



St James' West End

PEW NEWS

Sunday 8th May 2016

Today

12.30pm Baptism

6.30pm Prayer & Reflection

Next Sunday 15th May

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist & Pathfinders

11am Church Alive

6.30pm Prayer & Reflection

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Morning prayer 9am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Lady Chapel

Nine days of Prayer: Weekdays 11.30am – 1.30pm;

Every day 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Mon 9 th	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tue 10 th	8.00pm	Choir practice
Wed 11 th		Social Group outing
	9.15am	Stay and Play parent and toddler group
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	PCC meeting in church
Thu 12 th	9.30am	Open Door at Harefield Surgery
	1.30pm	Churches Together
	7.30pm	Church Alive meeting, Vestry
Fri 13 th	9.00am	Hall kitchen meeting
	11.00am	Lincoln Court Communion
	2.00pm	Funeral of Gordon Jones at Church
Sat 14 th	12 noon	Wedding of David Gillette & Shelley Tuck
Sun 15 th	12 noon	Christian Aid lunch, Hall

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER AT ST JAMES – UPDATE

We are almost half way into our Nine Days of Prayer (a Novena) as part of the nationwide 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. If you have not yet visited the prayer stations around the church, do take the opportunity to drop into church during the open times this week. They are well worth a visit!

An overview of what's happening this week includes:

- The church is open every weekday 11.30am to 1.30pm and 4.30pm to 6.30pm (early evening only on Saturday 14th) 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.
- We have a **Prayer Wall** for prayers for our local community, parish businesses, organisations and groups
- Also from Mon-Friday 1.00-3.15pm there will be a **school prayer space** at St James' Primary school run jointly by us and members of staff. Every child at St. James' school will have the opportunity to visit different prayer stations and think, reflect and pray. Thank you to all those who have offered to support this exciting venture.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th - 21st May. **Next 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.

SUMMER FETE Saturday 11th June from midday. Our Summer Fete is only 5 weeks away! Please do consider how you can support this very popular event which opens our doors to the wider community and raises valuable funds. There are sign up sheets at the back of the church listing how and where you can help. Please do sign up. Any support you can give will really help.

CHURCH ALIVE PLANNING MEETING The next planning meeting is on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm. Please do join us as we plan our worship for June.

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.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS Sainsbury's has now stopped issuing vouchers for this year. Please put any vouchers you are able to donate to our parish schools in the box at the back of church. Thank you.



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

on Sunday 8th May, 1.30-6pm
at Southampton Wood Recycling Project



"It's a lot like Messy Church – but with wood!"



For more info or to book a free place email andychallis@aol.com

*Directions: In Woolston near the Itchen Bridge
SO19 7QZ (The Yacht Tavern). Once at the Yacht Tavern, drive north along
Hazel Road, into and through Willments Industrial Estate. Keep driving
through the estate to the very end of the road, where you will find the wood
project. It is about ¼ mile from the Yacht Tavern to the Yard. Free parking
available.*

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