



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

19th 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

John 19:25-27

Thursday 23rd May 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect) Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder
of your risen life; give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for
those we serve, 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

**Please Note: The Church Office will be closed on Monday 27th May,
and reopen Tuesday 28th 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.

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)

1Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 25th May in the Ufton Village Hall

We shall be delighted to welcome David Wright from Leamington-based Global Connections as our Speaker. In his Talk, entitled "Mission at the Heart of the Church" David will be able to tell us more about **Global Connections** which is a growing network of over 300 UK churches and agencies with a passion for mission. Its members include organisations of all sizes working in countries all over the world. Drawing on this wealth of experience, together they seek to address the key challenges in mission today. An important part of their ministry is **Christian Vocations** – providing resources and information for Christians exploring future options in life, work and service, looking to use their gifts and passions to serve God.

The slogan 'first come, first served' is becoming something of a mantra for us, but if you do want to hear David's Talk **and** enjoy Chef Roger's famous "Full English for a fiver", then get in early and book now with me on either 01926 811254 or champagnebuff@gmail.com

Barry

3International 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."

Growing Greener @ St James' Southam

Did you know.... If we carry on putting plastic into the ocean at the volume we are currently, then by 2035 there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans! Single use plastic bottles and recycling. What can we do to change? An interesting website link, well worth a read. And a picture that speaks a thousand words.

<https://cornware.co.uk/single-use-plastic-water-bottle/>



Would you like to have an extra £2,500 in your pocket each year? This article shows how making 20 small swaps can make a big difference!

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/news/article-6952181/Save-planet-cash-20-little-changes-2-500-extra-year.html?fbclid=IwAR0yzAWmjx8m6JppH6y2uEaaLo3_Go7MXJOASj0PSPfELKRcBp_53JONUS0

And finally, crisp packet recycling – a friend of mine is collecting crisp packets to be recycled instead of going to landfill. We as a family probably eat 10-15 bags a week which over the course of a year could be as many as 780 packets. By recycling them they are cleaned and shredded to turn them into plastic pellets. These pellets are then transformed into park benches, plant pots, watering cans and cool bags. Amazing! There is a collection box in Church on the window sill next to the tables where refreshments are served please pop packets in there. The only stipulation is they have to have the silver lining inside the packets – which most of them do.

Find us on Facebook for more top tips and let's begin making a difference. Until next time, Andrea

St James Strollers

Our next “stroll” will be on **Sunday, 2nd June 2019**, when we will undertake a longer route than we have recently been used to – a distance of about six and a half miles – in very pleasant undulating countryside in the Brinklow area.

It will be apparent that we again need to travel to the start point, so, 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.

We hope to be back in Southam by about 6 pm.

I hope you will be able to come.

“Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468.

You are invited to....

Our Southam Deanery Family Cream Tea

Sunday June 9th

3.00 – 5.00pm

At Napton Village Hall

and introducing

Claire Maxim

(new CEO of the Arthur Rank Centre)

Southam Deanery Vision Evenings

Making New Disciples

“The Gospel in Chairs” A presentation by Brad Jerzak

Harbury Village Club Tuesday July 9th 7.30pm

This is billed as a film night, because we shall be watching this inspiring and thought-provoking presentation on screen – with a chance to discuss together afterwards.

Brad Jersak lives in Abbotsford, BC, Canada, with his wife, Eden, and their three sons. They serve in a vigorous church called Fresh Wind Christian Fellowship, which focuses on people with disabilities, children, "prodigals," and the poor. Brad is a member of the Eastern Orthodox Church and is deeply contemplative

All welcome – drinks available at the club bar

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:-

Dove Close, Heron Close, Kestrel Row, Kingfisher Drive,
Mallard Close, Swift Gardens.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 26 th May	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 30 th May	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd June	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
Thursday 6 th June	10am	Holy Communion

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Rev. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

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For all enquiries please contact the Church Office or Churchwardens

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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.