



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

1st September 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

The man who loved money

Luke 12:13-21

Thursday 5th September 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect) The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through 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

Starting again 6th September

Every Friday Morning 9.30am – 10.30am prayer Meeting in church

Thursday 12th Sept. 7-9pm PCC meeting in church office



‘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 September from Ali Hine ExecHead –

Southam St James CofE Academy and Long Itchington CofE Academy

At the end of my first year as Executive Headteacher at Southam St James C of E Academy and Long Itchington C of E Academy I am delighted to have been asked to contribute the 'Thought for the Month'. As someone who has dedicated 25 years to educating children, I firmly believe the message in Psalms 127:3 'Children are a gift from God; they are his reward.' I love my job - It is a privilege to watch children develop and grow. They never cease to amaze me with their joy for learning, passion for life and ability to forge firm friendships based on love and forgiveness. This is as true today as it was when I started teaching 25 years ago, even though the world around us is changing in ways we could never have foreseen - some positive and some of which are extremely concerning.

As the leader of two excellent Church Schools, I believe that these places provide stability in an increasingly unstable world, be it at a personal or international level, with its foundations firmly rooted in Christianity and its core values. They provide children with the knowledge and reassurance that they are loved and are created in the image of God, whilst expertly providing them with the practical skills required to progress through life, such as reading and writing, music and art. They are about humanity and compassion, about being aware of others and respecting everyone for what they are. They ensure that education in the broadest sense of the word is a key part of their purpose.

The Church of England has always been concerned with education in many forms and the history of Church schools began when the National Society for the Promotion of Education was founded in 1811.

Despite the number of people regularly attending church falling below 1 million in 2014, Church Schools are still flourishing 208 years after their foundation, with approximately 1 million children attending Church of England schools.

In fact, a quarter of primary schools are Church of England School and about 15 million people alive today went to a Church of England school. However, despite these impressive figures, one question that I am often asked is what is the difference in the schools I lead being Church of England schools?

My answer is simply that Church schools have Christian beliefs and value at their heart. This means that every child and adult associated with the school is not just important because they are members of the school but because they are seen as unique individuals within God's creation.

As a leader of church schools, I have a role to ensure that my leadership encompasses three main aspects; that of servant-leader, where I encourage the educational and spiritual growth of children in my care ; that of transformational leadership where Christian values permeate the whole life of the school ; and that of invitational leadership where all are welcome. This in my opinion creates schools that not only believe in the Christian values, but live the values in their daily life. In an increasingly uncertain world, surely this is vital for our children.

Thank you to St James

Dear Friends at St James. A big thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, trips out, bringing me Communion and doing my flower arrangements all so much appreciated.

I am now halfway through my treatment, but annoyingly I had a fall and fractured my foot unfortunately that has led to my chemo being delayed by 2 weeks finishing at the end of October. Once again I have lost my independence as I have to wear a big black boot up to my knee so I am unable to drive or even walk far.

However all the support I have had and are still having makes such a difference and I cannot thank you enough. It makes me realise how lucky I am. Love and prayers. Jacky (Graham)

St James Strollers

Our next “stroll” will be on **Sunday, 1st September 2019**, when we will travel the short distance to Harbury to the start of a circuit of about five miles from the village.

Again we will need to travel to the start point, so, can those who are able to please come in cars and we'll meet at 2pm at Wood Street car park, when we can arrange transport for everyone.

We hope to be back in Southam by about 5.30 pm.
I hope you will be able to come.

“Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468.

An encouraging word from the Psalms, as we begin September.....

“For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
..... the earth is full of his unfailing love “
Psalm 33:4,5



Eat Cake

A coffee morning and raffle to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Saturday September 21st from 10.30am at St James Church.

If anyone would like to bake or donate, please speak to Vikki

Mothers Union

An Evening with Arabian Bites

Tuesday, October 1st 6.30 for 7pm £10 per person

St John's Church, Kenilworth, CV8 1HY

Arabian Bites is a project which helps promote integration, community cohesion, understanding and tolerance. Newly arrived refugees are being supported to learn new skills and share their culture. Food is freshly prepared and cooked by Syrian and Iraqi chefs who have recently arrived as refugees in Coventry. They have years of experience in the restaurant and food sector in their home countries and are passionate about sharing their food culture.

Amazing Arabic Mezze!

Served as a buffet, Mezze is the “tapas” of the Middle East – a selection of several dishes, bursting with flavour for you to try, as much or as little as you like.

**For further information and tickets please contact
Rose Evans, Southam Branch Leader 01926 813456**

Men's Breakfast 8.30am Saturday 28 September in Ufton Village Hall

A big "thank you" to all who helped to swell the kitty in August by donating that little bit extra. Ian is even considering buying an extra coffee pot so that there'll be no confusion over which dispenser holds which beverage – amazing!

Our Guest Speaker at our next event will be John Daly from Dementia Friends – an Alzheimer's Society initiative which aims to increase awareness and change the way people think, talk and act about dementia.

A Dementia Friend is someone who has attended an information session and has committed to an action that will make the lives of people living with dementia a little better. Anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend and every action counts – from helping someone to find the right bus to spreading the word about dementia on social media.

Our numbers continue to increase – last month we were 28 - and our maximum is 30 sitting down to Roger's "Full English for a fiver" so get in early by booking your place with Barry Parker on 01926 811254 or send him an email: champagnebuff@gmail.com

Keys To Unlock The Bible

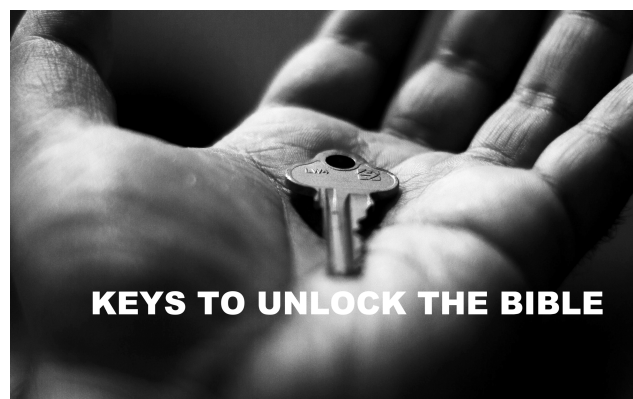
A new group starting on Wednesday September 11th at 7.30.

Initially 6 taster sessions.

We will journey through scripture together to become familiar with the Bible. Looking at lines and words that have passed into use today. For example 'at their wits end' and 'scapegoat'.

If you would like to join us for the ride to get a bird's eye view of God's big story and how Jesus is at the centre of it all please have a chat with Bill King, Margo Grant or Jill & Barry Parker.

Email: jillep101s@icloud.com mobile: 07562724278



5“The Word is very near you” (Deut. 30.14)

But are you listening? Today, millions upon millions of words are pouring out every day. Like Noah's Flood they cover the whole earth. Too often, they drown out the Word of God.

Our need for God's living creating Word has never been greater. You are invited to make a space in your life to listen deeply to the Word of salvation which is “spirit and life.”

Book now to reserve a place for the **QUIET DAY** organised by
The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer at

The House of Bread
The Mill, Shipston on Stour, CV36 5AF

MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2019 9.30 to 3.15

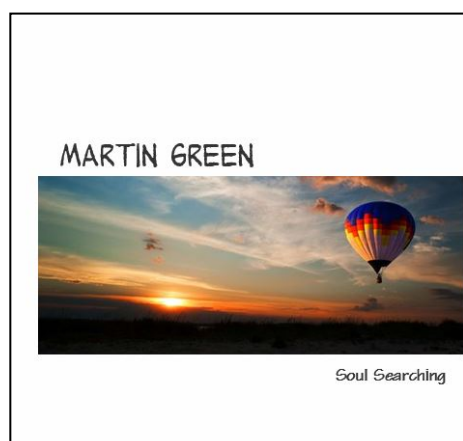
For information and booking please contact the
West Midlands FCP Quiet Day Co-ordinator:-

Robert Kyte 3 Windmill Heights, North Leigh, Witney,
Oxfordshire OX29 6ZD

Phone: 01993-880368

Email: kyterobert@gmail.com

Early booking is essential as places are limited.



“Soul Searching”

A new CD for the autumn – 18 new instrumental tracks (72 minutes-worth!) including a duet with Gordon Giltrap ...

£12 in a card cover

£15 in a jewel case

Available from Martin (martin@revmcg.co.uk)

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:-

Holywell Road, Mill Close, Mill Crescent, Mill Road.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 8 th Sept.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30pm	Evening Worship
Thursday 12 th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion with children's group
Thursday 19 th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion

Rev. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

07983 402614

email: vicarpad@gmail.com

For all enquiries please contact the Church Office or Churchwardens

St James Church Office

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Churchwardens: Stephen Adams (01926 813753)

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.