

St James' West End PEW NEWS

Sunday 17th September 2017

Today Next Sunday 24th September

9.30am Parish Eucharist 8.00am Holy Communion

with Pathfinders 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders

11.00am Church Alive 11.00am Church Alive

6.30pm Sung Evensong 6.30pm Informal Worship

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Mon 18th 11.30am Lunch club

Tue 19th 8.00pm Choir practice

Wed 20th 9.15am Stay & Play parent and toddler group

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Pastoral Team meeting

12noon Chapter

7.30pm PCC meeting

Thu 21st 9.30am Open Door at Harefield Surgery

11.15am Home Discussion Group at 50 Telegraph Road

2.30pm Funeral of Mrs Maureen North at Wessex Vale

Sat 23rd 6.30pm Come and Sing performance: Mendelssohn's Elijah

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BAKE AND BREW today between the morning services. Please eat lots of cakes, buy lots of cakes and donate generously. All money raised will go to the Children's Society.

CHOIR FESTIVAL Members of our choir are taking part in the Royal School of Church Music's Annual Choirs Festival in Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 30th September. They will be rehearsing in the Cathedral during the afternoon and after a well earned tea break will be singing Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir in the Cathedral at 5.30pm. It would be lovely to see and have the support of any members of our congregation in

the Cathedral for the service. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces, perhaps give us a smile and a discreet wave as we recess out after the service so we know you were there! David Forster

CHILDREN'S HARVEST WORKSHOP On Saturday 30th September 10am - 11.30am we are offering children the chance to create Harvest Displays for windowsills and other areas around the church. The knitting club at St James' School have been working on Harvest knitted mice which will also form part of the displays and there will be little pumpkins filled with flowers for children to work on. We would be very grateful for volunteers to help out at this lively morning session and it doesn't matter if you or the children haven't arranged flowers before – plenty of guidance will be given. Please contact Sue Fitch if you would like to help or book your child on this morning: sue.fitch@sky.com or 023 8047 7248.

DONATIONS If you use the yellow gift aid envelopes please could you ensure that you fill out all the details on the front so that we can claim back the gift aid on your donations. Many thanks, David Forster - PCC Treasurer.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE On Sunday 1st October at 10.30am we will hold a celebratory Harvest Festival service during which St James' School Choir will join us. During this service we will dedicate and use for the first time our new Nave Altar, donated by the Friends of St James'.

HARVEST HOPE LUNCH on Sunday 1st October at 12 noon. There will be a selection of cheese, cold meats, quiche and salads available from our cold buffet followed by a homemade hot pudding and custard. Tickets £6 an adult, £3 a child and £15 per family, tickets are available now from Fiona Weston at church or phone 023 8046 5592.

ROTARY SHOE BOX APPEAL Shoeboxes will be collected at the end of October. Leaflets are available at the back of Church.

JUMBULANCE CHARITY BIKE RIDE Please sponsor John Bagley as he rides from Land's End to John O'Groats! The Jumbulance Trust is an accessible travel charity that makes travel possible for adults and children who are disabled or have a serious or complex health condition. From 1st -14th October Jon will be taking part in their Land's End to John O'Groats charity bike ride to help raise funds for 'J3', a new Jumbulance for 2018. Please help Jon reach his fundraising target of £1,000 - there is a bucket at the back of church for your donations.

HOME DISCUSSION GROUPS Three new groups are starting this autumn, please sign up at the back of church:

- ♦ Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, fortnightly from 14th September at 11 Wilderness Heights. The group will run for six sessions following John Pritchard's book 'TEN Why Christianity makes sense'. Contact Brenda Holden 023 8047 4826
- ♦ Thursday mornings at 11am meeting on 21st, 28th September, 12th and 19th October at 50 Telegraph Road. Also following John Pritchard's book 'TEN Why Christianity makes sense'. Contact Revd Linda Galvin 07934 419302
- ♦ Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm 9pm meeting on 18th, 25th October, 8th and 22nd November at 3 Elizabeth Court. This group will follow 'Consider Jesus' by Justin Buzzard exploring the Letter to the Hebrews. Contact Carol Kidd 07842 244876.

SOCIAL GROUP TEA "HARVEST" Friday 13th October in the hall at 2.30pm. Tickets on sale now £3.50 from Margaret Baker.

'COME AND SING' THIS SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER AT ST. JAMES'

All who enjoy singing are welcome. Why not Come and Sing! Rehearsal

4.15 - 5.30pm, Performance 6.30pm. Accompanied by a 40 member orchestra, singing excerpts from Mendelssohn's Elijah. £3 for singers to hire music; free entry for audience. Refreshments will be available in the hall between the rehearsal and performance. For further information, please contact the Friends of St James' Church at friendsofstjameswestend @gmail.com.



HELP PLEASE! for Come and Sing. Offers of cakes and/or help with serving refreshments and tidying away are needed to make this popular community event a success. Anyone able to support the event in any way please contact Carol 023 8045 4883 friendsofstjameswestend@gmail.com.

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