



**St James' West End**  
**PEW NEWS**  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Today**

**6.30pm** Sung Evensong

**Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**8am** Holy Communion

**9.30am** Parish Eucharist & Pathfinders

**11am** Church Alive

**6.30pm** Informal Worship

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

*Morning prayer 9am Tuesday and Thursday in the Lady Chapel*

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Choir practice
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Stay and Play parent and toddler group
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Comms Group meeting, Vestry
	8.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Open Door at Harefield Surgery
	7.00pm	Archdeacon's visitations, Romsey Abbey
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Collective Worship, St James' School
	9.00am	Church cleaning
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon	Wedding of Gregory Joyce & Annette Maunder

**NINE DAYS OF PRAYER AT ST JAMES** – The Nine Days of Prayer officially ended on Saturday and today we celebrate Pentecost. It has been an incredible time, with our 24 continuous hours of prayer kicking us off from the eve of Ascension Day, an open church with many people visiting and enjoying using the prayer stations and a fantastic week running a Prayer Space at St James' primary school; and at the heart of it all we have held our entire parish in prayer. A huge thank you to all who have contributed over the nine days, from setting up stations, acting as stewards, working with the children or simply praying!

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** starts today. A Christian Aid lunch is being held today at 12 noon. Envelopes will be handed out today so please do make a

contribution to the work of Christian Aid. These can be returned either today or next Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**SUMMER FETE Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June** from midday. Our Summer Fete is only 4 weeks away! Some of you have already signed up so thank you but there are still a number of stalls we are looking for help with. Please take a look at the signup sheet and consider how you can support this popular event which opens our church to the community and raises valuable funds.

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS)** is an efficient method for collecting regular donations to church by direct debit. If you haven't already received a pack and would like to do so, please speak to David Forster or collect an information pack from the back of church. Geoff Holden and David are also available to answer your questions. Information you provide directly to PGS is confidential, and in the Church only David, as treasurer, knows how much anyone gives (or you can choose to keep your donation anonymous).

**PIANO** – last chance to give it a home. We have exhausted every avenue in the hopes of preserving it. It has not been played for almost 2 decades and the PCC wish to dispose of it. The expert opinion is that there is no second hand market for such an instrument, not even for spare parts. Thus, very soon it will disappear, obviously we will endeavour to recycle any parts that we can.

**SKYDIVING CURATE!** On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June** I shall be leaping from an aeroplane (with parachute) at 10,000 feet, free-falling for 30 seconds and hopefully landing safely on the ground... all in aid of raising funds for **Southampton Street Pastors** (of which I am one). For someone who is naturally afraid of heights this is quite a big deal, but I hope you might feel able to sponsor me to help me feel really brave! You can do so by going to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lindagalvin1madcurate#.Vx24ngRGxLI.facebook> or on my sponsor sheet at the back of church. Many thanks - Linda

**OUR CHURCHWARDENS** Helen Wiseman and Jan Barrett will have their annual commissioning service at Romsey Abbey this week.