



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

30th June 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 Breakfast Church + Baptism

Thursday 4th July 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect) The Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word,
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

Thursday 9th July 7.30pm Deanery Vision Evening Harbury Village Club

Thursday 11th July 2.00pm Mothers Union at Rose Evans



‘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.

Summer Fete

Our Summer Fete held on Saturday 15th June raised £726.35 – a magnificent result. Very many thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the fete and a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

Forward date for your diary: **Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7th December.**

Thought for the month of June from Barry Parker Churchwarden

Helping People in Crisis

As part of St James' outreach into our local and wider community we support a number of locally based UK charities or mission partners. Why? Because we are acutely aware that whilst on the surface our community appears to be thriving (you only have to look at the numbers of new build homes for sale), we have a number of vulnerable and needy people living locally who have specific, basic needs including food, shelter and clothing.

Fosse Food Bank Founded in 2013 by local churches working together towards stopping hunger in our local area, the Fosse Food Bank, part of the Trussel Trust, serves the communities of Wellesbourne, Kineton, Bishop's Itchington, Southam and surrounding villages with distribution centres in Kineton and Southam (The Graham Adams Centre).

According to the foodbank, in 2018 208 three-day emergency food supplies were given to folk across our community. The aim is to make sure that as far as possible no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen.

Our local food collection point is Tesco's and donations can also be left at St James Church at our Friday morning between 10.30am and midday, which in itself raises money for charities. We would be delighted to see you. Check out what is urgently needed on the foodbank website <http://fosse.foodbank.org.uk>.

Leamington Night Shelter Founded in 2009, the night shelter is hosted by Radford Road Church in Leamington Spa. The shelter is not just open for the homeless or rough sleepers but for all vulnerable and needy people and those who often feel ignored. From 9pm on Sunday and Wednesday nights a team of volunteers offer warm meals, company and comfortable surroundings to around 30 people of which around ten stay the night. Support is also given in other ways with food parcels, toiletries and socks being provided.

Company and companionship are missing in many lives and the shelter's volunteers provide a friendly, safe and relaxed environment for their clients to be in, with an accepting and non-judgemental attitude.

Often clients just want to talk, and the volunteers try and listen as best they can. They try and help in other aspects of their lives where they can, but it is always at the clients' own pace'.

For more information and for details of what goods are required please visit the shelter's website at <http://www.leafingtonnightshelter.org.uk>.

Carriers of Hope Since 2009, Carriers of Hope has been dedicated to helping asylum seekers, refugees and Eastern European migrants (primarily Roma people from Romania, living in the Coventry area, who were experiencing extreme poverty and lacking the most basic personal and household facilities.

To date, Carriers has worked with over 1,500 families from over 60 countries.

Relying on donations of domestic items that are in a reusable condition Carriers run a furniture project, collecting items no longer needed by the wider public and passing them onto needy families. Baby Bags are delivered to all expectant mums, Toy Bags are given for children who have no toys and Emergency Packs are provided to people moving into empty properties, containing something to cook on, sleep on, sit on and a range of pots, pans, cutlery, crockery, bedding, etc. Everything is given away.

If you have such items that you would like to donate we have a collection point for small items in church, alternatively please call the church office. We would be delighted to hear from you. Please see the Carriers website <http://www.carriersofhope.org.uk> for more information.

In my thought for the month for Lent my challenge was that rather than 'giving something up for Lent' you 'took something on'. Why not have a think about how you might help those less well-off across our community, not just by making donations, as welcome as they would be, but by giving some of your time. I'm sure any of these organisations would be delighted to hear from you.

St James Strollers

Our next “stroll” will be on **Sunday, 7th July 2019**, when we intend to walk in three different counties – but all within a total distance of a little over six miles – starting from the village of Little Compton in the deep south of Warwickshire and taking in some of the lovely rolling countryside at the edge of the Cotswolds.

Once again we 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 6.30 pm.

I hope you will be able to come.

“Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468.

Growing Greener @ St James' Southam

Did you know God recycles; Genesis 2:7 New International Version(NIV)

⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



Do you eat bread? If so, I'm now collecting empty bread bags to be recycled. Look out for the recycling logos. They are also on some bagel bags as well!

The following different types of plastic films are also accepted at carrier bag collection points. Breakfast cereal liners, shrink wrap and ring joiners from multipacks, Frozen food bags e.g. frozen veg, chips etc. Magazine and newspaper wrappers, bags for fruit and vegetables and bubble wrap! I'm going to have to find a bigger box so we can put it all in!

Straws: UK government to bring in new controls on plastic

In a bid to limit ocean pollution, the UK government will introduce new controls on single use plastic items next year. The measures cover plastic straws, plastic drinks stirrers and plastic cotton buds in England from April 2020. Only plastic drinks stirrers will be totally banned from sale - currently 316 million are used a year. Environmental groups have praised the move but say the government needs to take far more decisive action. Taken from BBC website 22nd May 2019

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

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:-

Brewsters Corner, Pound Way, The Clinic, The Doctor's Surgery.

Carriers of Hope

What's happening over the next 4 weeks?

It's that time of year again! In the next four weeks we will be giving £15 to each of the children who are starting a new school in September, to buy a school jumper and other uniform items (we expect there will be 200 of them); and we will be thanking our very special client volunteers by arranging a family trip to the seaside. If you would like to help with either of these, please get in touch for payment details.

And, on Saturday 29th June, we have our Celebration of 10 years of being carriers of hope, together. Thank you for helping us to carry hope to so many families over the past 10 years. We couldn't do it without you

Sue Sampson

on behalf of Carriers of Hope, Coventry

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Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 7 th July	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 11 th July	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th July	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group & Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 18 th July	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.