



ST JAMES' CHURCH WEST END

Pew News

Sunday 5 May 2019

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JAMES'

Today	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
5 May	11.00am	Church Alive with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Sung Evensong

Next Sunday

12 May	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Pathfinders
	11.00am	Church Alive
	12.30pm	Baptisms
	6.00pm	Confirmation Service (St Pauls Church, Bursledon)

Please note there is no evening service here

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Wed 8 May	9.30am	Stay & Play parent and toddler group
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

Thu 9 May	11.00am	Prayer Space
	1.30pm	Churches Together
	6.00pm	Baptism Preparation
	7.00pm	Church Alive Planning Meeting

Fri 10 May	9.45am	Project Aurora fundraising meeting
	11.00am	Lincoln Court Communion
	6.00pm	Wedding Meeting

Sat 11 May	7.00pm	Thankyou Party for Brenda
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NEWS

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S BURSLEDON 6PM There will be no evening service here at St James' on the 12th May as I would like to encourage everyone to come and support our candidates who are being confirmed on the evening at St Paul's, Bursledon. Please also keep them in your prayers: Katie Mathieson, Rachel Owton, Helen Ship, Jamie Costa & Poppy Badcock.

(NEW) PROJECT AURORA FUNDRAISING MEETING The meeting is to be held on Friday 10th May at 9.45am in the Church. Please come along to discuss plans and ideas for future Aurora events. There is no pressure to be involved in running events but we do need ideas and support. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Alternatively, please speak to me or email Noel.Becket@gmail.com with any suggestions. We have many things planned, but still have a lot of fundraising to do and need to maintain momentum. Thank you, Noel

TALENTS FUNDRAISER FOR PROJECT AURORA! Fancy a challenge from the comfort of your armchair? We have devised a quiz of 60 well known logos for you to solve in order to raise funds for Project Aurora. If you'd like to take part, please see either of us at the end of the service to collect your entry at only £2! You then have until 30th June to identify all 60 logos. There will be a sweet treat prize for the winner, as a bit of an incentive! Spread the word, the more people that enter, the more money is raised for Project Aurora. Many thanks Kate & Chris Badcock.

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CHURCH ALIVE REFRESHMENTS We are looking for volunteers to add to our tea and coffee rota. We have a team of people to set up for the two services at 9 am and they tidy away in between the two morning services. We are looking to build a team of people to tidy away after Church Alive services, loading the dishwasher and putting things away, it's all very straightforward. Please speak to Scott or Jan if you can spare some time to help out. Many thanks Jan.

POP UP SHOP AND PLANT SALE 18TH MAY We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day with set up, selling plants, clothes and helping with the refreshments sales. If you are also able to make any cakes or savouries to sell that would be much appreciated. Please speak to Sue Fitch or June Butler for more details. All proceeds to Project Aurora

SOCIAL GROUP TEA MEETINGS CANCELLED (FOR NOW) Unfortunately, we are having to put our Social Group Tea meetings, that are held on the 2nd Friday of the month, on hold for the present time. We know this will be a disappointment for those who have been attending and we are grateful to those who have supported this as volunteers. However, we will be reviewing the situation in the autumn to see if we can do something over the winter months.

CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES These will be available in church today and 12th & 19th May for donations towards the work of Christian Aid.

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH Our lunch will be held on Sunday 19th May at 12, following Church Alive. This will consist of soup, a filled jacket potato followed by ice-cream. Ticket prices are £6 adult, £2 child and £15 for a family. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. Please see Fiona or Jan for more details.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS As part of this fundraising week to fight poverty in countries such as Sierra Leone we are looking for people to give up a small amount of their time and join collecting teams at various locations. These places include: Haskins 13th May; M&S foyer 16th May; Co-Op Hedge End 17/18th May and Hedge End Station throughout Christian Aid week. Anyone interested in helping out for an hour or two during that day - please phone Jackie Murley (St John's) on 07789 388015 or e-mail: jackie.murley9@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR BRENDA'S MINISTRY Next Sunday, 12th May, Brenda Holden will officially 'lay down' her Reader/LLM stole as she retires from this ministry and becomes a Reader Emeritus. We will, of course, still see her busy as ever in other areas, but we wanted to say a thank you for this particular part of her ministry and are arranging a 'Thank You' Party on Saturday 11th May at 7pm in the church hall. We would be grateful if you could indicate when you are able to come and if you are able to offer any food or drink for a 'bring and share' table. There is a list at the back of the church for you to do so. Please speak to Jan, Scott or Linda if you can offer to help definitely

COLLECTION FOR CYCLONE IDAI The recent collection for Cyclone Idai raised £94.20. Thank you to all who contributed

OPEN CHURCH At the next PCC meeting we will be exploring the possibility of St James church adopting an open door policy meaning that during daylight hours the church would remain unlocked and open to anyone who wishes to visit.

Why are we proposing to do this?

Keeping the church open outside of services of worship is important in building our link with the community. It will enable people to find a quiet place to pray, to sit and think or to visit and enjoy the church itself.

Will our church or volunteers be at risk?

With the Church unlocked, there is obviously a greater risk of theft or vandalism. However, regular legitimate visitors will also help deter those with any criminal intent. We are also insured against any theft or damage and our insurance company encourages churches to keep their doors open and this would not affect a claim or our insurance premium.

Would anything need to change?

We will be carrying out a full risk assessment but it is likely that smaller valuable items (such as the brass candle holders) will be removed and stored securely, whilst the church is left open, and that larger items (such as the lectern) will be secured to the building.

What happens now?

Please either speak to me or contact me by e-mail (scott_el@hotmail.com) or speak to a member of the PCC if you would like any comments to be considered at the next meeting when we are deciding on whether or not to adopt an open door policy."

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