

Welcome to ST JAMES' WEST END

Sunday 10th April 2016

3rd Sunday of Easter



PEW NEWS

TODAY

12.30pm Baptisms

6.30pm Prayer & Reflection

NEXT SUNDAY 17th APRIL

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders

11am Church Alive

12noon Annual Parochial Church Meeting

6.30pm Sung Evensong

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon 11th 11.30am Lunch Club

Tue 12th 9.30am Ministry meeting, Vestry

8.00pm Choir practice

Wed 13th 6.30am Harefield Prayers

9.15am Stay and Play parent and toddler group

10.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm HOPE Meeting, Vestry

Thu 14th 9.30am Open Door at Harefield Surgery

7.00pm Church Alive meeting, Vestry

Fri 15th 9.00am Church cleaning

Sat 16th 7.30pm Concert at St. James' (see separate item)

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) This year's APCM will be held on 17th April at 12 noon. All are invited to attend as we review the past year and look to the future. Please see notice at the back of church for further details.

THE ANNUAL REPORT is now available in advance of next Sunday's APCM and there are limited paper copies available at the back of the church. If anyone would like an electronic copy which can be downloaded to computer or tablet, please ask Sue Overell on 023 80326275 or email her at pccsecretary@stjameswestend.org.uk, or via the church website at www.stjameswestend.org.uk/Documents/AnnualReport2015.pdf

VACANCIES ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC has responsibility for a whole range of things including the care, maintenance and insurance of the church and its contents and the care and maintenance of the churchyard, responsibility for the conduct of the financial affairs of the parish, functions in relation to church services etc. This year in the APCM we have 2 PCC vacancies and one Deanery Synod vacancy. If you are interested to find out more about being a PCC member, please speak to Helen, Jan or any of the current PCC members.

ELECTORAL ROLL The list of names of those on the Roll is displayed at the back of the church.

ST GEORGE'S DAY BAKE AND BREW for Children's Society will be held on 17th April between the Parish Eucharist and Church Alive.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS) You will have heard at the services today about PGS, a well established Church of England scheme for collecting regular donations to the Church by direct debit for which St James has now registered. If you are a regular giver or a regular attendee, you will have a pack or letter addressed to you (if not, please let us know!). Otherwise there are also open letters and Q&A sheets at the back of the church. David Forster and Geoff Holden will also be available in the church hall today and for the next two weeks after the Parish Eucharist, if you have any questions or would like help filling in the forms.

CONCERT AT ST. JAMES' SATURDAY 16th APRIL 7.30PM

Southampton Choral Society will be performing "Music & Monarchy", including works by Byrd, Handel, Parry and Britten. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southamptonchoralsociety, or by telephone from 023 8073 3653 (£5 - £12).

COFFEE ROTA We are looking for a volunteer to help with coffee on the third Sunday of each month. This will involve being at church by 9am to prepare things and setting up the trolleys in the church after the 9:30am service. Any further information - please contact Eileen Durkin on 02380464773.

LENT APPEAL BOXES If you have taken one before Easter, please return with any donations for Said Foundation's Syrian Relief Project. Thank you.

HOPE SKITTLES EVENING Come and join us for a fun evening of skittles on **Saturday 23rd April from 7-10 pm**. Tickets £8 adult and £5 child are available after the 9.30 am Sunday service and include a hot supper. For more information, please contact Fiona on 02380465592.

SOCIAL GROUP OUTING Interested in a trip into the countryside with a lunch stop? Social Group are hoping for such a day – Wednesday 11th May. Please sign the list on the notice board in the hall if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (15th – 21st May) This year we will do a collection at Hedge End Marks & Spencers/Sainsbury's all day on **Wednesday 18th May**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jackie Murley who is coordinating the collection. We are aiming to put together a rota of one or two hour slots and no more than 3 collectors at one time. Everything will be provided including chairs if anyone would like to sit and collect. Jackie's contact details are jackie.murley9@gmail.com / Phone 01489 783794 / mobile 07789388015

HALL KITCHEN The PCC are considering refurbishing the hall kitchen. Please see the letter on the noticeboard, or contact Noel Becket for details.

GUTTER MAINTENANCE As you will have noticed most of the scaffolding is down, the south path opened and we have new shiny red gutters and a watertight church! Our thanks to LPOW roof fund and to GSL for their work. Particular thanks are due to Noel Becket, our buildings officer who secured the £38,000 grant for us and enabled these works to take place.

A CALL TO PRAYER 'NOVENA' 2016 Winchester has been chosen as one of six cathedrals to host a beacon event as part of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's 'Thy Kingdom Come' A Call To Prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost 2016. A service of Prayer and Praise will be held in the cathedral on Pentecost Sunday 15th May at 7pm, with headline worship from Matt Redman. If you would like to register for tickets follow this link - they are going fast!

CHURCH ALIVE HELP The 'How Can I Help' sign up sheet is now at the back of the church for Church Alive. We are really grateful for all the people who have helped in different ways so far for our new service. The setting up and leading has been particularly helpful, but spare a thought that it also needs clearing

away afterwards... after all many hands make light work. Please do sign up if you can.

CHURCH ALIVE PLANNING MEETING The next planning meeting is on Thursday 14th April at 7pm. Please do join us as we plan our worship for May.

GRAND PIANO Our grand piano dates back to 1859 (older than most of our church!) and is sadly no longer functional. It has been discussed at PCC about removing it. Please speak to Thomas if you are able to offer it a good home.

VESTMENT PRESS You may have noticed the vestment press sitting along the south aisle (currently used as a bookshelf). This housed the clergy vestments, altar fronts and linens until the vestry was refurbished last year. The PCC is considering its disposal and alternative storage of vestments in the clergy vestry – please speak to Thomas if you know of anyone who may be able to make use of a vestment press.

MARATHON DAY

If you would like to sponsor Thomas and Jason who are running the London marathon and Liz who is running the Southampton Half Marathon, both on 24th April, you can do so either through sponsorship forms at the back of church or online giving, details below. Thank you.

Revd Thomas Wharton is supporting Enham Trust Disability Charity

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/rev-thomas-wharton>

Jason Glover is supporting Breast Cancer Care:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Jason-Glover7>

Liz Vernon-Wilson is supporting Brighterway Charity supporting NHS budget cut areas such as mental health care:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Liz-VernonWilson>

SUMMER FETE There will be a planning meeting on Thursday 21st April at 7pm in the vestry. All welcome.

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