



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

14th July 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*

8am Holy Communion

10am Morning Worship with children's group + Baptism

6.30pm Evening Worship

John 1:1-13; Isaiah 43:1-3; Psalm 8

Thursday 18th July 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect) The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour. Jesus Christ. **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

Saturday 20th July 11am – 5pm Southam Open Gardens – Church open

Sunday 21st July 11am – 5pm Southam Open Gardens – Church open

Saturday 27th July 8.30am Men's Breakfast Ufton Village Hall

Please Note: Church Office opening times 11th to 19th July as follows:

Thursday 11th July 9am – 11am Friday 12th July Normal 9am -1pm

Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th, Friday 19th Normal 9am -1pm,

Tuesday 16th **Closed**, Thursday 18th 9am – 11am

Bulletin for 21st July – any information required for this bulletin must be received in the office by 11.30pm on Monday 15th July



'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 July from Stephen Adams Churchwarden

Recently at St James we have been thinking about the various statements that Jesus spoke out while dying on the cross. The historian Luke when describing the events of the crucifixion recorded Jesus as saying, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

What was it that they were they doing? They were crucifying Jesus. He was about to die.

Why were they doing that? There were various groups with differing reasons and motivations.

The Romans saw Jesus as a threat to their peace and security. The political activists were angry that Jesus had not led a popular uprising against the Roman occupation. The Jewish leaders viewed Jesus as a dangerous troublemaker who broke their rules and turned society upside down. The rich opposed him because he upset the status quo by supporting the poor and marginalised. The priests and the religious leaders hated him because he claimed to be God, did miracles and healed people and that seriously threatened their status and power. Whatever their reasons for wanting him dead and out of the way, did anyone wonder how this man would react in his final hour?

The man who had said “Love your enemies” and “pray for those who persecute you” - how would he really respond to direct cruelty and personal pain? Would he be consistent to his own teaching when he himself was in excruciating agony?

Jesus proved to be totally consistent, his integrity was whole and complete. Even as he died he demonstrated the lifestyle of the kingdom, the central theme of his teaching and many of his parables **forgiveness**.

Jesus didn't rage or even hint at hitting back. He forgave and goes on forgiving. As he hung, nailed and alone on the cross, that awful instrument of torture and execution, he cried out “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”

What they failed to realise but what Jesus understood was that every act of cruelty, every hurt inflicted, every inhumanity, damages not just the recipient but also the perpetrator, adding more toxins to the poison in the human system. And forgiveness is the only antidote, the only means of healing that damage and extracting the poison.

Jesus knew that the old rules of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, just don't work. Revenge, retaliation and the continuing cycle of pain and hurt can only be broken by the overwhelming power of forgiveness.

In the classic film "Ben Hur", Charlton Heston as Judah Ben Hur is seeking revenge against those who have caused him and his family great hurt and pain but after seeing Jesus being crucified on the cross he declares "that man took the sword right out of my hand".

As forgiveness is sown, it acts like a seed, and amazingly it produces a harvest of love. The act of forgiveness allows the power of the kingdom of God to enter the situation and the result is an overflowing of God's love. The chains of bitterness and resentment can only be broken by forgiveness.

Human love is usually restricted to our friends and those we like, and yes we may also feel concern for those in need, but to love those who have hurt us, to love those who make fun of us, to love those who deliberately inflict pain - that love is God's love - the love that we see at work on the cross. Will we chose to share in that love which can conquer the world? We recognise that it wasn't just the Romans and the religious leaders who put Jesus on the cross. It was for every single one of us that Jesus cried out "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

And Father God has forgiven us. Will we chose to receive that forgiveness? And in turn will we chose to forgive others and find ourselves released from bitterness or resentment?

Southam Combined Churches Picnic

Sunday 14th July

12:30 onwards

Southam Community Church

All welcome

Bring a picnic and join us



We are looking for new volunteers to work with the Fosse Foodbank in Southam. There are a variety of roles available, including support for clients at our Monday morning sessions at the Graham Adams Centre; delivering emergency food parcels direct to clients' own homes; and taking food donations from Southam to our warehouse in Kineton. The roles require a certain degree of fitness as they involve lifting and carrying; some of the roles rely on you having your own transport and all the roles need you to support the ethos of the Trussell Trust. In the first instance, please contact the centre manager, Mrs. Jackie Grey, on 07745 244493 or email tmgrey@tiscali.co.uk, to discuss what roles might be most appropriate for you but there is also a formal application process.

Many thanks, Rev. Gillian Roberts on behalf of Fosse Foodbank.

Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 27 July in the Ufton Village Hall 8.30am

We shall be delighted to welcome as our Speaker Sue Sampson from Carriers of Hope. The charity started in May 2009 when it was noticed that there were a number of asylum seekers, refugees and Eastern European migrants living in the Coventry area who were experiencing extreme poverty and lacking the most basic personal and household facilities.

Initially carrier bags of "useful things" were handed out, whilst encouraging friends and supporters, mainly from local churches, to join in and help to provide them; it was those carrier bags that provided the name ***Carriers of Hope***. This was quickly followed by an open morning in a church hall which in turn led by June 2012 to the establishment of a permanent site at Hillfields Church, together with a warehouse storing equipment and furniture.

Sue has an interesting tale to tell; average attendance is now 130 at their Tuesday Drop-In, Circle of Friends, 1,500 families have registered for their service and they have worked with families from over 60 different countries.

They don't advertise their service; people hear about it by word of mouth – something you might say we share with Chef Roger's famous "Full English for a fiver". If you'd like to join us please get in early and book now with Barry on either 01926 811254 or champagnebuff@gmail.com

Growing Greener @ St James' Southam

Did you know **McDonald's** is the largest distributor of toys in the world? 20% of all sales at **McDonald's** include a toy, with one being passed out with each Happy Meal the company sells.

At St James' we are putting things in place to allow us as a Church to recycle. Boxes and bins will be appearing over the next few weeks and I will label them up so that we can reduce our rubbish and ensure we recycle and reuse as much as we can.



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

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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www.carriersofhope.org.uk

www.facebook.com/Carriers-of-Hope-Coventry-330328640393060/



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:-

St Mary's School, St Wulstan Court, St Wulstan Way, The Furrows.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 21 st July	10am	Holy Communion
Thursday 25 th July	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th July	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group + Baptism
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 1 st Aug.	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.