



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

11th November 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*

10.45am Remembrance Service

7pm Lighting of Beacon and Ringing of Bells

Reading and Readers tbc

Thursday 15th November

10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven
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

Tuesday 20th Nov. 2pm PCC Meeting in office

Saturday 24th Nov. 8.30pm Men's Breakfast at Ufton Village Hall



'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

Christmas Fayre

Our Church Christmas Fayre will be held in church on Saturday 1st December from 10.00am – 12.30pm. Stalls will include Books, Bottle Tombola, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Christmas Raffle, Refreshments, Toys **and a new Present Wrapping Stall** (do bring your gifts along to be wrapped). Items for the stalls may be left at the Church Office on weekday mornings.

Do contact Ruth Tresidder ☎ 813524 if you are available to help on the day.

Do come along to browse the various stalls and have a chat with friends whilst enjoying a cup of coffee.

Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 24th November in the Village Hall

The Southam Heritage Collection has been running an excellent “**WW1 Southam Centenary Archive**” exhibition within the Southam Library complex which is scheduled to finish on 20th November. However, if you were unable to pay a visit, we are sure that our next Speaker, their very own Bernard Cadogan will be able to redress the balance when he joins us to explore the topic, aided by a Power Point presentation and antique memorabilia.

Places fill up fast, so to guarantee your seat and partake of Roger's famous “Full English for a Fiver” give Barry Parker a call on 01926 811254 or email him: champagnebuff@gmail.com

PS Many thanks to those who helped to swell the Kitty by bringing some extra cash to the October breakfast. If you haven't had the opportunity as yet, please could you do so this time? Tablecloth and provision costs can reduce the Kitty by £25 at a stroke and although we now have £40 back in the coffers, we still need that cushion if we are to maintain the Speaker's charity donation at £75.

SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Sunday 25 November 12-7pm

Volunteers will be most welcome to **help on the refreshment stall (hot drink & cake) between 2pm - 6pm in half hour slots.** The Combined Churches are running this as in the past, and donations are invited for the Lights fund in exchange of sustenance. **Provision of said cakes will also be gratefully received on the day.**

We are also in need of **enthusiastic singers to swell the ranks from 6pm (after the switch on) for about 1/2 hour** to lead the **carol singing.** Father Christmas will still be in his grotto, so the patient parents will no doubt join in too. The Community Church usually has a rehearsal in advance, we'll be delighted to have a few bodies on the stage if you can come on the night.

Please give your name to Jan Ford (813373) if you can help in any of these areas. Thank you!

Friday coffee morning – HELP NEEDED!!

Our loyal and long serving team of helpers has become depleted recently as Pam Gilkes and Liz College have had to stand down after many years of service. Our thanks to both of them for all the time they have put it so cheerfully!

We need a few more willing volunteers to join our rota – could it be YOU?!

Please contact Chris Cooke or Jan Ford (813373) if you'd like to help us!

The commitment is about once a month between 10am and 12.30 for teams of two each week. The rota is arranged about four times a year, and if dates clash we swop with others on the rota.

Each Friday between 10.30 and noon, refreshments are served in church in exchange for a small donation from the customers. The donations are sent on a regular basis to the Mothers' Union International Projects, totalling several hundreds of pounds each year. The morning ends at noon with the Cross of Nails prayers; these prayers are said worldwide by churches and communities belonging to the Fellowship of the Cross of Nails.

Thought for the month for November from Rev. Vikki Bisiker

Remembering....

As I sit and write this to you at the beginning of October, the warmth and light of the summer evenings seem distant memories as the darker evenings have set in and there's definitely an autumnal chill in the air!

Each year I always think that September won't be quite as busy, after being lulled into a different pattern over the summer weeks, and each year I discover that I hit the ground running with new school terms, baptisms, planning for Harvest celebrations, Remembrance Sunday and dare I say thinking about the Christmas events and celebrations!

Years ago, I read the phrase that people come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime. I have often pondered on that. The role of a vicar is very much a varied life and so this phrase is very apt in describing people that I meet. During the seasons of the church, there are times of great joy and thanksgiving for example at the celebration of a birth or a baptism or a wedding, but then there are harder times too when I meet folk who are in pain, or who are hurting or who are facing difficulties in life. I consider it a privilege to journey alongside people especially families who have lost loved ones, to listen as they share their memories and to offer them hope in their time of grief.

Having experienced great loss of loved ones myself, I know that you simply don't 'get over' the loss, but over time you learn to live with the grief and there will be good days and there will be bad days along the way. One of the ways that St James offers support is through a short reflective service called 'Living with Loss'. It's a time of peace and to remember before God those whom we grieve for. This year it's on Sunday November 4th at 4pm and is followed by a cuppa and a cake for those who would like to stay after the service.

Remembrance Sunday is a very special day to remember and honour those who have fought, been injured or paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives during both World Wars and later conflicts. This year, of course, is an even more special time of remembrance as it is the Centenary of the end of WW1 and it actually falls in a Sunday. St James church will hold its usual service from 10:30, but we are also pleased to be involved, alongside the Town Council and uniformed brigades, in one of the National Beacon services that are happening across the nation. Southam's Beacon Service is going to be held at the recreation ground....

Folk to gather at 6:45 for the Beacon to be lit at 7pm. It will be good to see you there.

Blessings, Vikki

Christmas 2018 at Carriers of Hope

Dear Friends

It's that time of year again!!! Our aim this year is to bring Christmas joy to 300 families in just 8 weeks time!!!

What is Christmas-dinner-in-a-bag all about?

Would you like to join us in doing something to let our asylum seeker, refugee and EU Migrant families know that people really care about their situation? Can we bring some love, joy and hope to them this Christmas by providing them with a Christmas-Dinner-in-a Bag between Tuesday 18th – Saturday 22nd December?

Over these five days bags will be distributed to 300 families, containing the makings of a Christmas celebration. The average cost of a bag is £25 and they contain:

A £10 supermarket gift card to buy fresh food and fresh fruit and vegetables;

A box of crackers;

A cake; Pudding of some kind (probably not a Christmas pudding as many of our families have no microwaves - and don't know what a Christmas pud is!); Biscuits; Sweets; Mincepies;

A Christmas card from you with a personal message of support.

We also pop in a little gift such as one of the knitted teddies, received from a local knitting group.

There are various ways you can help:

1. You can bring a made up bag to our warehouse at Unit 2C Swallowgate Business Park, Holbrook Lane CV6 4BL
2. You can deliver a made up bag to the address below; or to Katie Wilson's house ([27, Fraser Road, CV6 2EU](#)).
3. You can send money towards the cost of making up a bag. (Cheques made payable to Carriers of Hope), to the address below.
4. You can make a bank transfer into the Carriers of Hope bank account (contact me for the bank details).
5. You can buy items from the shopping list and bring to Katie's house, my house or the warehouse (see addresses in 1 & 2 above).

Any of the above will be great.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS XXXX

Sue Sampson **Carriers of Hope, Coventry**

[c/o 55 Garth Crescent Coventry CV3 2PP](#) 024 7645 6356

www.carriersofhope.org.uk

www.facebook.com/Carriers-of-Hope-Coventry-330328640393060/

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/carriersofhopecoventry1/>

Prayer Changes Things!

As a Church, we continue to pray for our community because God's desire is always to bless people. So each week we pray for God's blessing on the people of Southam, street by street.



What should we pray?

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

This week we pray especially for those who live or work in:-

Pendicke Street, The Mews, Sovereign Court, Craven Lane,
Craven Court, Bull Street, Chickabiddy Lane.

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 18 th Nov.	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
Thursday 22 nd Nov.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th Nov.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Breakfast Church + Baptism
	8.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 29 th Nov.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd Dec.	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
	6.30pm	Advent Carols
Thursday 6 th Dec.	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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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.