



St James' West End

Pew News

Sunday 1st May 2016

This evening

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Next Sunday 8th May

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist & Pathfinders

12.30pm Baptism

11am Church Alive

6.30pm Prayer & Reflection

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Morning prayer 9am Tuesday, Thursday in the Lady Chapel

Tue 3 rd	6.00pm	Hall meeting
	8.00pm	Choir practice
Wed 4 th	9.00am	Collective Worship Planning at St James School
	9.15am	Stay and Play parent and toddler group
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Flower arranging
	1.00pm	Setting up Prayer Stations for Novena in Church
	6.30pm	Wedding rehearsal in Church
	7.30pm	Trust Fund meeting in Vestry
Thu 5 th	All day	Polling Station in Hall
	9.30am	Open Door at Harefield Surgery
	6.00pm	Baptism preparation in Church
	7.30pm	Ascension Day service
Fri 6 th	8.30pm	Start of 24 Hours of Prayer
	9.00am	Collective Worship at St James School
	11.30am	Prayer (drop in any time until 1.30pm)
Sat 7 th	4.30pm	Prayer (drop in any time until 6.30pm)
	10.00am	Church yard clear up morning
	1.00pm	Wedding of Christopher Sharland and Emma Burnett
	4.30pm	Prayer (drop in any time until 6.30pm)

CHURCH YARD CLEAR UP MORNING Saturday 7th May 10am - 12 noon. Please come along and help with the spring church yard clear up. If you have gardening tools, please bring them along, if not we have plenty to share. Even if you can only come for some of the time, you would be very welcome, hope to see you there. Helen Wiseman

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER AT ST JAMES – UPDATE

This week sees the start of our Nine Days of Prayer (a Novena) as part of the nationwide 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. Our prayers will focus on enabling more and more people to come to know Jesus in this wave of prayer across the whole nation. There will be lots to do and see at St James and in the community.

An overview of what's happening includes:

- **24 continuous hours of prayer** starting from the end of the Ascension Day service. There will be a dedicated prayer space created in the Lady Chapel where people can come and pray for an hour (or two). Please do sign up for a slot either on the sheet at the back or online at <http://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/d91a86>
- The church will be open every day at lunchtimes (11.30am to 1.30pm) and early evenings (4.30pm to 6.30pm) for people to come and explore the **nine dedicated prayer activities**, which include 'God in Creation'; Five Friends Prayers; Pocket Prayers and Fizzy Forgiveness! It will also be open at all other times when there is someone working in the church. Please consider signing up as a steward for the fixed times (see sheet at back)
- There will also be a **Prayer Wall** and we will be praying for our local community and parish business, organisations and groups
- Alongside all of this we are working with St James' Primary school to create a week long **schools prayer space** between the 9th and the 13th May. This exciting opportunity needs your support as well so again talk to Thomas or Linda for more details

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th - 21st May. On Sunday 15th May we are holding our Christian Aid lunch of homemade soup and a ploughman's at 12 noon. Tickets are available from Fiona and Janet - priced £5 adult, £3 child and £14 for 2 adults plus 2 children. Envelopes will be in church on the 15th May for anyone

wishing to make a contribution to the work of Christian Aid and these can be returned on the 22nd May.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the HOPE skittle evening last Saturday and helped us raise a total of £252.

SUMMER FETE will be held this year on Saturday 11th June. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

CHURCH ALIVE HOW CAN I HELP? The new sheet for you to sign up to offer help in various ways is now up at the back of the church. Thank you in advance for doing this.

We also need to organise a rota for the clear up at the end of Church Alive. If you are willing to sign up for a regular Sunday each month then this will help to ensure that the load is shared for this duty. It will involve clearing away the refreshments, washing up and emptying percolator and water urns, etc. A sign-up sheet for this is also up at the back. Thank you again for helping in this way.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER If you are an Income Tax payer and put notes or coins into the collection bag, please can I encourage you to place your donation in a completed yellow gift-aid envelope. This enables us to claim back an extra 25p per £1 on your donation. Please can I also request that no foreign coins are placed in the collection or refreshment bowl as we have no way of banking them or converting them into pounds. Thank you for your help in these matters. David Forster

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS) Have you picked up your letter of invitation to join the Parish Giving Scheme? The ministry team and members of the PCC have already joined the PGS scheme and highly recommend it. PGS is a more efficient method for collecting regular donations to church by direct debit. If you don't find a letter addressed to you please ask David Forster the treasurer or collect an open letter and information pack from the back of church. David Forster and Geoff Holden are available to answer any questions and offer help filling in the forms. Thank you.



FLOAT-A-BOAT



ART GALLERY



P-P-PICK UP A PLANE

You are invited to join Clare & Andrew Challis at a **FAREWELL CELEBRATION**

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at Southampton Wood Recycling Project



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