

St James' Church, Uplands
NEWSLETTER - 19th September 2021

Annual Vestry Meeting today

PCC Nominations and Vestry Meeting

We will hold our delayed Annual vestry meeting **after the 10.30 service today.**

I have asked Margaret Lamb to serve as Vicar's warden, and am very grateful for her acceptance.

We have received the following nominations:

Dreena Morgan-Harvey for People's Warden

For PCC: Sandra Morton; Jenny Wyatt

Tony Lamb will be an ex-officio member of the PCC as Treasurer.

Many thanks to those who have stood. We are a little light, so will review membership of the PCC at its first meeting with a view to co-opting others as needed.

Please do take a copy of the pastoral letter and the agenda/accounts sheet.

Service Today

We welcome Rev Ian Davies who will lead our worship and preach this morning. Until recently, Ian was Vicar of Waunarydd and it has been a great pleasure having him and Sue worship with us in recent months.

Call to Mind - Mental Health and Christian Faith - event this Tuesday

I set up and help to lead a group called 'Call to Mind', which focusses on mental health issues from a Christian perspective. We have an online event this Tuesday at 7pm featuring a conversation with Laura Ruth, a mental health social worker and Christian minister. Laura's book 'Wildfire', discusses faith and mental health, from her personal and professional experience. Highly recommended for anyone who struggles with their mental health or wants to understand the issues better - email Ian for registration details, ianfolks@gmail.com.

Bible Study

We will be continuing Bible studies via zoom, which re-start this week on Thursdays at 1.30pm. They are usually led by either myself or Rev Sarah Harris. There is already a good regular group, but others are always welcome to join - email Ian at ianfolks@gmail.com for the zoom code.

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