



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

5th May 2019

*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

Luke 23:32-34

Thursday 9th May 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect) Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **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 9th May 2pm Mothers Union Meeting in church

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re-opens Wednesday 8th May at 9.00am**



‘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.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Flower Fund for purchasing Easter lilies. A total of £96.38 has been received over the last few weeks. Your gifts are much appreciated.

Thought for the month of May from Rev. Vikki Bisiker

A 'Blue' Planet

We're coming up now to a time that we may take a holiday or a few days break. Maybe we'll go and enjoy the local countryside or take a trip to the coast, sit on a beach, listen to the waves lapping or crashing (!) Taking moments to notice the beauty of the earth, the intricacies of creation, a child's delight as they jump waves....or an adults for that matter!

"The oceans cover 71% of the Earth and our planet could equally well be called Ocean as opposed to Earth. Seen from space our planet is indeed a beautiful 'blue marble' spinning in the vastness of the cosmos and, as far as we know, the only place in the universe with intelligent beings who can contemplate and understand something of themselves and the creation in which they live."¹

Over the past couple of years, I've recognised that an awareness and a passion for the earth, and how we look after it, has been growing in me and also in many people who I talk to. From the very first book in the Bible and all the way through to the last one, we read of the beauty of the earth. And right from the beginning, we are called to be stewards of it. It has been entrusted to us. Of course we only have to watch a few moments of any of the Blue Planet series to realise that we haven't made a great job of it and our actions and lifestyle have wide rippling effects on others and the environment. A beautiful, yet broken world.

So how should we respond? With such a global problem, how could we, as individuals or even in small groups, possibly make a difference? But as our local supermarket slogan says, 'Every little helps'. And actually it does! I've become a recycling and waste warrior in my house and at least halved my waste and recycling bins. I have gradually switched over to more eco-friendly products. Cost has been an issue in some areas and I'm certainly not an expert or claiming that I'm eco friendly in all areas of my lifestyle, but I've done what I can bit by bit.

I've chatted to a number of people from our community, our churches and schools about the whole plastic issue and the difference that we can make individually and together. From these conversations 'Growing Greener @ St James' has been birthed. It's a group that learns together by sharing ideas and information about how we can change our lifestyle habits that can cause harm to the environment. We'd love to work with communities, businesses, schools, and individuals so that together we make a difference. Through social media, monthly meetings, conversations we are trying to share information and 'top tips', post helpful articles and links, ask questions, and share ideas of how we can grow greener together.

If you'd like to join the Facebook group, search for Growing Greener @ St James' and then ask to join. For those not on social media, some folk usually meet together on the last Monday of each month at Tithe Lodge at 12:30, but it may be best to double check time and venue. If you're a business or enterprise and would like to be involved in some way, then please do drop me an email.

I know that the more of us that take action in little ways like this will not just help our community, but change the knock on effects of our lifestyle choices much further afield too. Blessings, Vikki

¹ Meric Srokosz & Rebecca S. Watson, Blue Planet, Blue God: The Bible and The Sea (SCM Press, 2017)

International Fund - Donation to HOPE Africa

Below is an extract from the letter received from The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town following a donation of £200 from the International Fund to Hope Africa at the end of last year.

“A very warm and sincere “thank you” to everyone who contributed to this gift of £200.

I’m happy to tell you that school shoes for every child at St Paul’s Primary were delivered at the start of the school year. I wish that all the coffee morning friends who helped to make this possible, could have witnessed the excitement and joy on that day. Happiness shone on all the young faces, as well as those of the school principal and her staff, and some very grateful parents.

Decent shoes are not only a basic necessity in protecting the feet of the children from both terrain and weather, but they’re also a source of dignity. Thank you for adding dignity to your gift.

Thank you again for your kindness in thinking of the children of St Paul’s Primary. Your generosity means more than you can know.”

Southam & Bishops Itchington Congregational Church present

QUIZ NIGHT

in support of Christian Aid Week

7.30pm Saturday 18th May 2019 Graham Adams Centre, Southam

Come and join us for an enjoyable evening

£10 for a team of four players. Licensed Bar and Raffle

St James Strollers

Our next “stroll” will be on **Sunday 5th May**, when we will reprise a route which proved popular when we did it three years ago. We will travel to Badby, just over the border in Northants, where we will hope to see the usually spectacular display of bluebells in the woods. By restricting the distance to about three miles, we should allow ourselves ample time to finish at the Village Hall, where, because it is Bluebell Sunday, refreshments will be available.

Once again, as we need to travel to the start point, can those who are able to please come in cars and we’ll all meet at 2pm at Wood Street car park, when we can arrange transport for everyone. Depending on your appetite we hope to be back soon after 5.30pm. I hope you will be able to come.

“Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468

A Happy Circus needs your help!

St James PFTA is hosting the “Happy Circus” (no animals involved) as a charity fundraiser for the school. As well as tickets being available to support this event, the school has asked if there would be any willing volunteers from St James church who could help on the refreshments stand, games stand before the circus begins, direct car parking or a variety of other opportunities! Even if it's just for the first hour.

Details: Wednesday 8th May at Southam Rugby Club from 5pm to 8pm
If you can help or would like tickets, please have a word with Vikki or Sarah Taylor

Southam Melody Makers Choir

“Melodies from the Stars” with the Cubbington Silver Band
on Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm at St James Church, Southam
Raffle.

Tickets £6 to include refreshments, from choir members or pay at the door.
In aid of Southam Christmas Lights Association and other charities.

Pilgrimage to Iona - an unexpected opportunity for one more person to join us on 11 - 18 May. Cost is £500.00 plus, and additionally you are advised to take out insurance. Details from Annie Lane or Margo Grant.

An evening with John Daly, local Dementia Champion
Helping our churches be dementia aware and dementia friendly.

Southam Deanery evening Transforming Communities

Thursday May 9th 7.30pm
Holy Trinity church, Long Itchington

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:-

Beech Close, Berry Lane, Elm Close, Hurst Road,
Kineton Road, Tudor Lane.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 12 th May	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 16 th	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th May	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
Thursday 23 rd May	10am	Holy Communion

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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.