



ST JAMES' CHURCH WEST END

Pew News

Sunday 17 March 2019

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JAMES'

Today 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
11.00am Church Alive
6.30pm Sung Evensong

Next Sunday 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
24th March 11.00am Church Alive
6.30pm Informal Worship

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Mon 18 Mar 11.30am Lunch Club

Tues 19 Mar 2.30pm Funeral of Evelyn Gouldsmith
7.30pm PCC Meeting

Wed 20 Mar 9.30am Stay & Play parent and toddler group
10.00am Holy Communion
2.00pm Oaklands Songs of Praise
7.30pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Quiet Space

Thu 21 Mar 9.30am Open Door Chaplaincy Harefield
11.00am Prayer Space
7.00pm Lent Course – From Now On!
7.30pm Lent Course - 'By His wounds'

Fri 22 Mar 7.00pm Traditional Stations of the Cross Service

Sat 23 Mar 7.00pm INCA Civilisation Talk in aid of Project Aurora

PLEASE could all items for Pew News to be received by
Wednesday at the latest.

NEWS

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE ST JAMES' GREATEST

ENTREPRENEUR? IF SO, THIS IS A CHALLENGE FOR YOU! This Sunday, Noel will be offering you the chance to take £10 away and return it on Harvest Sunday, at least doubled, but hopefully increased tenfold or more. This is based on the *Parable of the Talents*, which can be found in *Matthew 25: 14 - 30 and Luke 19: 12 – 27*. In both Matthew and Luke, a master trusts his servants with amounts of money. The ones who double the amount while he is away are praised, while the one who just keeps it safe is thrown out.

The intention is that you will take this £10 as the impetus and basis of finding a way to raise money for Project Aurora. (On the other hand, if you only return the £10, we can assure you that you won't be 'thrown out'!) There are leaflets with suggestions of ideas to help you get started. Please take one from the back of church.

(NEW) ELECTORAL ROLL IS NOW CLOSED Applications for entry onto the new Electoral Roll is now closed. Only those on the new roll may vote at the A.P.C.M Meeting on Sunday April 7th 2019, or take on posts of responsibility eg: Sidesperson duties, PCC, Deanery Synod, Servers duties. The names of those on the new roll will be displayed on the notice board at the West end of the church.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVELYN GOULDSMITH Evelyn's funeral will take place on Tuesday 19th March at 2.30pm at Wessex Vale. The family have said that all who knew her are very welcome to attend the service and to stay for refreshments, which will be offered after in the Church Hall.

ROSEMARY SPRIGS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY If you could spare any Rosemary for the posies to be handed out on Mothering Sunday (31st March 2019) we would be very grateful. Please speak to Jan Barrett if you are able to give any.

(NEW) SOCIAL GROUP TEA This will be held on April 12th in the Church Hall at 2.30pm. Tickets £3.50 each available from Margaret Baker.

HOPE QUIZ Saturday 30th March Please Sign up sheet for this very popular quiz is now open at the back of the church

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT has now ended. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall over this time

TRADITIONAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS Come and join us for readings, prayers and meditation, while we follow Christ on the way to the Cross, on 22nd March and 5th April. Here at St James' at 7pm.

LENT APPEAL 2019 This year as a church we are supporting CAP (Christians Against Poverty) as our Lent Appeal. As their website says 'We exist because nobody should be held hostage by debt and poverty. But the truth is that they are rife in the UK. In a society where people live behind closed doors, thousands are desperately poor. Unable to feed their children, incapable of paying to heat their homes in winter, the grip of poverty is relentless. It breaks families apart and drives many to think that suicide is the only solution.' More information about this is at the back of the church. Please do support them if you can.

AN EVENING WITH THE INCA CIVILISATION INCLUDING CHEESE AND WINE Come and journey with Rita and June on 23rd March at 7pm through the Inca civilisation, to include Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas', and the Sacred Valley. They will share some of their photographs and recounts of their travels, a truly fascinating trip, including places of world interest we had never heard of and some which have only been discovered in the last few years! The evening will include cheese and wine. *Donations in aid of Project Aurora are welcome.*

ATTENTION ALL SEED GROWERS We are having a plant sale on Saturday 18th May from 9am. Bring along surplus seedlings to sell and buy some, especially if you never got round to growing any! The sale will be held in the Church Hall and all proceeds to Project Aurora.

LUNCH CLUB The very popular Lunch Club is looking for volunteers to help at their lunches held each Monday. If you think you could help with this important outreach work then please contact Maureen Cook on 02380 470321

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Disclaimer: We are very happy to welcome anyone that does only occasionally come to worship with us here; but this is just such a Sunday when we are giving out money as well as collecting it in!!

OCCASIONAL ATTENDERS

EXAMPLES OF 'TWICE A YEAR' CHURCHGOERS

WE ONLY GO AT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER - FOR THE KIDS MAINLY



WE GO WHEN IT IS A PARADE SERVICE - MOTHER'S DAY AND REMEMBRANCE USUALLY



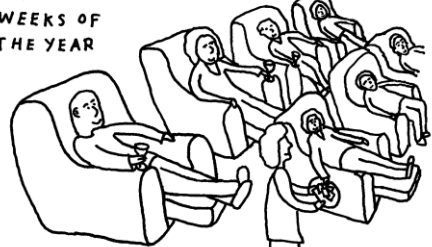
WE TEND TO GO ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY AND THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - I DON'T KNOW WHY REALLY - IT'S JUST A HABIT WE'VE GOT INTO



HOW TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME TO CHURCH A BIT MORE OFTEN

TELL THEM ABOUT THE GREAT TIMES WE HAVE DURING SERVICES FOR THE OTHER 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR

WE REPLACE THE PEWS WITH RECLINING ARMCHAIRS



GLASSES OF WINE ARE SERVED

AND THE MONEY IS GIVEN OUT RATHER THAN BEING COLLECTED IN