



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

25th 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*

8am Holy Communion

10am Breakfast Church + Baptism

6.30pm Evening Worship

God's Promises

Genesis 18:1-15; John 3:16:21; Psalm 67.

Thursday 29th November

10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect)

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **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

Thursday 13th Dec. MU Carol Service in church



‘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

"Good tidings of jumpers and joy" - Paul Bell is back on Friday December 7th as part of the 'First Light' Tour.

7.30 pm @ St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele

Bring your friends to enjoy an evening of Paul's trademark wit with a mixture of laughter, his beautiful acoustic music and thoughtful reflections on the stories we share.

Bar available.

Tickets £6.00 available from Rev Martin Green 01926 613466

Setting Up for Christmas Fayre

Everyone very welcome to help move chairs and set up tables from **3.00pm** on Friday 30th November ready for the Christmas Fayre the next day. Many hands make light work! Please note there is a funeral at 1.30pm – hence the later than usual start time.

Advent Carol Service - From Darkness into Light

Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm

Although it is the first Sunday in the month, there will also be a service at 6.30pm especially for Advent Sunday.

As in previous years we shall be pleased to welcome Southam Melody Makers, and enjoy seasonal refreshments afterwards.

We hope you can join us.

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

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

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.

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

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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:-

Pound Way, The Clinic, The Doctors Surgery, Brewster's Corner.

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 2 nd Dec.	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
	6.30pm	Advent Carols
Thursday 6 th Dec.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th Dec.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group + Baptism
Thursday 13 th Dec.	6.30pm	Evening Worship
	10am	Holy Communion

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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 of pre-school children.

