaching Communities' grant, for which we are VERY grateful. This will pay for 3 new members of staff who will enable us to reach and help even more needy families, more quickly than ever.

However, news like this takes the focus off the hidden costs of running a charity like Carriers of Hope. Costs like the staple food items that we buy each week to go into our free "shop"; renting the space to meet with the families; keeping the warehouse lit and warm; reimbursing the bus fares for all our client-volunteers; keeping the van on the road; responding to the many phone calls we deal with each day.....and so it goes on!

Based on our experience we know that we need at least £20,000 each year to cover these hidden costs.

Circle of Friends – rice/ potatoes/ nappies/ bread/milk - £100 pw	£4,000
Renting the space to run Circle of Friends	£1,800
Warehouse running costs – Heat, light, water, etc	£3,600
Client-Volunteer travel costs reimbursed	£5,000
To keep the van on the road for collections and deliveries - £300 pm	£3,600
Phone, to take all calls re donations and to contact families re deliveries.	£1,200
Staff Travel to carry out home-visits - £100 per month	£1,200
TOTAL	£20,400

At this point in time we have regular income from our wonderful group of Standing Order Supporters of just over 50% of this amount. If we could create an army of **100 extra Standing Order Supporters, giving £8 per month**, our hidden costs would be covered.

If you are willing to join this army of supporters, please text Sue on 07963 058958 and she will send you details of our bank account to set up the standing orders.
THANK YOU SO MUCH x Sue Sampson Carriers of Hope

A BIG new job at Carriers of Hope

Thanks to the BIG Lottery's Reaching Communities' programme we are proud and happy to announce that today is the beginning of the recruitment process for the first of three posts in the Logistics Team at Carriers of Hope.

This person will lead on the following three areas of service delivery – the central office function, the warehouse and the Furniture Project. S/he will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team, managing the two other Reaching Communities' funded posts, the Warehouse Volunteer Coordinator and Furniture Project Volunteer Coordinator, as well as providing leadership and support to the office volunteers, maximising the benefits they gain from their volunteering experience.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: To support, co-ordinate and facilitate the efficient functioning, the day-to-day running, and the staff (paid and unpaid) involved in Carriers of Hope's central support functions in the office, the warehouse and the furniture project. Act as Data Controller for the projects ensuring the safe and compliant collection and storage of all data in accordance with GDPR requirements. Ensure that all necessary records are kept to meet the reporting requirements of our funders and the trustees.

We are looking for a Super Person who combines organisational and office skills - with People skills. If this sounds like you and you want to see the full job description and application form, please email Sue at sues@carriersofhope.org.uk. Closing Date: Wednesday 17th October.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 7 th Oct.	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 11 th Oct	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th Oct.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 18 th Oct.	10am	Holy Communion

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Rev. 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 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.