

# St James' Church, Uplands NEWSLETTER - 12th September 2021

## Pilgrimage to Brecon



There is a delightful sounding pilgrimage to Brecon on Saturday 25th September, organised by Rev Sam Aldred from our ministry area and Canon Mark Clavier, who is Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral. Mark is a superb speaker and this promises to be an excellent event. There are some further details at the back for anyone interested.

### **PCC Nominations, Electoral Roll and Vestry Meeting**

We will hold our delayed Annual vestry meeting **after the 10.30 service on Sunday 19th September**. If you are considering standing as People's Warden or on the PCC, or nominating someone (with their approval!) there are nomination forms at the back of the church. These should be returned today, but if a few more days are needed to deliberate, please let me know.

Thanks to those who have put their names forward to serve in different capacities. We would benefit from a greater representation among those of working age, so if you think you might be able to serve, please do consider it.

If you are not currently on the electoral roll, please do consider joining. This will allow you to vote in the vestry meeting. Again, there is a form at the back of the church.

### **Wednesday service**

It was lovely to re-start the Wednesday service last week. The next one will be on Wednesday 22nd September, where we also hope to have tea and coffee afterwards. Do come and swell our ranks for a peaceful time of midweek worship and fellowship. If you are aware of any Wednesday service regulars who may not be aware of the re-start, please could you let them know - thank you!

### **This Time Tomorrow...**

What difference does Sunday worship, and indeed Christian faith, make at 10.30am on a Monday morning? Many churches in the UK have a regular feature in their services or newsletters, 'This time tomorrow', where members of the congregation talk about what they will be doing then. It could relate

to their family role, or life being retired, voluntary work or life in the workplace. People talk about their challenges and joys, and what they would value prayer for in their day-to-day situations. It helps the whole church to realise all the different ways in which we *'live and work to God's praise and glory'*; as the liturgy says, and we can support each other in prayer. I hope to run this as a regular feature in the newsletter - if you'd like to contribute, let me know - and be warned that I may well ask for contributions!

## **Hymn for Communion: Behold the Lamb (Stuart Townend/Keith Getty)**

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember:  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us  
life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith  
We rise to respond: and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

## **A prayer for St James' Church**

Heavenly Father,  
Strengthen us in our inner being with power through your Spirit  
That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith  
As we are rooted and grounded in love.  
And give us the power to comprehend the height, breadth and depth  
Of the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge,  
And so may we be filled with all the fullness of God.  
We know that you can accomplish more than we can ask or even imagine  
Through the power at work within us.  
To you be glory in this church and in Christ Jesus through all generations: Amen! (Eph 3:14-21)

*Rev Ian Folks*