



ST JAMES' CHURCH WEST END

Pew News

Sunday 26 August 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JAMES'

Today	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	11.00am	Church Alive
	6.30pm	Information Worship

Next Sunday 2 September	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	11.00am	Church Alive
	6.30pm	Sung Evensong

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer 9am Thursday and Friday in the Lady Chapel

Mon 27 Aug	11.30am	Lunch Club
Tue 28 Aug	8.00pm	Choir practice
Wed 29 Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 30 Aug	10.00am	Meeting in vestry
	7.00pm	Wedding meeting
Fri 31 Aug	11.00am	Sunnycroft Communion
Sat 1 Sep	2.00pm	Church Family Picnic

NEWS

Alpha @ St James' On 18 September a new 10 week Alpha course will be starting, between 7pm-9pm. Each evening will begin with a meal together followed by a video and discussion. The course is suited to both those exploring the Christian faith and those whose faith is more mature and is designed to stimulate conversation. Everyone is welcome, but could you also help by offering to prepare one of the meals or lead one of the discussion groups? Please do encourage anyone you feel might like to join in to speak to Linda or contact her direct (see contact at end). Sign up sheet at the back of church

Social Group Tea – ‘Harvest’ will be on 14 September 2.30pm. Tickets £3.50 each available from Margaret Baker.

Thomas’ Collation Service at Romsey Abbey will be on Monday 3 September at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Lifts available.

St James’s Family Picnic This very informal gathering will take place this Saturday 1 September at Itchen Valley Country Park. By ‘family’ we mean the whole of St James’ church family – the young, the old and the middling - as well as individual families. Bring and share some afternoon tea – cakes, sandwiches, drinks and snacks, sit and have a chat or join in the more boisterous games. From 2pm till whenever we all go home!

7K Alzheimer’s Memory Walk on 9 September in memory of Ronnie McDowell. If you would like to sponsor Barbara there is a form at the back of the Church.

Parish Profile The PCC will soon be putting together our Parish Profile and we would like to include some quotes from the congregation about what you enjoy about the services you attend. If you would like to contribute something please write it on the cards at the back of church and place in the box. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. *Jan*

Calling for Vergers What is a verger you may ask? A verger is someone who assists the minister at our occasional services of weddings and baptisms; helping to set things up, welcome and direct people... and you get to ring the bell! John Wood has now retired as Verger after 9 years of service, and we thank him for the fantastic service he has undertaken in this role. It is our intention now to form a team of up to four people willing to train and take turns in carrying out verger duties. Are you a team worker with a welcoming personality; with weekday and/or weekend availability, with a generally good level of fitness?

A verger receives monetary payment according to the Church of England fees agreement and as a key-holder role with money handling responsibility, safeguarding checks will be necessary and the Diocesan Safer Recruitment process will be followed, which requires at least one

reference and annual review. Please speak to Linda or Carol for further information

Key Amnesty Entering the period of Vacancy necessitates updating the records of church and/or hall key holders. If you have a key/s due to a previous role that you are no longer continuing please can you return it/them so that they can be signed back in. If you have been provided with a key since 2013 and have never signed a key-holder form please could you arrange to do so via Carol or Linda. Any couples sharing a key should have both completed a form. If you are unsure then let us know and we can check for you. *This is also a gentle reminder that part of the key-holder declaration is that you have agreed not to lend a key to any other person.*



Exciting times ahead for St James' Youth Group, which is being relaunched as **Ignite** from September, with Cathy Laird as our new co-ordinator. At the moment we have four very willing female volunteers, but we are looking for a bit of balance for the boys in the shape of a **male volunteer**.

Ignite meets fortnightly on a Friday between 7.30pm and 9pm. Working with young people is both fun and very worthwhile and we would like to see this work develop more and more at St James'. A love of seeing young people grow in confidence and faith is essential, but no previous experience is required. Training will be available and DBS clearance required. Please speak to Linda if you are interested or want to know more, or contact Cathy at cathylaird22@googlemail.com

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