



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

15th 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 unforgiving servant

Matthew 18:21-35

Thursday 19th September 10am Holy Communion

Special Prayer (Collect) The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days;
through 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
- Wednesday 18th Sept. 7pm Film Night at Southam Community Church
“God’s Not Dead” starring Shane Harper & Kevin Sorbo
- Saturday 28th Sept. 8.30am Men’s Breakfast Ufton Village Hall
- Sat.28th Sept. 11am-1pm Massive Messy Church at Grange Hall, Southam
- Sunday 6th Oct THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, so come & celebrate
on Sunday 6th October at 10am



‘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)

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

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.

St James Strollers

Our next “stroll” will be on **Sunday, 6th October 2019**, when we will travel to Edge Hill to the start of a circuit of about five miles in undulating countryside.

It will be apparent that we will again 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 soon after 5.30 pm.

I hope you will be able to come. “Spike” Thorne – Southam 814468.

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

FAMILY FUN MESSY CHURCH - Harvest Praise Party

Massive Messy Church on Saturday 28th September with our special guest John Hardwick - singer, songwriter, story teller and loads of fun!

Join the fun from 11am to 1pm at the Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam, CV47 1QA. Lots of crafts and activities, including a picnic lunch.

Come and join us.

Heritage Open Days Festival

As part of the 2019 Heritage Open Days festival, on the morning of 20th September, the Southam Heritage Collection will be on hand at St James Church to lead historical town walks, each lasting about one hour. The Church will be open to view and for refreshments between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Friday coffee morning on September 27

For one day only, the coffee morning will turn into a temporary **Dementia Café!**

Southam Dementia Friendly Group will bring resources, and a trained Dementia Navigator, all to help equip us to welcome dementia sufferers, and help them feel comfortable among us.

Please come and join us! Further info from Jan Ford

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

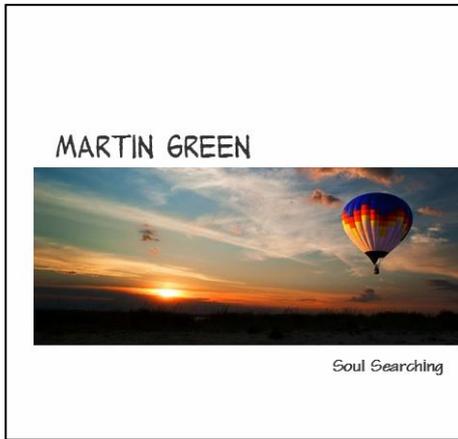
But are you listening? Today, millions upon millions of words are pouring out every day. Like Noah's Flood they cover the whole earth. Too often, they drown out the Word of God.

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)

Coventry & Warwickshire ageUK **The Befriending Service**

The Befriending Service helps and supports individuals to live independently by providing regular contact to help reduce any loneliness and social isolation. That is why our befriending volunteers are so important. A regular visit from a volunteer really can make a big difference to older people's lives. Visits take place in the home for one hour a week or on a fortnightly basis.

Do you feel lonely/isolated? Are you aged 70+

Do you know of someone who would benefit from our service?

Please get in touch by calling Amy on 01926 458113 or email:

Befriending@ageukcovwarks.org.uk

For your reassurance please note that Volunteers have been fully policed checked and have had references.

Lots has been happening over the summer at Carriers of Hope

Well, we may have been closed on Tuesday mornings but LOTS has been happening:

1. We had a very successful Uniform distribution, with over 160 children receiving support, so far, with money for new school uniform items, plus a similar number receiving good quality second-hand items.
2. The seaside trip for the client-volunteers and their families resulted in 150 people having a lovely day at Weston-super-Mare.
3. We have a new clerk to the Board of Trustees. Phamie Toner, who has many years of supporting Boards of Governors, in schools, has been appointed - and has already started.
4. From a field of 9 potential new trustees, 5 have been appointed to join, and strengthen, the board.
5. One of our emerging Social Enterprises has been launched. Twinning Solutions, Coventry CIC will be seeking elderly and housebound customers, to which we will match well-trained carers from a range of different cultural and faith backgrounds.

6. The second of our Social Enterprises has a name - Chrysalis. This one will be turning waste into beautiful products which we aim to sell, to create employment opportunities for some of our "crafty" clients, recruited from the craft and sewing group.

7. We are appointing a new leader of the Baby Project, in the next few days.

Now, we look forward to the restart of Circle of Friends, on Tuesday 10th September, at Hillfields Church. Do, please, come and visit us, if you are able. Any Tuesday morning - between 9.00 - 10.00 is best. And, if you have time to give us on the Business Development side, you will be ESPECIALLY welcome. Thank you very much - and lots of love.

Sue Sampson on behalf of Carriers of Hope, Coventry

Film Night - God's Not Dead
Wednesday 18 September 7pm Community Church

Shane Harpo and Kevin Sorbo star in this compelling and critically-acclaimed drama directed by Harold Cronk. Josh Wheaton is a devout Christian studying philosophy at college. When his atheist teacher Professor Radisson pressures his students into signing a declaration that God is dead in order to pass the class, Josh refuses and sets out a plan to prove God's existence. Everyone welcome – Film rated PG

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:-

Southam College, Welsh Road West, Windmill Way.

Upcoming Services at St James

Sunday 22 nd Sept.	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship with children's group
	6.30am	Evening Worship
Thursday 26 th Sept.	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th Sept.	10am	Breakfast Church
Thursday 3 rd Oct.	10am	Holy Communion

Revd. Vikki Bisiker (Priest in Charge)

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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.