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

9th 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

'Centenary Celebration'

Genesis 22:17-18; Matthew 7:24-27.

Thursday 13th September 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in 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

Wednesday 12th Sept.	10.00am	Church Rota Meeting in Church
Thursday 13th Sept.	10.00am	MU AGM after Communion
Tuesday 18th Sept.	2.00pm	PCC Meeting in Church office

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

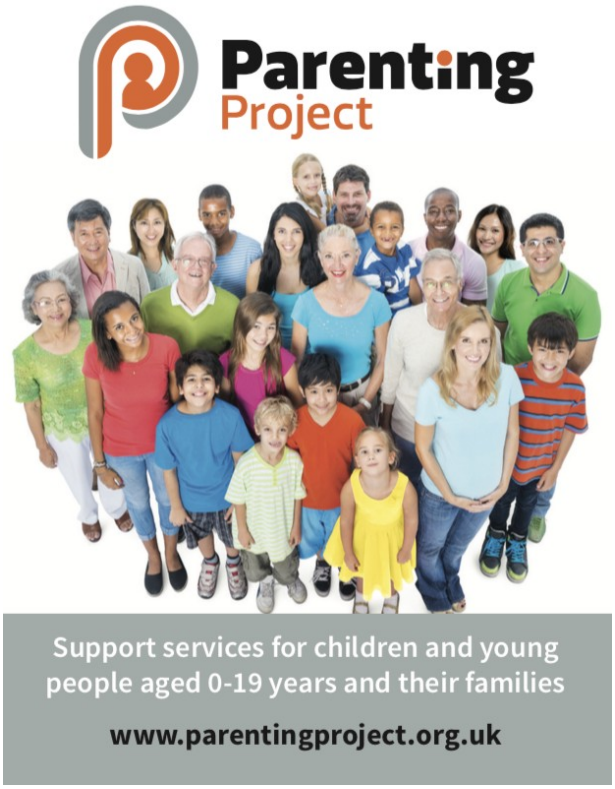
Jolly J's Monday 10.00am – 11.30am in church *(excl. Bank Holiday)*

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.

Reminder Mothers Union AGM Thursday 13th September –
10am Communion followed by AGM
Looking forward to seeing everyone
following our short summer break. Rose.



"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 578392 jeffesther@hotmail.com

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.

3Electoral 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)

Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 29 September in the Village Hall at Ufton

Barry stepped up to the plate at short notice for our August event with his interesting thoughts on `Events to celebrate in 2018' and that leads us nicely into our Speaker this month.

Leamington Night Shelter celebrated its tenth anniversary this year and so we shall be delighted to welcome back its founder Margaret Moore to tell us just how much they have achieved since their last visit. Homelessness seems to be in the public eye more and the service they provide – a hot meal, overnight accommodation, breakfast and food parcels to take away- on two nights a week is much appreciated by their clients who often have nowhere else to turn.

Talking of appreciation, the plaudits for Roger's delicious "Full English for a fiver" continue unabated so please do come and join us not only for that, but also for some 75 minutes of fun, friendship and excellent conversation. As always, it's `first come, first served' so give Barry Parker a call on 01926 811254 or better still, send him an email: champagnebuff@gmail.com

Hello Everyone. With the help of Big Lottery's Building Capabilities' programme we have the funding in place to commission the development, installation and training of all staff to use the best database solution for Carriers of Hope at this time.

We currently have a range of different, unconnected, databases and these need to be brought together to enable us to be able to keep track of the support being provided to individual families; plus we need to be able to pull off reports for the funders on numbers of families helped, number of items delivered etc.

We are intending to invite potential database developers in for a session where we show all the databases, present our vision for what we need, going forward, invite their response and then invite them to tender for the work.

If you are aware of anyone who may "fit the bill" please forward this message to them, or encourage them to get in touch with me on sues@carriersofhope.org.uk

Thank you x Sue Sampson, c/o 55 Garth Crescent, Coventry CV3 2PP 02476 659393

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."

Heritage Open Days Festival

As part of the 2018 Heritage Open Days festival, on Friday 14th September St James Church will be open to view and for refreshments between 9.30am and 12.30pm. The Southam Heritage Collection will be in attendance and will offer the choice of three guided heritage walks at 10am, 11am and 12noon, starting from the Church, around Market Hill and finishing in Coventry Street, following Southam's historic heritage.

the PRAYER course

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.

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

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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

Barkus Close, Flying Fields.

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 16th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
	3-5pm	Messy Church
Thursday 20th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd Sept.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 27th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 4th Oct.	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 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.