

St James' Church, Uplands

NEWSLETTER - 30th January 2021



This Sunday - The Presentation of Christ

God comes to his own temple - but who notices? We hear the words of Simeon, which have sustained millenia of Christians in their faith. And what lessons are there for us in this remarkable scene? Sarah will lead our worship, with Ian preaching and celebrating Holy Communion.

Covid Restrictions

With the move to level 0, we will soon move the seating back to one pew apart. Life Group and the prayer meeting will re-start week 7th Feb.

Eco Church - Litter pick

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. Next date is Saturday 5th Feb 12pm - meet at vestry door but see Jenny Wyatt before coming.

St James this week

Wednesday 2nd Feb, 10.30am Holy Communion (small room, parish centre)

Thursday 3rd Feb 1.30pm, Zoom Bible study (contact Ian for details)

Saturday 5th Feb 12pm, Litter pick - see Jenny Wyatt

Sunday 6th Feb, 9am, Cymun Bendigaid; 10.30am, Main Service

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Lent sessions and retreat day

We will be running a series of Lent sessions (lectures or interviews) with guest speakers, alongside Brunswick Methodist Church. A full programme will be confirmed in due course, but we're pleased to announce that our new Bishop, John Lomas has agreed to speak on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm in the church.

We also plan to run a retreat day at Nichoaston House on Saturday, 21st May.
More to follow.

Song, Holy Spirit, Living breath of God (offertory hymn)

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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Congregational Survey

Advance warning that we will be asking you for your views on our worship services in the coming few weeks with a survey. We want to hear your views on what you most value, and how you would like our services to develop. Please do give this some consideration.

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)