

St James' Church, Uplands

NEWSLETTER - 16th January 2021



This Sunday - Epiphany 2

We hear the story of Jesus turning water to wine, and consider the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives abundance where there is scarcity, and pours out his grace on us. Sarah Harris will lead our worship and preach, with Ian Folks leading communion.

Covid Restrictions

The Omicron variant is clearly more readily transmissible than previous variants of Covid-19, therefore a 2m social distancing is, once again, a legal requirement. Children may go in the children's area during the service. We believe our capacity to be large enough not to have to introduce a booking system, but continue to run track and trace. Masks must be worn unless you have an exemption, and everyone must wear a mask when singing. We will not be serving tea and coffee after the service until further notice. It is recommended that you take a lateral flow test before coming to church.

Eco Church

Recycling boxes are now in the area by the north door, as is an eco church noticeboard, which includes details of our community litter picks. Dates this month include Thursday 20th Jan 11am and Friday 28th Jan. See Jenny Wyatt for more details.

Midweek activities

We are currently avoiding using the small hall for covid reasons. Our Wednesday morning service will therefore be in the choir stalls in church (wrap up!). The Tuesday life group is cancelled for the time being, as is the Thursday morning prayer group. We will aim to re-start these on the other side of the 'wave'. On Thursday morning, we encourage all congregation members to spend time in prayer for our church and community. All are welcome for the bible study which meets via Zoom on Thursdays at 1.30pm - contact Ian for zoom links.

Children's Ministry

We are hoping to re-start some provision for children's ministry soon - please bear with us! There are some activity sheets in the children's area.

St James this week

Monday 17th Jan, 1pm PCC meeting

Wednesday 19th Jan, 10.30am Holy Communion (choir stalls, in church)

Thursday 20th Jan 11am, Litter pick - see Jenny Wyatt

Thursday 20th Jan 1.30pm, Zoom Bible study (contact Ian for details)

Sunday 23th Jan, 10.30am, Main Service

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