



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

18th 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*

10am Holy Communion with children's group

Peace and Justice

Isaiah 58:19a

Thursday 22nd November

10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the worlds salvation: stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will
one day be healed 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

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
being held in church
Saturday 1st December
10.00am - 12.30pm
Do come along and join us

Items for stalls would be welcomed by the people listed below or can be left any weekday morning at the Church Office.

Books – John Tresidder

Bottles – Bellringers

Bric-a-brac – Annie & Roger Lane

Cakes and preserves – Chris Cooke or any MU member

Grand Christmas Raffle – Ruth Tresidder

Refreshments – Rose Evans

Donations of toys will also be most welcome

**Do remember to bring along your gifts to be wrapped on our new
Present Wrapping stall**

If you are able to help on the day or to sell Raffle tickets outside the Co-op on Tuesday 27th November or Friday 30th November please contact Ruth Tresidder ☎813524

St James Strollers

Our next “stroll” will be on **Sunday, 2nd December 2018**, when we will make the short journey to Ufton for a route of about three miles which should ensure that, at this time of the year, we will be finished before darkness descends.

As we usually do, can we please 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.

I hope you will be able to come.

“Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468.

Southam St James CofE Academy

Christmas Gift Fair 23rd November 2018 6 – 8.30pm The Grange Hall

30+ stalls including candles, crafts, gifts, toys, raffle, chocolate tombola, Father Christmas, photography, choir, dance demos. Hot food and drinks and the bar will be open!

All money raised will be used to part fund school trips and buy new tech equipment for the school.

Entry is free and open to EVERYONE, so please bring family and friends along. The school is kindly asking people to bring a small donation for Southam Food Bank, hence entry is free, so as to help ensure everyone in the town has a wonderful Christmas.

Organised by the St James PTFA

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!

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

Updates from Carriers of Hope

CHRISTMAS NEWS:

6 weeks today is the Christmas-Dinner-in-Bag and Christmas Present Giveaway and how are we doing?

1. We've received offers of around 70 made up bags.
2. We've received money to buy the contents of 90 more.
3. We've bagged up around 200 Christmas presents.

SO WE'RE ABOUT HALF WAY THERE WITH THE BAGS AND A QUARTER WAY WITH THE PRESENTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH BUT STILL A LONG WAY TO GO.

How can you best help us?

1. Lots more gifts for all ages (we give presents to the whole family).
2. LOTS of £10 supermarket gift cards (any supermarket).
3. Money so we can buy what we're short of.
4. In date cakes and puddings and chocolates for the bags.
5. Empty Christmassy strong bags.

OTHER NEWS

1. We're growing: With the help of the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities' Programme and ARM Trust we have just finished our recruitment period and now have 9 members of paid staff to work alongside the 150+ volunteers.

2. We're moving! The warehouse so generously provided by a wonderful business man and his wife is needed by them, as their business is expanding, so he's found us a replacement warehouse and we're starting the move any day now. To help us PLEASE DO NOT GIVE US ANY MORE CLOTHES UNTIL THE SPRING. More news on this will follow soon.

That's it for now. THANK YOU - and HAPPY CHRISTMAS XX

Sue Sampson

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<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, Mountfield Gardens, Ivy Terrace, Nightingale Court,
School Street, Jam Kangaroo Day Nursery

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 25 th Nov.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Breakfast Church + Baptism
	6.30pm	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

Rev. 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.